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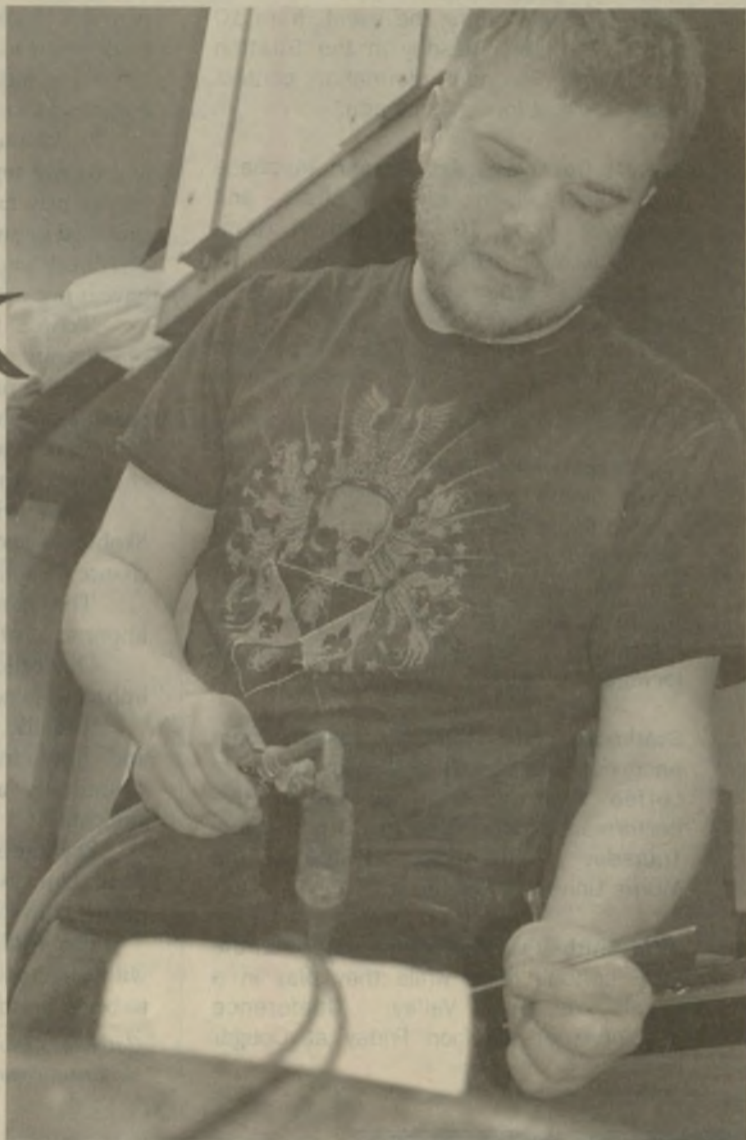
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**Senior James Stice works on his
metalsmithing project for the
Graduate Research Symposium.**

A work of art

Students prepare for Graduate Student Research Symposium



by Zach Groves
Alestle News Reporter

When James Stice takes a hammer and torch to a sheet of metal, it is not only a class assignment, but also a work of art.

Since entering the metalsmithing program in the Art and Design Department more than two years ago, the senior has broken away from the usual style of neatly creating shapes and figures to making his own array of metal caricatures.

"Basically, I am just working with the plasticity of metal," Stice said. "I am just scoring different techniques to create a natural feel for the work. Something that would have actually come with nature."

His version of nature includes plant-like creations and ocean life. Crustacean characteristics and tentacles are featured in his work.

Stice heats the edges and spots where he wants to fold the metal or shape it, and takes a cross peen hammer to strike a crease in the middle of the sheet. He then takes a smaller hammer and creates the shapes he had in mind before he took on the metal.

"When you form it, it is actually pretty easy to work with," Stice said. "It just kind of depends on what kind of metal you are working with."

According to Stice, metalsmithing is also supposed to involve cleaning the metal after heating it. He does the opposite.

"If you heat your metal up it gets kind of a coating on it, which is kind of an ashy surface," Stice said. "I kind of let it build up."

Stice and 37 other students will display their creations at the 2007 SIUE Graduate Student Research Symposium.

Graduate students and students in the Undergraduate Research Academy will get a chance to flex their academic muscles through performances, papers, presentations and exhibits Tuesday.

The program begins at 8:30 a.m. in Morris University Center's Maple-Dogwood Room. It will also take place in the Hickory, Redbud and Oak rooms and will continue until 11 a.m. when faculty is invited to attend the Paul Simon Luncheon.

A 3 p.m. reception will follow the symposium. Graduate Project Coordinator Linda Skelton said in the 11 years the university has hosted this event, the judges who evaluate the presentations are usually treated to a variety of subjects.

"We get sort of a mix, it depends year to year," Skelton said. "This year it looks like a lot of kinesiology students."

Students will present their research through PowerPoint presentations and posters. In addition, one student will perform a dance routine.

Stice's presentation will be an exhibition of his artwork.

A panel of professors from various departments will award a \$200 prize to the best presentation and poster.

In order to participate, the students were required to submit an application featuring their project, mentor and faculty advisor's information and length of time needed to present, at a maximum of 20 minutes.

"The presentations are usually exciting," Skelton said. "The students are very knowledgeable about their topics."

Skelton said all students are encouraged to come. In fact, the event includes a drawing for an iPod nano for those who attend.

The symposium "is not a competition" but more or less a practice run for the students when they perform in real-life seminars for professors, Skelton said.

The event also features a professor from the University of North Carolina. Research Associate Vice Chancellor Bob Lowman, from the Chapel

Faculty vote on gen-ed proposals

**by Catherine Klene
and Sarah Byer**
Alestle News Reporters

Faculty chose the distribution model as the best option for general education reform after the first all-faculty meeting in nearly 30 years.

Approximately 400 faculty members gathered Thursday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom to discuss the work of the Baccalaureate Reform through Integrated Design of General Education committee.

They discussed three reform proposals: the distribution model, the integrated core model and the learning communities model. The day ended with a vote.

Faculty Senate President Susan Breck said participation was "remarkable."

"The entire faculty of SIUE came together to discuss in a scholarly way how we need to proceed in general education reform," Breck said.

Chair of the BRIDGE committee Eric Ruckh said the turnout "exceeded our wildest expectations."

"I was surprised by the attendance and engaged enthusiasm," Ruckh said.

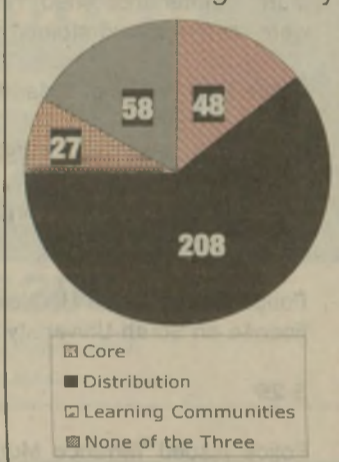
The Faculty Senate established the BRIDGE committee two years ago. Three design teams created the general education proposals. After presentations and feedback opportunities, the faculty had one final chance to offer their opinions at Thursday's meeting.

English professor Joel Hardman spoke about the reasons for the meeting as well as the origin of reform.

"Our program is 25-years-

Results of All-Faculty Gen-Ed Votes

341 Total Voting Faculty



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old. That's an academic lifetime," Hardman said.

The day culminated in an all-faculty preferential vote. Faculty ordered the three models and a fourth option of "None of the Three Models," according to their preference.

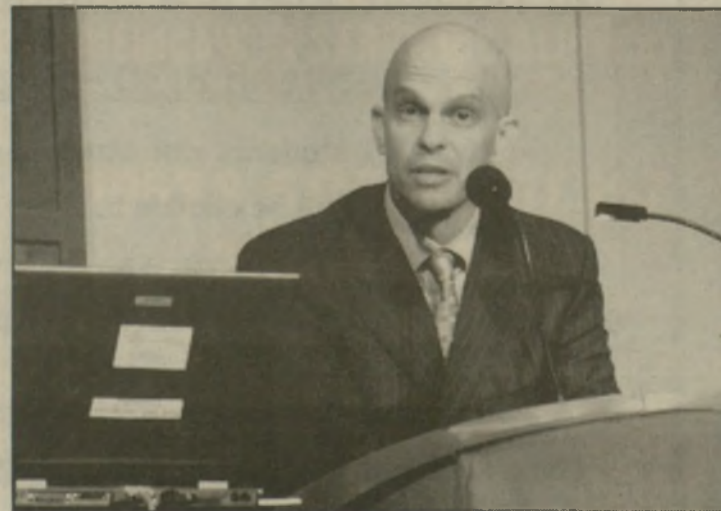
Faculty Senate Rules and Procedures Council Chair Eric Voss explained how the votes were counted.

The selected distribution model calls for students to make more personalized decisions when scheduling classes. The plan also requires fewer credit hours for most majors to ensure students graduate on time.

The other two options were the learning community plan and the integrated core plan.

The learning community model proposed a program

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Steve Berry/Alestle

History professor Eric Ruckh addresses the audience Thursday at the all-faculty meeting to discuss general education reform.

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Police Reports

3-27

Police issued Abbey Daniels a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

Police took a walk-in report of a stolen hangtag in Lot 5L.

Police responded to a two-vehicle accident at the Prairie Hall Lot.

Police took a report of criminal defacement at the East St. Louis Higher Education Campus Building A after graffiti was discovered in the men's restroom.

3-28

Police issued Travis Pence a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Suzette Weis a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police responded to a report of a stolen first aid kit from a physical plant maintenance shed. First aid kits from four university vehicles were also reported stolen.

Police took report of a damaged vehicle in Lot 4.

Police took report of a burglary from a motor vehicle in Lot 4.

Police took report of a burglary from a motor vehicle in Prairie Hall Lot.

Police issued Ceara Horsley a citation for driving without a driver's license on South University Drive.

3-29

Police issued Terrence Murphy a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Cougar Lake Drive.

Police took report of checks being stolen from a Prairie Hall room. The checks were allegedly cashed fraudulently at a Bank of America location off-campus.

Campus Scanner

Project Dirty Laundry: View the clothesline display illustrating social, economical and environmental injustices. Also, win environmentally-friendly prizes in a recycling game during the event, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Stratton Quadrangle. For more information, contact Leah Orwig at lorwig@siue.edu.

eARTH Conscious Art Bazaar: Purchase environmentally-friendly crafts and products from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

Live Wire: Listen to local bands perform from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Goshen Lounge.

"An Inconvenient Truth": Watch Al Gore's movie about global warming and stick around for snacks and a short discussion after the film. It will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. For more information, contact Leah Orwig at lorwig@siue.edu.

Starbucks Late Night Espresso: Come hang out with friends and enjoy a cup of coffee while listening to weekly live performances from 8 to 11:30 p.m. every Thursday at Starbucks, located in the Morris University Center.

SIUE Softball vs. Bellarmine: Cheer on the SIUE softball team while they play in a Great Lakes Valley Conference doubleheader at noon Friday at Cougar Field.

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emphasizing gateway courses. These courses would assess a student's ability to move on to upper level classes while also providing prerequisites.

The integrated core proposal called for a foundation in liberal arts and sciences. It included three integrated courses: fine arts and humanities, social science and natural science. The point of the plan was to allow students to explore several areas of study upon admission.

Six faculty members elected to speak in a public comment forum, although two hours were allotted.

Ruckh said he expected more people to speak, and he was uncertain why so few chose to. He said faculty may have felt comfortable with information provided or simply were tired from the long day.

Breck said it was better to make the offer and have it not needed rather than the opposite.

"People felt like they had already had an opportunity to speak," Breck said.

English professor Jeff Skoblow spoke in favor of the team-teaching aspect incorporated in the learning communities and integrated core proposals. Skoblow encouraged the faculty to think long term.

"How will plans wear on us in 10 years?" Skoblow asked. "Which ones over time offer the best chance for self-renewal?"

Throughout the day, key speakers expressed the importance of general education.

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift stressed the impact of general education on major areas of study.

"Just like the major, it has an impact on when and how students graduate," Vandegrift said. "Ultimately, a major has to be delivered to the students."

Keynote speaker Paul Gaston, provost of Kent State University and former English professor at SIUE, is an expert in general and liberal education.

The BRIDGE committee will meet Thursday with representatives of the distribution design team to begin drafting a final report to the Faculty Senate.

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A man of many stories



Andy Rathnow/Alestle
Associate Provost for Cultural and Social Diversity Rudy Wilson
retired Friday. Wilson began working at SIUE in 1969.

Rudy Wilson retires after 38 years at SIUE

by Catherine Klene
Alestle News Reporter

Rudy Wilson is a professional storyteller.

When he is not working as associate provost for cultural and social diversity at SIUE, Wilson performs one-man shows and volunteers for story hours at local children's libraries.

For 38 years, Wilson has also told stories about the importance of education and appreciation of diversity at SIUE.

As Wilson approached retirement Friday, he promptly recalled the story of his first day at the university, Monday, June 17, 1969. Wilson said he walked into a secondary methods education classroom with limited resources and a rigid lesson plan.

"I had no textbook," Wilson said. "I had to use a textbook that someone had used before. All I could think about when I looked at that textbook was 'This is not going to work.' It was too inflexible."

Outside the university, Wilson said the Metro-East community was not exactly welcoming toward a black professor.

"I was looking for a place to live and no one wanted me because of the color of my skin," Wilson said.

When he first moved into Huntley Apartments in Edwardsville, Wilson said a member of a community welcome wagon apologized and told him the barbershops and beauty parlors in the area only served white customers.

Undeterred by the chilly reception from some of the community, Wilson set out to challenge people's misconceptions about diversity and education.

"I was able to deal with that because I found that with some of the people in this community, race was not a problem," Wilson said.

In his classes, Wilson began more activities and interaction between students and the teaching profession.

"What does it take to be an effective teacher? It's not just knowing your major ... but knowing the dynamics of education," Wilson said. "Education is more than just teaching subjects, it's teaching students."

Wilson started a microteaching program, where non-education majors were paid to come to a small classroom and "pretend like you were in high school again."

Wilson assigned different roles to these students to see how the teachers handled disruptive situations. Education majors had to be prepared for

everything from a bored, inattentive student to a student hopped up on 12 cups of coffee.

"Scared the hell out of my students," Wilson said. "But you have to know how to react."

Wilson's influence was not limited to the classroom.

Over the years, Wilson established countless programs and organizations through SIUE and the Metro-East community dedicated to "education and appreciation of others through diversity initiatives." Programs, such as the Pathways to Harmony, drug and alcohol resilience programs and the Jonetta Haley scholarship program, are all results of Rudy Wilson's dedication and leadership.

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extended family
... I plan to be a
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family as long
as I'm alive."

-Rudy Wilson,
Associate Provost for
Cultural and Social
Diversity

His greatest project, he said, is the resiliency education program in the East St. Louis school district. In this project, SIUE faculty would work with teachers in East St. Louis, sharing ideas and philosophies.

For example, an English professor from SIUE and an English teacher in the East St. Louis district would get together for six weeks and discuss different ways to teach writing.

"It was an all-inclusive program that generated a new perspective on teaching," Wilson said. "I really do think that was the highlight of my life."

Wilson said the program taught teachers to focus on their strengths rather than their weaknesses and to focus on a leadership in their classrooms.

"Most importantly ... I saw people improving themselves," Wilson said.

Whatever project Wilson undertook, each had to pass a personal values test he called his "Five Finger Test."

"There are five things I believe in: love, trust, honesty, integrity and respect," Wilson said.

Holding up his open hand, Wilson explained his "Five Finger Test," where each digit represents one of the values.

"Keep these fingers open, and you see all the things we need in life," Wilson said.

That same hand accepted numerous awards, but Wilson said greatest honor bestowed on him would always be the 1971 Great Teacher Award from SIUE alumni.

"They said they had a teacher who cared," Wilson said.

Wilson has always been deeply invested in his students' education and in SIUE.

Although his roles and titles have changed over the years, Wilson has always maintained a sense of



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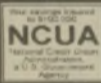
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North University Drive still closed

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The opening of the north entrance to SIUE is behind schedule.

Since February, the intersection of North University Drive and New Poag Road has been under construction.

Due to bad weather conditions in February and early March, construction on the road

was delayed, Facilities Management Director Bob Washburn said.

Construction is expected to be to be done early next week.

After the landscaping around the road is complete, it is expected to be open by late afternoon Friday, April 13.

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Hill campus, will give a lecture called the "Twelve Keys to Successful Grant Writing," which will give students, faculty and staff tips on how to write grant papers and get research funding.

Stice, a URA student, said he plans on going to graduate school and perfecting his skills in metalwork as well as working with undergraduate students in the field.

He currently helps teach beginner students since his goal is

to be a professor.

Stice said working with motivated metalsmithing students in turn motivates him.

"(I) come across students who have good ideas ... and (have) motivation to continue on with it," Stice said. "You kind of want to work with them more. I kind of like that taste of it."

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humor. Once, Wilson said he dressed up as Santa Claus and went around Rendleman Hall handing out candy.

"The people thought, 'This man is crazy,'" Wilson said. "But you know what? It made us laugh ... Who would do that but Rudy Wilson?"

The university is growing by leaps and bounds, Wilson said, but its greatest attribute is its sense of community.

"We have a community of caring," Wilson said.

Wilson said as SIUE moves into the 21st century, it must meet the challenges of enhancing diversity and bringing civility to the workplace.

SIUE administration and faculty must teach students recognize the economics of diversity.

"The more diverse we are, the more empowered we are," Wilson said. "The more we team together as a group, the more power we have."

Wilson said the combined efforts of difference races and ethnicities create a synergy that benefits everyone.

At his retirement reception Tuesday, nearly 300 faculty, staff, administration and students gathered in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom to congratulate the vibrant 72-year-old.

While Wilson shared his fair share of memories and stories, it seemed that day everyone had a story about Wilson.

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift said Wilson was one of the first people he met when he first arrived at SIUE.

"I think in many ways, Rudy

Wilson is Mr. SIUE," Vandegrift said.

Vandegrift said Wilson has exemplified the values of SIUE over the years, and in his 38 years has made tremendous contributions to the university, including the Jonetta Haley scholars program.

Vandegrift said the overwhelming amount of people present at the reception showed how influential Wilson was over the years.

"Only Rudy could get the Meridian Ballroom," Vandegrift said jokingly.

Ronald Banks, assistant to the dean of education, called Wilson a "humorous fellow ... interested in the welfare of students, faculty and staff."

Banks worked with Wilson on scholarship committees and said one of Wilson's top priorities has always been to increase appreciation of diversity.

"He's been strong with spreading diversity throughout campus," Banks said.

As he heads into the long-awaited world of retirement, Wilson said SIUE would never be far from his thoughts.

"I will always be available to anyone who needs my expertise or my skill," Wilson said.

Wilson said the people he has come to know at SIUE have become more than just students and coworkers.

"This is my extended family, and we survive together as one," Wilson said. "I plan to be a part of that family as long as I'm alive."

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Take the time to vote for the senate

Student Government elections are this week and there is a good chance that you didn't or won't vote.

That is because of the 13,449 students that attend SIUE, only 896 voted in last years' elections, a measly 7 percent.

Do not worry, though; ballots cast are not this low in every election on campus, as there were more than 1,000 votes counted for the homecoming king and queen. With polling sites for Student Government outnumbering those for homecoming king and queen three to one, it shows how apathetic SIUE students really are.

One student was quoted in Thursday's issue of the Alestle stating that she does not vote



Justin Gibson

because Student Government does not affect her. Apparently this is a common consensus among most students.

Do student fees that go directly to Student Government not affect them? What about the impact Student Government has had on important issues throughout this past year that have had a dramatic impact on SIUE. Does that not affect students?

All student fees must go through the Student Senate. If the senate does not approve the fees, then students will never see them. The money you pay to attend SIUE is decided upon by the senators, so why would you not take the time to vote?

The move for SIUE Athletics to go to Division I was voted on by the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees, but they took the Student Government's stance on the issue into consideration. This will change the

environment of the school and will even result in more fees for students. How can that not have any effect on you?

Last semester, Student Government made the decision to allocate themselves up to \$11,000 of students' money for a conference. If student senators are in charge of that much of your money, then why not take one minute to vote to ensure the money is being used responsibly?

There are several more instances in which Student Government had a direct influence on changes at SIUE throughout the past year. To treat it as meaningless is beyond ignorant. The first day of voting was on Monday. If you did not vote, make sure to take the time to vote today at one of the six polling places.

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Increase in parking prices realistic

Effective the 2007-08 academic year, SIUE Parking Services will increase the price of parking permits.

Administrative Services Director Bob Vanzo said there will be a \$12 increase for all permits; with the exception of residence halls and Cougar Village - yellow parking permits - which will increase by \$37.

Many SIUE students have expressed grievances with the increase of parking permit prices.

Vanzo said the funds

received from the purchase of permits will go toward building a new parking lot, easing the parking problems that occur throughout the year.

Because SIUE Parking Services does not receive financial assistance from the university, it must make its revenue by increasing parking permit prices.

It has been recommended by on-campus residents that the prices for permits increase only for commuters who do not have to pay housing fees.

But let's ask the question. Relative to the parking prices at other universities, is the rise in parking permits at SIUE really so bad?

One transfer student noted that at her former school,

Missouri's Lindenwood University, parking permits cost \$400.

At Carbondale, parking permits cost \$200.

Although SIUE parking permit prices increase annually by 3 percent, that is incredibly low.

Purchasing a parking permit is not mandatory, but voluntary. Students who find the new parking permit prices cumbersome should consider alternative ways to traveling to and from school including: carpooling with friends, taking the bus, riding bikes if you live on or near campus or walking.

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Secluding Rardin not the answer

The call for hard and fast consequences in the case of the recent homosexual slur has overshadowed a greater opportunity concerning discrimination on campus. The word immaturity is appropriately used anytime property is vandalized. What has really been demonstrated here is a lack of understanding on the part of Brandon Rardin.

Violations of the law or the Student Code of Conduct should be dealt with in a manner that discourages others from committing the same offense. However, special attention must be given to hate crimes to ensure that the root cause can be dealt with.

What will be the outcome in this instance? Maybe some form of probation period? After the punishment is handed down, will the problem be solved? Will Rardin and people like him have a greater understanding of the far-reaching effects their actions have on the greater population? I don't believe so.

The preferred outcome, the most helpful outcome, would be for students to come together in a show of unity and compassion which does not isolate offenders such as Rardin, but leads to a change of heart and mind.

What do we want the message to be in this case? The real message should be a reminder for us all that we can peacefully coexist as a great society if we only open our minds to the miracle that is individuality.

Lukus Keeling
Junior
Political Science

Corrections: The letter to the editor from Sean P. Burke published in the March 27 edition of the Alestle was the opinion of Burke himself, not the Delta Lambda Phi fraternity.

In the article, "Environment center of attention for annual colloquium," in the March 27 edition of the Alestle, Wendy Shaw was incorrectly listed as the dean of College of Arts and Sciences. Shaw is the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

In the Dean's List published in the March 22 edition of the Alestle, Kimberly Anna Marie Reuter's last name was inadvertently omitted.

The Alestle regrets these errors.



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Movie: *An Inconvenient Truth*

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

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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

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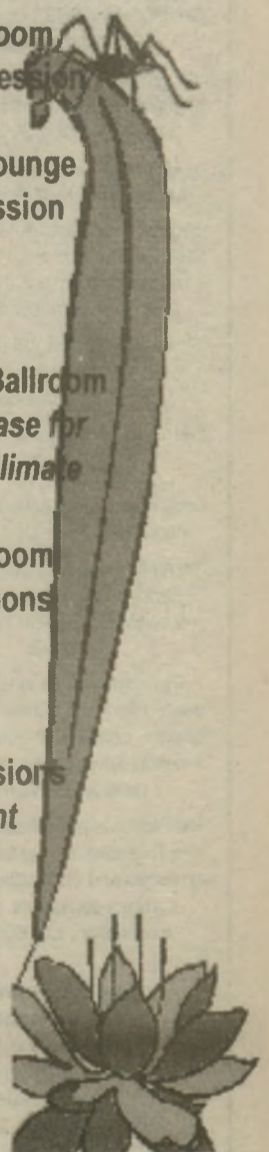
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Roundtable: *Greening the Construction Curriculum* Concurrent Sessions

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Papers: *Lessons from Anthropology: Messing Up Our Environment* Concurrent Sessions



Marchdown '07 steps in grand fashion

by Lori Schueler

Alestle News Reporter

The bleachers were nearly full. The gym dark, except for lights shining down on members of Alpha Phi Alpha, each performer in black dress pants, a tan dress shirt, a black bow tie and black suspenders.

The fraternity stepped. Stomping feet and clapping hands, the group moved in sync. Alpha Phi Alpha was just one of the fraternities and sororities participating in Saturday's Marchdown 2007, but they were the winners of the first place prize of \$2,000.

Alpha Phi Alpha member Larry Brown hugged and cheered with his fraternity brothers when they won.

"I feel great," Brown said. "I feel like I just won the Super Bowl."

Brown was not the only one who had a memorable night. One member of Delta Sigma Theta, Phelon Williamson, had a particularly memorable night. As the fraternity Iota Phi Theta was finishing their performance, Williamson was brought on stage.

While Williamson was confused, her boyfriend, Corey McClure, a member of Iota Phi Theta, came out with roses in his hand, sang and then proposed to her the cheers of the audience.

Coordinator of Greek Life John Davenport said step shows originated in the '50s and '60s and a lot of campuses have them.

"It's a big cultural thing," Davenport said.



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Members of Delta Sigma Theta, seen riding into their act, took second place in the 2007 Marchdown competition

He said SIUE began having step shows in the early '80s, and has had one every year for about 15 years.

Faith Lane, a senior and a member of the sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha, said it takes months to learn a routine. She said the sorority started practicing in January,

which was late. She said most people start around November.

Audience member Sharnay Miller said she enjoys going to Marchdown every year and supports the event.

"I like it. I've been coming the last seven years," Miller said. "I like to support

the black organizations on campus."

The second-place winner, sorority Delta Sigma Theta, received \$1,000.

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Panel looks at how to make campus greener

by Kevin Eagan

Alestle News Reporter

"E" is for "excellence." "E" is for "engaging." "E" is for "environment?"

A group of professors is hoping that SIUE will focus more on environmental issues facing the campus.

"Greening SIUE" will take place at 9 a.m. Thursday at the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

Mark Hedley, panel organizer and sociology and criminal justice professor, said SIUE needs to do more to help the environment through more university programs.

"What we're suggesting informally is that SIUE should institutionalize part of the university's environmental programs," Hedley said.

Hedley said SIUE has not done enough for the environment on campus and the panel discussion will address these issues.

The panel will also discuss the history of environmentalism on campus and some of the problems SIUE faces with their current environmental commitments.

"This campus has a history of environmental concerns and many of (SIUE's) commitments have fallen by the wayside," Hedley said. "We want to emphasize things that are being done, but urge SIUE to do more."

One of the ways SIUE is making a positive change for the environment is

through the use of bio-diesel fuel. All diesel vehicles on campus now run on bio-diesel, and Hedley said this is a step in the right direction.

However, according to Hedley, more can be done, including more composting on campus and recycling used vegetable oil that can be turned into bio-diesel fuel.

"We haven't caught up to our recycling needs on this campus," Hedley said.

Hedley said some of the ways SIUE can implement more student involvement for the environment is through more participation with the Kimmel Leadership Center and by offering more environmental sciences courses.

Hedley said SIUE's environmental programs also lag behind other universities in Illinois and the City of Edwardsville in terms of recycling programs.

"It is very rare to see the campus lag behind its host city," Hedley said. "It shows that SIUE needs to do more to protect the environment."

"Both SIUC, Western Illinois University and 300 universities across the

nation have signed the Tallories Declaration, which establishes a commitment to making environmental changes on campus," Hedley said. "SIUE still has not done this."

The panel will suggest another environmental commitment, the President's Climate Commitment, a program that sets environmental

guidelines that universities are expected to follow, including a reduction of greenhouse gases by 80 percent before 2050, according to the organization's Web site.

Hedley said approximately 100 universities across the nation have signed up for this plan.

According to Hedley, one of the best ways SIUE can start moving toward a more environmentally friendly campus is through better recycling programs. Recyclable materials are

often dumped with other trash when the recycle bins are contaminated with non-recyclables, such as food.

Some of the recycle bins across campus are not clearly marked and are often contaminated, and Hedley suggests

"This campus has a history of environmental concerns, and many of (SIUE's) commitments have fallen by the wayside."

-Mark Hedley, sociology and criminal justice professor

that SIUE implement easier ways for students to practice recycling.

"We've seen recycle bins with trash liners in them being used as regular trash bins in classrooms. We have also seen bins marked for aluminum only without a plastics container nearby," Hedley said. "More needs to be done to make recycling easier on this campus."

One of the ways to bring more attention to SIUE's environmental needs is through student involvement.

"We would like to see more students making noise about these issues," Hedley said.

He also said many students are unaware SIUE lags behind many other campuses in environmental areas.

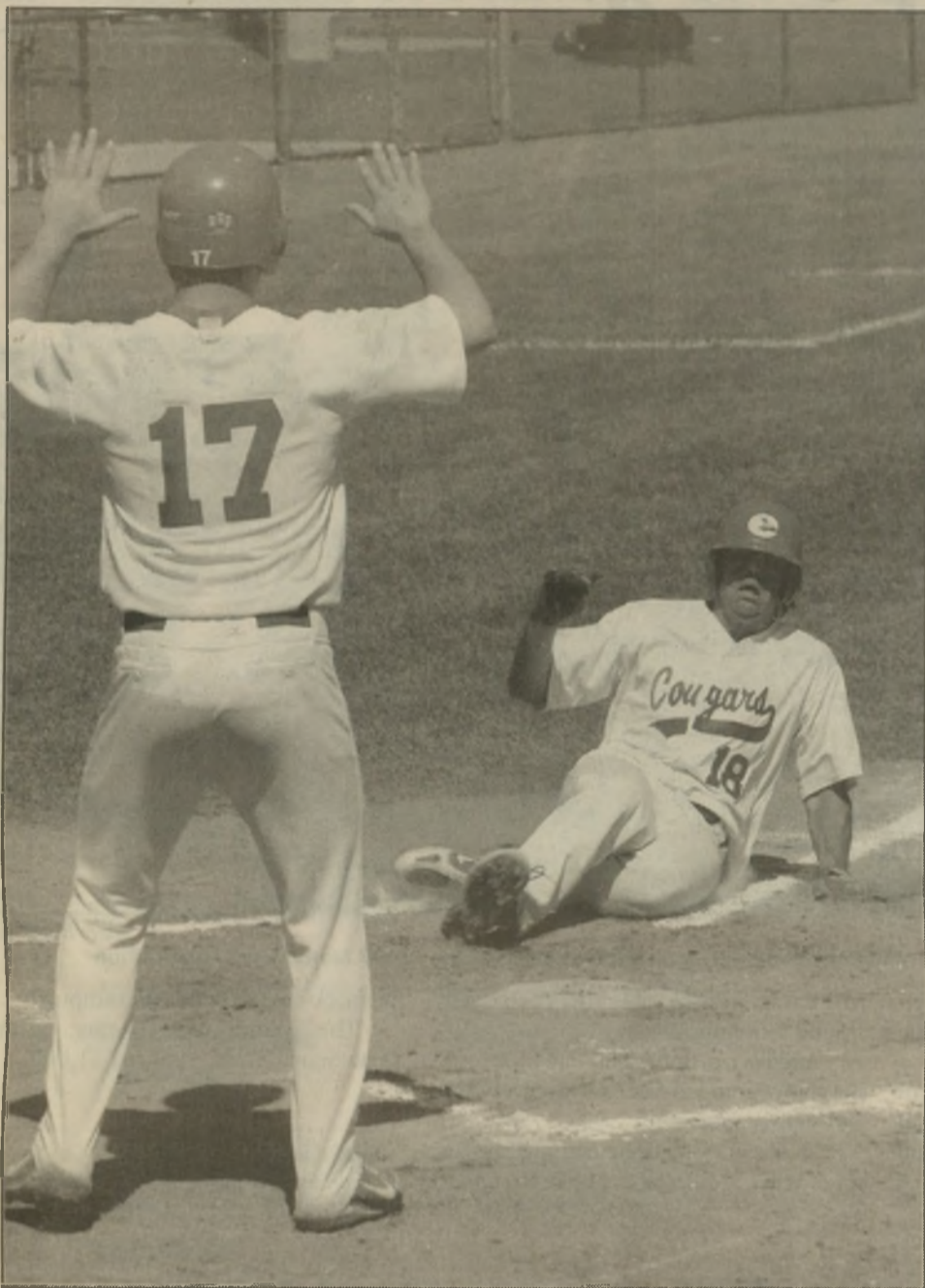
Speech communications professor Laura Perkins, history emeritus professor Ellen Nore and graduate student Elizabeth Stygar will also join Hedley at the panel discussion.

The panel discussion is part of the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquia 2007 event "Thinking about the Environment," which takes place Wednesday through Friday.

The Colloquia hosts several papers, panels, roundtables and performances focusing on environmental issues facing the campus and the surrounding area.

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Cougars break out the big bats



Steve Berry/Alestle

SIUE junior right fielder Daniel Thomson slides into home plate as third baseman Ben Bartley waits to congratulate him during SIUE's 22-11 victory over Kentucky Wesleyan College Sunday at Roy Lee Field.

Offense explodes for 18 runs Saturday, 22 runs Sunday to break conference mark

By Anthony Patrico
Alestle Sports Reporter

For the SIUE baseball team, strong winds and cloudy skies had no effect on their offense. The Cougars got the victory in the first game, fell in the second and then swept the final two games bringing their overall record to 17-8 overall and 11-6 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

In the first of the four-game set, the Cougars gained a non-conference victory over Kentucky Wesleyan College by a score of 6-2.

Junior pitcher Zach Everist gained the victory as major contributions came from junior shortstop Cory Bunner and senior second basemen Mike DalPozzo. Bunner went 2-for-4 while driving in 3 RBIs. The Cougars then had to wait until the next day to get another shot at KWC.

For the Cougars, playing in front of the home fans is something that many of the players look forward to each game. The Cougars have much to look forward to, for the team and for their fans.

"For the fans, we will bring excitement and fun to the ballpark," senior outfielder Ryan Czyz said. "For the team we want to bring home a conference championship and move on from there."

As the second game of the four game series kicked off, the Cougars were held to just three hits scoring zero runs as the Panthers gained a victory by the score of 4-0. KWC pitcher Randy Fulton threw seven strikeouts matching those tossed by SIUE junior hurler Luke Vine.

In the nightcap of Saturday's match-

ups, SIUE scored 12 runs in the second inning. The Cougars explosive offense and the 14 strikeouts thrown by senior James Hertel led the Cougars to a win of 18-0.

The Cougars second inning scoring was charged by eight hits for 12 runs. The KWC fielders committed five errors. The KWC pitchers also were credited with one passed ball, and a balk, both of which scored runners. The Cougar lineup was a few short from batting around the line up twice. Both DalPozzo and Bunner had two singles in the inning.

"We are doing what we should be doing to below average pitching," Czyz said. "We were finally having fun."

Hertel, holding the Panthers to three hits and zero runs, struck out 14 KWC batters. With the combination of his work on the mound, the work done by the Cougars from the plate, and the defensive errors by the Panthers, Hertel picked up his second victory of the season placing him with a 2-1 record.

"Hertel had another amazing outing striking out 14 batters, while Bunner and DalPozzo had really big days for us at the plate," Czyz said. "Their bats are really coming around and at the right time."

DalPozzo finished off the day with four hits and four RBIs. The Cougars added six more runs after a short rain delay.

In the fourth and final meeting in the four-game set, the Cougars made history. They broke the school's old record of offensive conference output, scoring 22 runs to shatter the mark of most runs

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Track teams open outdoor season

By Lindsay Stuart
Alestle Sports Reporter

Neither storm nor winds nor rain could stop the SIUE men's and women's track teams as they completed their first meet of the outdoor season at the Missouri Relays Friday and Saturday in Columbia, Mo.

"With the weather conditions it was tough to expect anything," SIUE Head Coach David Astrauskas said. "It was very windy and rain was off and on all day long."

The meet, held at Aubrey J. Walton Stadium, was the kick-off to the Cougars' outdoor season.

"I think it went pretty well," Astrauskas said. "We obviously didn't have good weather conditions, but our athletes competed well."

Senior Alicia DeShasier placed first in the women's javelin throw with a mark of 49.40 meters.

"This was Alicia's first career meet in the javelin throw," Astrauskas said. "She just started throwing the javelin in October, so winning a meet of that caliber is remarkable. She broke the meet record by 13 feet and is currently sitting first in all the Division II and across the country. It was a big throw and I was proud."

In the women's 4x100, sophomores Deserea Brown and Angel Royston, freshman Juliet Alrich and senior Tairisha Sawyer placed sixth with a 47.36 second mark.

"They ran a pretty fast time," Astrauskas said. "We need to work on hand-offs a little bit in that event, but it did qualify us for the Division II Championships, however, they will need to run a little bit faster time to get into the championships."

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Softball suffers tough road losses

By Matthew Bruce
Alestle Sports Editor

In two games Sunday, the SIUE softball team had the potential game-tying run at third base in the top half of the final inning, but the Cougars could not get it across home plate as Lewis University swept them in a doubleheader at Lewis Softball Field in Romeoville.

"We had opportunities," SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said. "There were probably two or three balls that if the wind wouldn't have been blowing in at about 40 miles per hour, we might have hit out. We would have scored on a long fly ball if it wasn't for the wind. You can talk about that kind of stuff until you're blue in the face. We just didn't get it done and they won two games off of us."

In the first game, SIUE was down two runs in the top of the seventh and had runners on

second and third with one out. Kaeleigh Rousey's single down the left-field line scored Chaleen Rumpf but did not bring junior catcher Ashley Price around from

SIUE up 2-0, sophomore Kelly Dianis blasted her second homer of the year – a solo shot – to lead off the bottom of the seventh, putting Lewis on the scoreboard.

"We had opportunites...We just didn't get it done and they won two games off of us."

-SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery, on Sunday's doubleheader at Lewis University

second and neither did Jodie Ohlau's sacrifice fly ball as the Cougars suffered a 2-1 loss.

SIUE senior Sabra McCune absorbed the loss, allowing eight hits in six innings of work to fall to 10-5 on the season. Lewis hurler Courtney Lyons held SIUE to just four hits to pick up the win.

The Cougars came up just short again in the nightcap. With

Five batters later, Christina Willis slapped a base hit to center field to tie the score.

SIUE threatened to bring home the go-ahead run in the top of the eighth inning with the score knotted at 2. Sophomore Amanda Pucel was on second base with two outs when Rousey ripped a base hit to left. Pucel

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scored by an SIUE team in Great Lakes Valley Conference play. The previous record was set by the Cougars in 2001. The Cougars gained the victory by a score of 22-11.

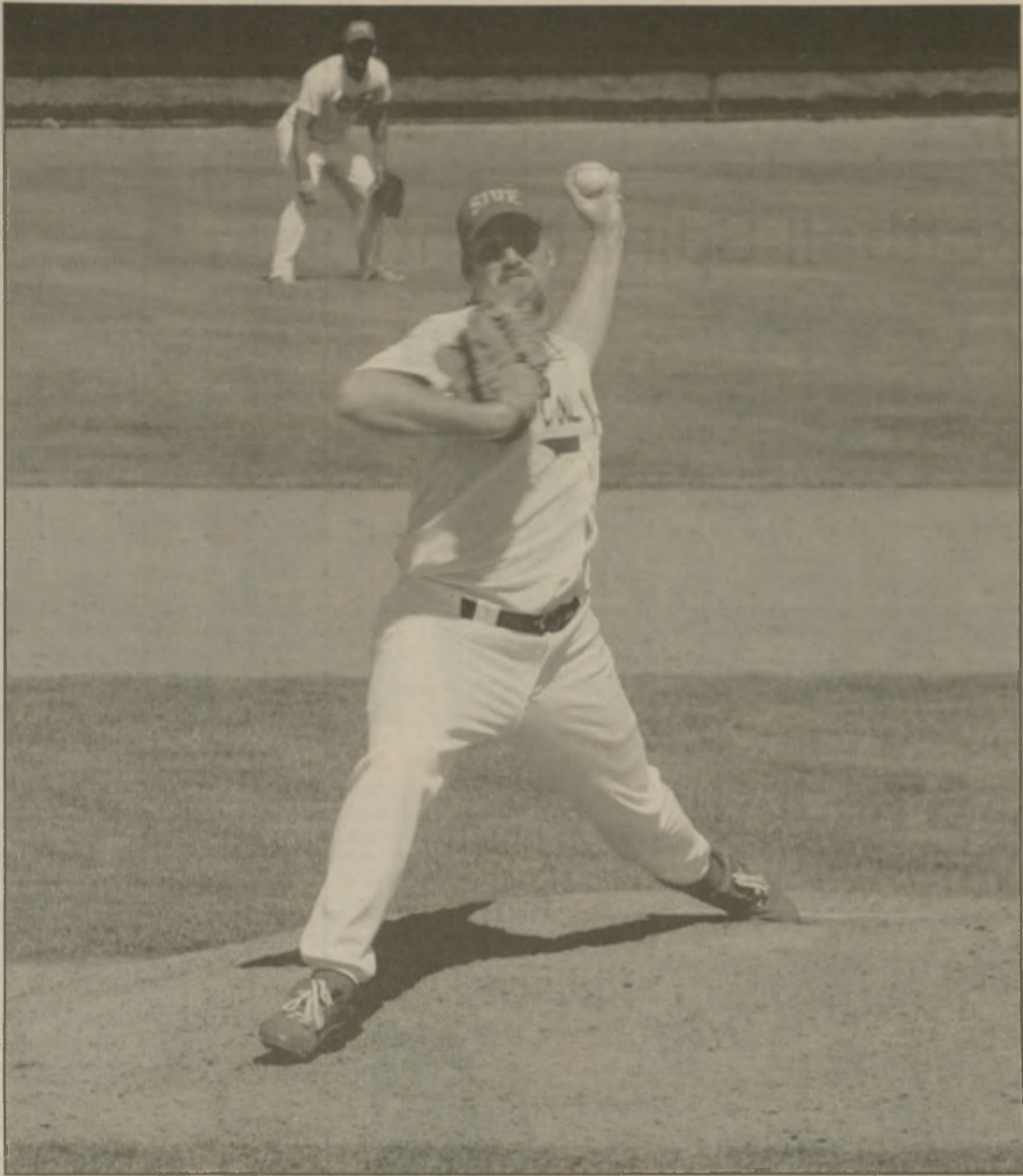
“We were finally having fun.”

-Ryan Czyz,
SIUE senior outfielder

Key contributions for the Cougars came from senior infielder Daniel Thomson and shortstop Bunner. Both of the two went four for six and each scored three wins during the Cougars victory.

SIUE now nears another all-time mark as the victory brought 29-year SIUE Head Coach Gary Collins to within one win of 900.

Collins and the Cougars will have to wait for the milestone as today's doubleheader against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha, Wis., was cancelled because of impending weather conditions. In an earlier meeting, the Cougars defeated the Rangers in both games of a doubleheader at Roy Lee Field.



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SIUE senior pitcher Mike White throws a pitch during the Cougars' 22-11 victory over Kentucky Wesleyan College Sunday at Roy Lee Field.

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Royston also placed third in the 200 with a time of 25.19.

“For running into the wind, that's a good time,” Astrauskas said. “She competed well against the rest of the field.”

On the men's side, sophomore Scott Block placed second in the discus throw with a mark of 156-07.

“Scott had a good meet,” Astrauskas said. “He was throwing uphill and with a very big tailwind. That type of wind tends to beat the discus down. Throwing a 156 in those types of conditions is a pretty good performance.”

Senior Jonathan Bannister finished third in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 53.58 seconds.

“Jonathan ran a good 400-meter hurdles race,” Astrauskas said. “That was the second fastest time of the year. He did a good job of getting over the hurdles. Now it's just time to work on dropping those times again.”

The Cougars will continue the outdoor season Thursday and Friday at the Eastern Illinois University Multi's and will host the Cougar Classic Saturday at Korte Stadium.

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motored around third and barreled in to home only to be gunned down at the plate by Lewis' junior left fielder Carla Musillo.

The Flyers came through in the bottom half of the frame as SIUE freshman third baseman Lauren Zembruski committed a throwing error that allowed Lewis to get runners on first and third with one out. Two batters later, Jessica Beck drove in Lisa Gartland from third on a fielder's choice to give Lewis the 3-2 win.

Kaitlin Colosimo soaked up her second loss of the season, despite fanning nine batters and going seven and a third innings. Lyons bagged her second win of the day, coming on in the eighth to hold SIUE scoreless.

It marked SIUE's third loss of the weekend. The Cougars split a doubleheader with the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Saturday at the Case Complex in Kenosha, Wis.

In game one, UWP junior pitcher Meagan Shimkus silenced the Cougar bats as she tossed a three-hit, complete-game shutout, striking out nine hitters to vault the Rangers to a 3-0 victory.

McCune took the loss, giving up 10 hits and three runs in three innings while striking out eight.

"Sabra threw well, we just did not hit," Montgomery said. "Their pitcher had our number, she threw very well against us. So if you're not going to hit, you're not going to win. You can't

blame that on anything but lack of offense."

Colosimo twirled a two-hit gem in the nightcap, whiffing a career-high 16 Parkside batters while giving up no earned runs to guide the Cougars to a 6-1 win and bag her 12th victory of the season.

"She had a monster game," Montgomery said. "She threw very, very well and she's been doing outstanding. She really shut them down and we hit the ball much better."

SIUE sophomore center fielder Courtney Mall supplied the offense as she slapped three hits, including a two-run single in the third inning.

"She'd gone through a little dry spell for a little while so I was glad to see her come back," Montgomery said. "She got some hits on both days and Kaeleigh Rousey also hit the ball well."

SIUE is now 24-7 overall and 6-4 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Cougars take on Lincoln University of Missouri for a doubleheader at 2 p.m. today at Cougar Field.

"We really played well all weekend. The results certainly don't show it at 1-3, but we played well," Montgomery said. "When you lose one run ballgames, numerous things can be the reason. We just didn't get the timely hit when we needed it."

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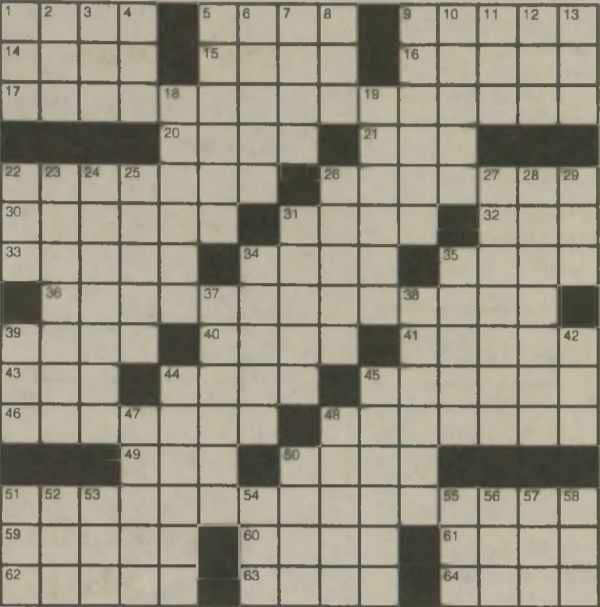
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By Diane C. Baldwin

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By Michael Mephram



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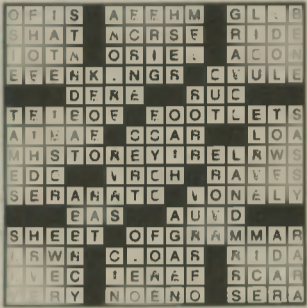
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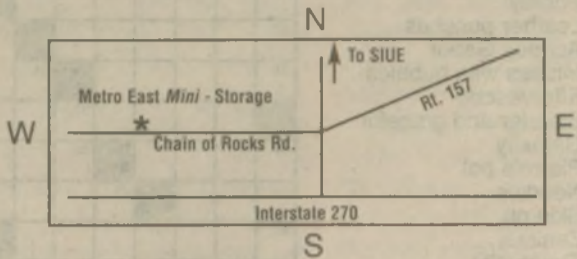
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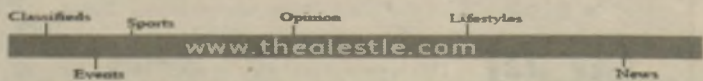
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