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VP-elect impeachment papers filed

by Kyle Wiese
Alestle News Reporter

Senator Brandon Rardin, the Student Government vice president-elect, is facing impeachment charges.

Rardin is charged with malfeasance, the violation of public trust.

Senator Betsy Hall filed the impeachment papers against Rardin on March 29. Hall said she filed the papers in response to Rardin spray painting a slur on the Rock on March 13.

"I felt that the actions of Senator Rardin were not

representative of the values stated in the constitution of student government," Hall said.

There are six values listed in the constitution.

The Student Government constitution states "The Student Government shall: promote campus life, further the interests of the student body, recommend on the allocation and use of student fees to SIUE student groups and organizations in the best interest of the student body, encourage students to develop leadership qualities, encourage students to exemplify qualities of responsible citizenship and function cooperatively with other constituent bodies to achieve the mission and purpose of

the university," in Article 1 of the Student Government constitution.

Hall said she filed her charges against Rardin under the last three values.

Kimmel Leadership Center Director Steve Sperotto said it has taken approximately two weeks for the information to surface because he had to assemble a committee and schedule meetings with them around busy schedules.

If impeached, Rardin would be removed from his

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Senior Project Showcase



Senior computer engineering major Ross Mead explains his project to showcase judge Tongele Tongele during Monday's Senior Project Showcase in the Morris University Center. For more on the showcase, see Thursday's edition of the Alestle.

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Trustees approve fee increases

by Kyle Wiese
Alestle News Reporter

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees met Thursday to vote on student fee increases among several items for both the Edwardsville and Carbondale campuses.

During Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift's report to the board, he outlined some of the changes that SIUE will be seeing in the coming year.

Vandegrift addressed SIUE's conversion from the Legacy SIS system to the Banner Registration System.

"The conversion to Banner from the SIS system has gone very well," Vandegrift said. "Banner is running very

smoothly and we have had few issues so far."

Vandegrift also spoke about student enrollment numbers and, according to his report, SIUE received 1,058 more applications this year than it did last year.

As of April 1, there were 1,136 students that had registered through Springboard for fall 2007, as opposed to 1,003 at this time last year, an increase of 133 students.

SIUE also had an approximate increase of 9 percent in the number of students in the Residence Halls totaling approximately 6,000 at the beginning of the year. According to Vandegrift, SIUE

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Massacre in Virginia

Virginia Tech students hunker down, parents worry after shootings

by Matthew Bowers
The Virginian-Pilot (MCT)

Students at Virginia Tech were stunned and angered by the shooting deaths on the Blacksburg campus this morning. As of press time, The Associated Press reported at least 33 people dead in the shootings, including the gunman.

In his apartment three miles away from campus, Jason Grieves learned that a friend was one of the students who jumped out a second-story Norris Hall window to escape the gunman in the second wave of shootings.

"He definitely heard the gunshots," Grieves, a Chesapeake, Va., native, said.

Grieves fretted about friends on campus, not knowing whether all of them escaped the shootings.

"One death, that was shock, OK, it's amazing," he said. "But when you hear 20 people dead, that's when it's real, it really clicked."

Students are "all pretty upset and angry about it," he said.

On campus, students were warned to stay inside their dorms or classrooms, though Tech's student newspaper reported on its Web site early this afternoon they were allowed to begin going to dining halls. Classes are canceled today and Tuesday.

Michelle Silva, 21, a junior from Chesapeake, lent her cell phone to other students hunkered down in an off-campus apartment building. "Most cell phones aren't working because the system is overloaded," she said. "If you can't get a hold of your loved one, don't assume the worst. Their cell phone just might not be working." Silva said she is unable to access her e-mail because that system is overwhelmed as well.

Silva, who turned 21 Monday, said students are shocked by what happened. "This is a horrible

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Police Reports

4-10

Police issued Rosemary Korang a citation for unauthorized handicapped parking and expired license plate registration at Bluff Hall Circle.

4-11

Police met with a male handing out anti-abortion literature at the door to the Morris University Center and escorted him to the Vice Chancellor's Office to obtain permission to hand out flyers. Police then responded to a second male handing out the same literature at Lovejoy Library. An officer escorted him to the SIUE Police Station for interviewing and processing, and he was later released. Officers remained on the Stratton Quadrangle until the group left campus.

Police issued Francis Rook a citation for speeding on University Drive.

4-12

Police took a report of a stolen sign belonging to the Physics Club in the Science Building auditorium.

Police arrested Angelo Young for driving with a revoked license. Young was issued a notice to appear.

Police took a report of a water pump that was broken into and tampered with at the University Nursery at The Gardens.

Police took a walk-in report of a jacket that was taken from an Alumni Hall office.

4-13

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

Campus Scanner

Studying and Stress: Feel more confident about finals by reducing your stress and getting prepared earlier. Attend a workshop about dealing with the stress and anxiety that happens around finals week from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday in Peck Hall, Room 2417. For more information, contact Valerie McClinton at vnelson@siue.edu or call 650-3701.

Trivia "Knight": Test your trivia skills and contribute to charity at the SIUE Knights of Columbus Trivia "Knight." The event will take place at 7 p.m. Friday at the St. Cecilia Knights of Columbus Hall in Glen Carbon. Tables of eight are available for \$100 to the public and \$80 for SIUE students. Half of the proceeds will go to Catholic Charities. Soda and chips are free and there will be a cash bar. Cash prizes for first, second and third place will be awarded. For more information, contact Andrew Kassebaum at (217) 556-3660 or akasseb@siue.edu.

Movie Night and Costume Contest: Come watch the film "Stomp the Yard" and dress up as your favorite swashbuckler for Springfest's "Surrender the Booty" theme. Enter the costume contest and win prizes. The event is from 7 to 10 p.m.

Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. For more information, contact Rachel Reitz at rlaruss@siue.edu.

Bull Ride: Ride on a bull or decorate a candle from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday on the Stratton Quadrangle as part of Springfest.

Karaoke: Sing your heart out during Cougar Karaoke from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday on the Stratton Quadrangle as a part of Springfest. Sign-ups will be available before the event. For more information, contact Rachel Reitz at rlaruss@siue.edu.

Treasure Hunt: Go on a treasure hunt as part of Springfest. Decode a map, find the clues and be the first team to discover the prize in the end. The event will take place from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday on the Stratton Quadrangle. For more information contact Rachel Reitz at rlaruss@siue.edu.

Big Love: The SIUE Theater will present "Big Love" from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday in the Dunham Hall Theater. Tickets are \$6 for SIUE students and senior citizens and \$10 for the general public. For tickets or more information, call the

Theater Box Office at 650-2774.

Obstacle Course: Check out the Treasures of the Caribbean obstacle course and make your own wax hands from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday on the Stratton Quadrangle as part of Springfest.

Giant Banana Split: Look out for the giant banana split in a canoe and receive a collectable cup from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday on the Stratton Quadrangle as part of Springfest. For more information, contact Rachel Reitz at rlaruss@siue.edu.

Pirate-Themed Night in Center Court: Enjoy a menu containing creatures from the sea from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center's Center Court as a part of Springfest. For more information, contact Rachel Reitz at rlaruss@siue.edu.

Cracker Eating Contest: See how many goldfish crackers you can eat in one minute during Springfest. Try your luck and win prizes from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center's Cougar Den. For more information, contact Rachel Reitz at rlaruss@siue.edu.

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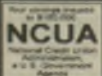
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Infected e-mail appears in campus inboxes

by **Lori Schueler**
Alestle News Reporter

Students and faculty may have received an infected e-mail in their SIUE e-mail account sent out last Thursday.

The e-mail has the subject of "[WARNING: UNSCANNABLE] Virus Detected!"

Office of Information Technology's Customer Support Center Manager Brian Lotz said it is unknown how many students and faculty have received the e-mail and only one faculty member has reported to have downloaded the virus.

Lotz said when the e-mail is opened, it gives the receiver the impression that the computer already has a virus and a zip file needs to be downloaded to get rid of it. When the user clicks on the zip file, a password will be requested, which is provided in the e-mail. Once the file is downloaded, the computer gets the virus.

Lotz said the reason OIT was unable to detect the virus was because of the password. He said any software would be unable to detect the virus if it contained a password.

However, the infected e-mail was spotted by the Surfer Administration Group, a group that is part of OIT's staff.

"They started seeing a lot of unscannable viruses," Lotz said. "It peaked their interest and let us know about it."

According to www.sophos.com, when a computer has downloaded the virus, the virus will

send itself to e-mail addresses found on the computer, modify data on the computer, forge the sender's e-mail address and use its own e-mailing engine to send out more viruses.

Lotz said fortunately, the virus would be unable to use its own e-mailing engine here at SIUE.

To tell if an e-mail has a virus, Lotz said the user should make sure to know who the sender is.

"Make sure it is someone you know and you are expecting it," Lotz said. "If it has a password, it's a very good sign it's a virus."

Lotz also said someone you know could be sending you a virus through an e-mail, unaware that their computer has a virus.

Junior mass communications major Ashley Roediger said she does not open an e-mail if she does not know who it is from.

"Sometimes I think that it is probably hard to tell if the message is a virus or not because they try to disguise them as normal messages," Roediger said.

Roediger also said she owns a Macintosh, which she said is less likely to get viruses or crash and is a more stable system.

If anyone has downloaded the virus, call OIT's Customer Support Center at 650-3737, or if in the residence halls, contact the Student Technology Center at 650-2667.

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Cardboard boat regatta postponed

by **Zach Groves**
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Because of weather problems and unsuitable water temperatures, the Sigma Pi fraternity rescheduled its fourth annual Cardboard Boat Regatta to noon Sunday at the Cougar Lake Marina.

Sigma Pi member and event

coordinator Arnes Camo said Sunday that last week's rainy weather and unseasonably cool temperatures created hazards for racers who were to compete on freezing water.

"I know (April 15) was sunny, but I thought it would be freezing in the water ... hopefully the water will be a little bit higher (by) a few degrees. That way we

will have more participants out there," Camo said in a phone message.

For more information on the event, contact Camo at (815) 575-2119 or by e-mail acamo@siue.edu.

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senatorial seat. However, Rardin said the student body has already had the opportunity to respond to his actions in the recent election. Rardin won the seat as vice president with 470 votes.

"The students already elected me," Rardin said. "It's unethical that they're going against the student body's voice."

Rardin said he thought the members of Student Government who have a problem with him went "above and beyond" other authorities. He said he had already met and talked with Coordinator of Greek Life John Davenport, Dean of Students Jim Klenke and the SIUE Police about his actions regarding the Rock.

"They could tell I was honestly sorry," Rardin said.

Sperotto said that according to the constitution, a committee of himself and three senators has been formed to investigate the charges against Rardin.

Sperotto said he and the three senators on the committee, Senators Stephanie Medhurst, Laurel Williams and George Ladd, plan to meet with Rardin sometime this week. The committee met with Hall last week to discuss her grievances. The committee will listen to what Rardin has to say, deliberate with each other and submit an opinion to the Student Senate.

A three-fourths majority of the 12 senators is needed to impeach Rardin, which means nine votes are needed, Student Organization Advisory Board

Chair Nikki Grashoff said.

Rardin said what he felt about his experience with the impeachment process.

"I am a little nervous, a little excited," Rardin said. "It's kind of like my first time."

If impeached, Rardin said he had no intentions of stepping down from his vice president position.

"I am going to do what the students want," Rardin said. "They spoke kind of loud."

Grashoff said currently there is not a provision in the constitution that prevents an impeached member of Student Government from holding another government position.

However, revisions to the constitution were introduced at the last Student Senate meeting. The revisions include language that would prohibit an impeached member of Student Government from holding another position in the government, according to Grashoff.

Grashoff said if Rardin is impeached and the Student Senate approved the revisions, Rardin would be removed from his position as vice president. She said that it would not matter if the revisions were approved before or after he was impeached.

"I'm not really worried about it," Rardin said. "It's what the students want."

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incident," she said. "I don't think campus will be the same for a while."

Kristen Walker, a freshman from Williamsburg, Va., first heard about a shooting at about 8:30 a.m., when a residential assistant told students that there had been an "incident" in West Ambler Johnston Hall, where she lives. The dorm, called West A.J., is where the first shootings occurred.

The RA told students at the 895-person co-ed dorm was on lockdown and to stay put behind locked doors.

"I mean, we're all pretty freaked out. ... There are just all kinds of rumors flying about."

Late this morning, Walker said, "Everything's pretty bare and dead - nobody's outside anymore. And sirens have been going off for hours."

Jonathan Hostetler, a sophomore from Virginia Beach, Va., was in a building construction class in Hancock Hall at about 9:45 a.m. when someone popped in to tell students there had been a shooting and to stay put.

"We're just away from all the windows. They've moved us upstairs to a classroom with no windows" in an adjacent building, he said by cell phone. "There are a bunch of police officers outside."

"Pretty much right now, all the information we're getting is from the news," he said. "Everybody's just waiting to see what the deal is. ..."

"People are staying pretty calm right now, because we don't know what's going on now," he

added. "Everybody's worried, because we don't know what happened to any of the people."

Phyllis Gibson of Chesapeake talked with her daughter, Kimberly Ferguson, who works in the Virginia Tech financial aid office. Ferguson called her mother with the news.

"Just that two people were shot, and after that they heard more shots, and everybody's on lockdown," Gibson said.

Last August, Virginia Tech shut down its campus on the first day of classes after an escaped inmate allegedly fatally shot a hospital guard and a sheriff's deputy and was reported to be on or near the campus. No students were injured in that incident and the man was apprehended and is awaiting trial.

As today's incident dragged on, an automated emergency broadcast system on campus blared warnings about every three minutes, said Nathan Rosso, a senior from Virginia Beach. He said the messages included: "Stay inside;" "There's a shooter on campus;" "Stay away from windows;" "All classes canceled."

Rosso could hear them from his off-campus apartment a mile away, along with police cars racing across town. It brought him back to the August incident.

"It's just real weird," he said. "Blacksburg is a very small place, it's a very small college town. Man, for this to be going on."

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should expect to finish the year with about 7,000 students in the residence halls. The minority student enrollment is up 45 percent from last year.

The average ACT score for incoming freshmen remained at 22.8.

The board voted on various proposals to change or increase fees for students in several different areas.

The Carbondale campus will see an increase of fees in 11 different areas, and the Edwardsville campus will see an increase of fees in 12 areas.

Vandegrift also updated the board on the progress of both the new science building and the construction of Evergreen Hall.

"Evergreen Hall construction is on schedule and will be finished in July and will be ready for the fall semester," Vandegrift said.

According to Vandegrift, SIUE is in the process of completing the design plans for the new science building and obtaining funding for the project.

The board approved the

project and budget proposals for the School of Pharmacy Renovation, the Cougar Village Roof Replacement Project and the Campus Sidewalk Construction Project.

As SIUE is preparing to make the move to Division I status, the university administration will be setting up the Division I Reclassification Task Force, which will include two students.

Another building that will see an expansion is the Student Fitness Center and construction is tentatively schedule to be completed in the 2008 academic year. The total cost of the project is to be determined.

Vandegrift formally announced the hiring of new Men's Head Basketball Coach Lennox Forrester, who was chosen out of a pool of more than 120 applicants.

The board will meet again June 14 on the SIUC campus.

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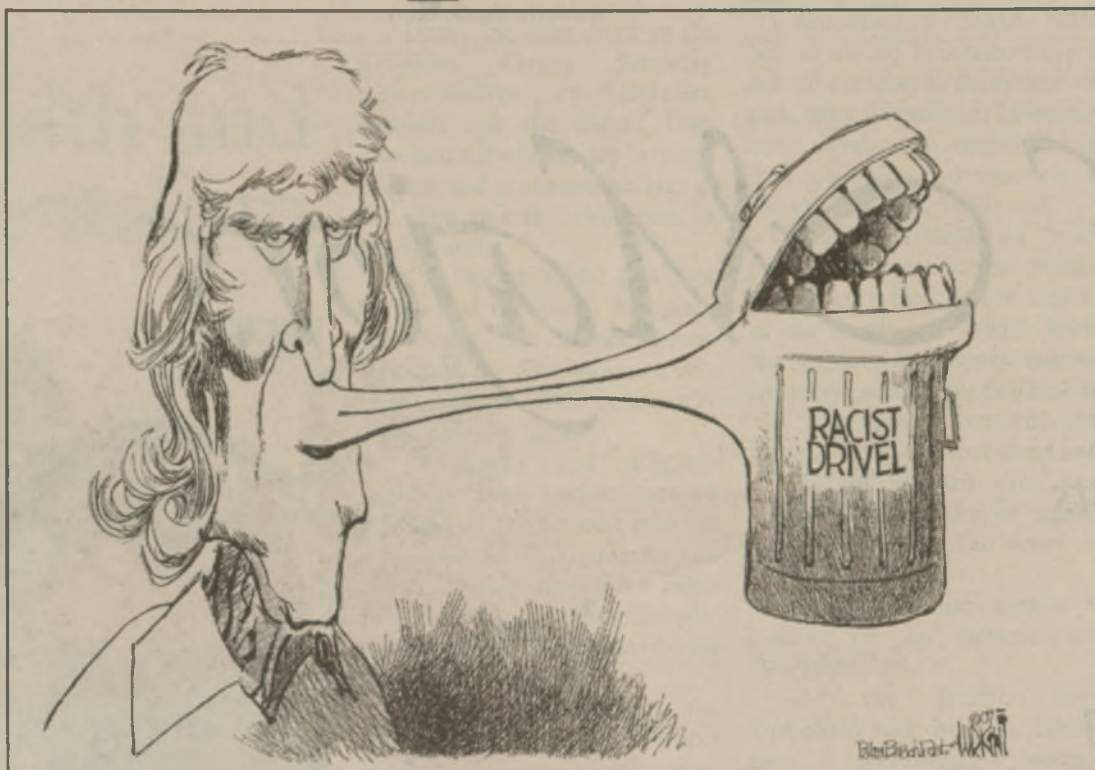
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Our free speech needs to be defended

The beginning of the First Amendment states "Congress shall make no law" that infringes on the five liberties listed in the amendment: freedom of religion, freedom of press, freedom of speech, the right to peaceably assemble and the right to petition the government.

However, many laws infringing on the American people's first amendment rights have been passed by Congress and enforced by the police.

The politicians argue it is for the safety of the American people that they should be able to limit these rights. However, how safe can the American people really be when its own

government grants itself more power by taking away the civil liberties that are inherent to the people?

If a group wants to demonstrate at SIUE, they must first seek permission from the administration by registering 48 hours in advance, according to the SIUE Policies and Procedure located on the SIUE Web site.

At Southern Illinois University Carbondale, there are free forum areas. If someone wants to exercise their right to freedom of speech they must stand in one of these areas on campus, according to the SIUC Policies located on the SIUC Web Site.

According to www.firstamendmentcenter.org, 47 states still have flag-burning laws on the books. Illinois still lists flag desecration as a Class 4 felony. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled flag burning a protected right 18 years ago, but people

are still being arrested for it.

Free speech is not really free if a permit is required before saying anything. A person should not have to worry about being arrested by overstepping an imaginary line drawn by any administration. People should not have to worry about being thrown in jail for something that is legal on the federal level but not on the state level.

It is too bad that Senator Joseph McCarthy is dead. He had no problem trouncing on civil liberties to root out all of those scary communists and anti-Americans in the 1950s. There may not be another Red Scare, but people need to be more concerned about the rights the government is taking away from them instead of all of the scary terrorists.

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Holly Meyer

Mascot replacement in order for SIUE

How about those geese?

They are either gracing us with their presence (in more ways than one), hissing at us or attacking us. They waddle around like they own the place even though we are the ones paying to go to school here.

Instead of whining about it, we should salute them by making them our school mascot instead of the Cougars.

Seriously, when was the last time we had real cougars here? I think Ronald Reagan was in office. In fact, SIUE news archives said they lived on campus between 1968 and 1987.

It would be an excellent marketing campaign. The name is unique because the typical mascot consists of either cat-like animals (Panthers, Wildcats and Tigers), figureheads (Kings, Knights and Devils), household pets (Bulldogs, Huskies and Terriers) or supposedly fearsome birds (Eagles, Hawks or Falcons). Come on, it is not like we live in an area where cougars or mountain lions are even that common.

It would also be fun because we can make a huge deal out of rallying around the "Fighting Geese." Think about it, a goose call when the players are introduced at games; a large, plump goose mascot waddling around the gym and, to satisfy the chancellor's love for the "e," the bird can wear a sweatshirt sporting the letter.

I am willing to take

suggestions for the mascot's name.

On top of that, we could change the school song, since it sounds like the "Folgers" jingle anyway, to something that would be broken up by goose calls. Think of the old St. Louis Cardinals "charge" tune at home games with a goose cry instead of the word "charge."

This would undoubtedly put SIUE on the map as souvenir stores could make a killing in goose doll sales.

While this is all just for laughs, just imagine the possibilities a mascot change could be as the university switches from Division II to Division I athletics.

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Zach Groves

Watch what you put on the Internet

Just about every student at SIUE has an account with Facebook, MySpace or both. For many students, their profiles are filled with pictures from good times hanging out with friends at the volleyball court, being outrageous at some random locale or drinking (too much) at parties.

No doubt pictures posted on these Web sites are entertaining to peers who share the same memories, but to some curious web surfers, like employers, they can create bad impressions of the owner's personality.



Britney Barr

Students should be aware that their friends are not the only viewers of their MySpace and Facebook pages. In fact, employers and professors use these websites to learn what they cannot easily know from an application or an interview.

Instances of people not being hired by employers because of disturbing content found on their profile have been reported, especially in professional fields.

Content posted on a person's profile including "interests" can also be harmful material because conflicts of interest can occur between an applicant and the job to which they are applying.

For example, a student applying for a government internship with a Republican senator might consider it wise to not join a pro-democratic Facebook group like "One Million Strong for Barack Obama."

Also, be aware that professors look at their students' personal Webpages for the same purposes as employers. When the content on your profile suggests that you attend college just for the laidback lifestyle – not academics – you give the impression that you are not a dedicated student.

However, just because employers and professors check out personal Webpages of applicants and students does not mean that you cannot still have fun with your page. But does not ruin your chances of getting a great job or noteworthy recommendation by posting inappropriate material on your Webpage.

Be careful of the image that you sell on MySpace or Facebook pages; you never know who else is logging in.

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Married students talk about the challenges and rewards of being married before graduating

and Marriage



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by Lindsay Stuart
Alestle Sports Reporter

College can be a stressful time, juggling classes, school work, homework, work and a social life. Now add a spouse, family, bills, cleaning and grocery shopping and life is downright hectic.

Although the average age to married is gradually going up, many students are choosing to get married while still in college.

For SIUE students Chase and Jill Schroeder, getting married early was actually an improvement.

"It made things a lot easier for us," Chase, a senior accounting major, said. "I was living in St. Louis and she was living over here so it was a lot of driving because we were together all the time."

"You save a lot more gas money when you're not driving back and forth to each others' houses," Jill added.

The Schroeders married in August 2005.

"For the most part, our parents were supportive (of our decision)," Chase said. "They both got married younger than we were so they could understand how we would want to get married so young."

"They were a little shocked when we got engaged and said that we were getting married this summer," Jill, a junior secondary education biology major, said. "I think they expected us to wait a year or two before we got married."

The Schroeders were engaged four and a half months before the wedding.

With so many extra responsibilities when married, stress can be a problem.

"Time struggles are difficult," Chase said. "We both have a job and we both go to school, so we don't see each other a lot during the day."

"I think our schedules are a lot better

this semester though, because we tried to arrange our schedules around each other and it ended up working out," Jill said. "It's more difficult because when you're single, you don't have to worry about cleaning your dorm room and about cooking and things like that, so you just have to plan better and you just have to be organized and set aside more time for each other."

So are all the extra stress and responsibilities worth it?

"I would recommend it," Jill said. "I don't think there's any way we would have made it through college without being married. And I thought it would be harder than it actually was."

"My studying got better and so did my grades," Chase added.

The Schroeders live in Collinsville and commute to their classes.

"We ride to school most days together just to save gas," Chase said. "Then I'll go to work and she'll go to work and we'll meet back home together at eight o'clock, see each other, then go to sleep and get up and do the same thing over again the next day."

For couples who do not have the time or means to commute, SIUE offers on-campus family housing.

SIUE seniors Robert and Bailey Brammeier chose to live in the Cougar Village family housing.

"When you live in Cougar Village you can pay for your housing when you pay back your student loans, which makes it a lot easier," Bailey, a special education major, said. "Before, when we were living in an off-campus apartment, it was \$475 a month plus all of our utilities. Now all we're paying for is food, our car and Wal-Mart stuff."

Financial advantages are a major reason married students choose to live in Cougar Village.

"Financially, it's made things easier," Bailey said. "We pay one flat rate for both of us. If we had kids we would pay a flat rate too ... I think it works out to \$725 a month with everything included; rent, all utilities, everything."

"We get the fastest Internet, cable, as much water and electricity as we need," Robert said.

While Cougar Village living is helpful, it may not be best for everyone.

"It depends on your individual situation, especially financially," Bailey said. "For us it worked out because we aren't making a monthly payment. I think it's really helped us a lot. They may not be the most luxurious apartments in the world, but they get the job done."

"I don't think there's any way we would have made it through college without being married."

**-Jill Schroeder,
Collinsville resident and
married SIUE student**

As with any married couple, finances prove to be a big issue for married students.

"We would say most of the struggles relate back to financial," Bailey said.

"But when we lived off-campus it was worse," Robert said. "There were a couple weeks that I put in about 70 hours."

"Then you get into the 'you're never home' thing, so it all just stems back to

financial," Bailey said.

The Brammeiers were dating about five years before they were married in June 2006.

"Me, being an education major, I knew that the next summer I'd be looking for a job, getting a classroom set up and everything, and we both think it's dumb to be engaged for, like, a million years before getting married, so it just made things easier to get married sooner," Bailey said.

Planning a wedding while going to school can prove to be a difficulty, though.

"One problem we ran into was when she was always going home to plan the wedding and I would stay here on the weekends," Robert said. "That was frustrating."

"It got pretty stressful there toward the end," Bailey added.

Although getting married while still in college is a big step and unusual for students, friends and family were encouraging.

"For the most part, people were really supportive (of our decision)," Robert said. "They knew it was coming."

"My dad really wanted us to wait until after we graduated," Bailey said. "He got over it, though."

Being married and living together full-time is very different from dating. Most couples notice things they didn't know about their significant other before they were married.

"You find quirks in your spouse that you didn't really know about before," Bailey said. "It wasn't bad, though. Like, I leave the windows up on his computer and it drives him nuts, or I leave shoes all over the house and it drives him nuts. He plays Halo and yells at the TV and it drives me nuts. But that's the way it's going to be with any roommate."

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Religious scholars find links between faith and environmentalism



Laura Lengyel/Alestle
Craig Leolhe speaks about Bahá'í and urges nature preservation Saturday at the fifth annual Celebration of World Faiths.

by **Catherine Klene**
Alestle News Reporter

Under the glass dome of the Religious Center Saturday, representatives of Judaism, Sikhism and the Bahá'í faith discussed the relationship between religion and environmentalism in the fifth annual Celebration of World Faiths.

The Friends of the Religious Center and the World Religions, Knowledge and Science Group sponsored the discussion as a way to enlighten the SIUE community about different faiths.

Philosophy and religious studies professor Lucian Stone is a member of FRC. Stone said the event gave the SIUE community a chance to learn more about other religions they might not otherwise encounter in the Edwardsville area.

Taking notes from the College of Arts and Sciences spring colloquium, Stone asked the panelists to discuss the role of environmentalism in each of their religions.

"Most people base their behavior off of religion rather than science," Stone said.

Prithvi Singh said in the Sikh faith it is believed all things come from God's light, including nature. When a person encounters any part of the environment, Singh explained, he or she is dealing with God.

"God's creation is one entity," Singh said. "Our purpose is to merge with the creator himself."

Singh said when humanity is not in harmony with nature, crisis results.

"The environmental crisis is

caused by humanity's confrontation with nature," Singh said.

According to Singh, Sikhs believe all life is interconnected, and all creation is dependent on each other for survival. Humanity must develop an environmental ethic committed to wise use of natural resources, Singh said.

Galit Greenfield, an Israeli emissary, said the story of creation according to the book of Genesis in the Torah, the Jewish Bible, shows how God created humans to protect nature, not to abuse it.

"The best ecosystem that exists is Paradise," Greenfield said.

Greenfield also said God could use nature for or against humanity, as in the story of Noah's flood.

"God can use nature to punish or to benefit us," Greenfield said.

In the Jewish faith, Greenfield said there are biblical laws preventing wanton destruction of nature and of cruelty to animals. Rather, people are meant to appreciate God's creations and to preserve them for the years to come.

"This is our obligation to the future generations," Greenfield said.

Craig Loehle practices the Bahá'í faith, and he said nature plays a significant role in humanity's spiritual education.

"Nature is a metaphor for spiritual ideas that are too difficult to grasp," Loehle said. He said concepts like beauty are easier to understand when illustrated in nature.

Loehle said humanity is obligated to keep the environment

pure, and to serve in a stewardship role to nature.

"Man is part of nature," Loehle said. "It is possible to harmonize the physical being ... with the spiritual being."

Loehle said it is not that nature has a higher value than humanity, but humanity should value the symbols of nature as symbols of spiritual growth.

Junior medical technician student Kari McDaniel, who attended the event, said talking about environmentalism was an interesting way to learn about different religions. She said she enjoyed Greenfield's examples from Genesis because she had some of the same ideas.

"A lot of people mistake that the earth was given to us," McDaniel said. Rather, she said humanity is meant to take care of the Earth.

Junior nursing student Elizabeth Ball attended the discussion for her Eastern Peoples and Cultures class and said she was surprised at the friendly environment.

"It's really interesting, and pretty open and welcoming to people of any faith or no faith," Ball said.

Stone said communication between different faiths and combining science with religion increases understanding and acceptance in the world.

"The more that we know about the world," Stone said, "the further we will get as a human civilization."

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Now Rating: "Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie Film For Theaters"

by **Matthew Schroyer**
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Don't be fooled by the over-the-top movie poster. "Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie Film For Theaters" has no ninjas, volcanoes or motorcycles. If that irreverence strikes you as funny, then "ATHFCMFFT" will probably have you rolling in the aisles. If not, you might be asking for your money back in short time.

"ATHFCMFFT" is an hour and 27 minute adaptation of the 13-minute late-night cartoon, "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," the misadventures of a boisterous milkshake (Master Shake), an order of fries (Fylok) and a ball of meat with a childlike personality (Meatwad). The trio lives next to a chauvinistic, perverse slob named Carl in New Jersey. Still following?

The movie starts off with a pre-feature lampoon of the classic "let's go to the lobby and have a snack" animated short. The original wholesome characters (hot dog, soda, ice cream bar and popcorn) are met by some hardcore death-metal counterparts (nacho chip, green ball of goo and others). Death threats screamed to the accompaniment of mind-bending guitar riffs ensue.

That's only the first five minutes.

The plot, albeit an elusive one, consists of the troupe trying to stop a piece of exercise equipment known as the "Insaneflex" from destroying the world. There's also

some hazy exploration of the three's origins – involving a chase scene with Abe Lincoln in a convertible Volkswagen Beetle. And a chicken running and squeaking while on fire. And ottoman-stealing pixilated invaders from the Moon.

In other words, there's a lot to digest. Any attempt to fathom or analyze it, however, will be unsuccessful.

"ATHFCMFFT" relies a little too heavily on old jokes from the television show, and the characters barely – just barely – break into new comedic territory. The crude jokes, topics that are frequented by the TV show, mostly hit their marks with the target audience of 18 to 34-year-olds. And, when they fall flat, there is usually one within a matter of seconds to keep the ball rolling.

The pace and direction of the surreal, slapstick humor is reminiscent of Monty Python's "Flying Circus." To that effect, the movie isn't ever drawn too thin. It "feels" just as long as it needs to be, and doesn't feel like so many episodes cut-and-pasted together.

Fans of the band "Rush" will be appeased. In an irreverent twist common of "ATHF" and other programs on Cartoon Network's "Adult Swim," Neal Pert plays a minor role with several drum solos.

Fans of the TV series will most likely be enthralled.

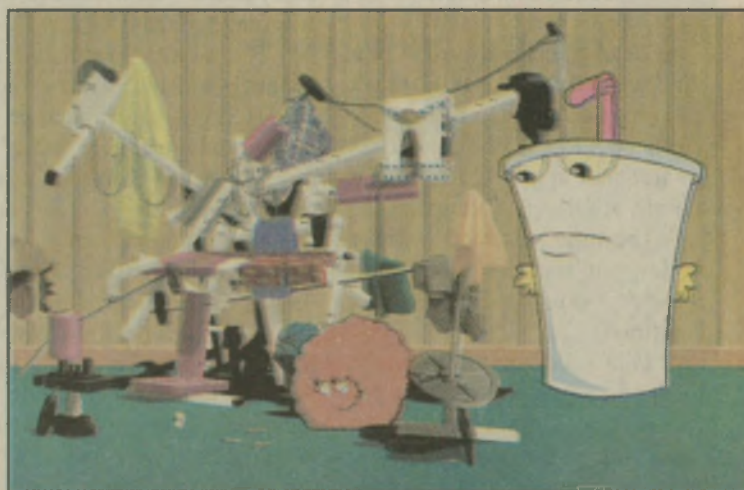


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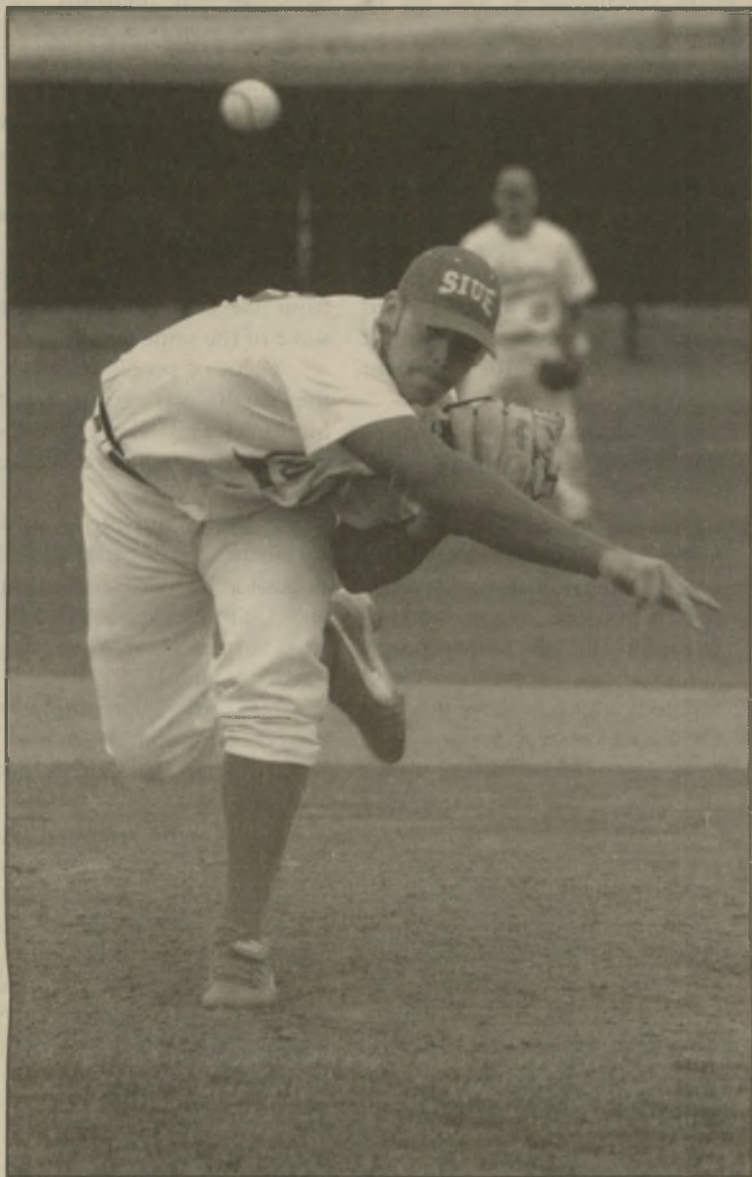
Most other members of the viewing public – including those not intoxicated during the 87-minute escapade – will probably not "get it" and walk out in the first five minutes. No doubt, "ATHFCMFFT" is for a niche audience, but it will make that audience happy indeed.

3 out of 5 stars.

Rated R for crude and sexual humor, violent images and language.

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Cougars sweep Indianapolis



Andy Rathnow/Alestle

An SIUE hurler throws a pitch during the Cougars' 7-5 win over Rockhurst University in Game 1 of their doubleheader Thursday at Roy Lee Field.

Baseball team takes doubleheader at UIndy, picks up fourth consecutive victory

by **Anthony Patrico**
Alestle Sports Reporter

The Cougars had to wait an extra day to get their chance at the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds. After a rainout canceled the doubleheader on Saturday, the Cougars, who are now 22-11 overall and 16-8 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, swept Indy in a doubleheader Sunday at Greyhound Park in Indianapolis, Ind.

SIUE defeated the Greyhounds in the first game by a final score of 6-3. The Cougars then took the nightcap by a final of 4-1.

"I thought our team played extremely well. The last four games, we've been really solid," SIUE Head Coach Gary Collins said. "Good fielding, good pitching and we've put some hits together."

Senior pitcher James Hertel pitched a complete game, striking out four and giving up only three runs on five hits in the opener. Hertel, who is now 3-1 overall, allowed only one walk in seven innings pitched. Hertel pitched three consecutive innings of no-hit baseball sending the Greyhound batters back to the

dugout in order.

"He had another solid performance," Collins said. "He's just been good. He throws strikes and keeps us in every game."

SIUE scored early in the top half of the second inning. After the Cougars loaded the bases, the Greyhound pitching walked two consecutive batters home with one out. Senior outfielder Ryan Czyz then hit a drive toward the shortstop, who threw home for the second out. With the bases still loaded, junior third baseman Ben Bartley hit a high drive to right field, which was caught ending the inning, putting the Cougars on top 2-0.

The Cougars then put two more runs on the scoreboard after a double by junior outfielder Dan Thomson. After a single scored Thomson, junior first baseman Steve Doll sent a shot down the right field line driving in another Cougar run. At the end of the top half of the third inning the Cougars were ahead 4-0.

During the home half of the fourth, the Greyhounds opened up the inning with a single, followed by a double putting two players in scoring position quickly. An Indy single would drive home their first run of the

game. The Greyhounds scored another run after a successful sacrifice bunt. The score after four was SIUE on top 4-2.

After a three-up, three-down Cougar fifth inning, the Greyhounds would come up to the plate trying again to narrow SIUE's lead. After a lead off single, two sacrifice hits would score another run bringing the deficit to only one run.

The Cougars started off the sixth inning with a double by senior Mike DalPozzo. DalPozzo's double was then followed by a bunt single by junior shortstop Cory Bunner. Czyz then took a pitch for a single to the left side scoring DalPozzo. The Cougars scored another run bringing the score to 6-3.

The Cougars would then take care of the Greyhounds by allowing only one hit in the remaining inning. Hertel gained the victory for SIUE and junior Mike McFadden got the loss for Indy.

"Hertel pitched an amazing game once again," Czyz said. "It seems every time he goes out there he is lights out."

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Track teams blaze at U of I

by **Matthew Bruce**
Alestle Sports Editor

Weather again proved to be a hindrance for the SIUE men's and women's track teams this weekend at the Illinois Invitational at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The meet was scheduled for Friday but was postponed until Sunday due to inclement conditions.

That did not stop the Cougar men and women from racing to six provisional qualifying performances for the NCAA Division II Outdoor Championships in Charlotte, NC., in May.

"I thought the meet was very good," SIUE assistant coach Ben Beyers said. "I was happy they moved it to Sunday, because the weather cooperated a little bit better."

"Top to bottom, I thought it was a very good effort," Beyers said. "I thought the team really responded well. Even though the weather wasn't 100 percent ideal, it was much better than what we had been dealing with so far this

outdoor season. So I think everybody kind of took advantage of that."

The women's team had five qualifiers led by senior hurdler Valerie Simmons, who passed the provisional qualifying mark for the 100-meter dash with a time of 14.15 seconds.

Sophomore Descrea Brown continued her strong season as she provisionally qualified for the 400-meter dash with a time of 54.98 seconds. Freshman Juliet Alrich joined her with a qualifying pace at 400 meters, crossing the finish line at 54.69 seconds.

The men's team provisionally qualified in two events.

Senior thrower Callie Glover hit the mark with a 54-meter toss in the hammer throw.

The women's 4x400 relay team qualified with a time of 3 minutes, 38.55 seconds.

Senior sprinter Tairisha Sawyer had a season best at 200 meters with a 24.11-second run.

The men's 4x400 relay qualified with a time of 3:12.5 seconds. The Division II

provisional qualifying mark is 3:14.40.

Freshman Nicholas Harold turned in a season best at the 400 hurdles and a personal best at 400 meters.

Sophomore Kris Kombrink narrowly missed the provisional mark in the hammer throw, heaving a 51.46-meter toss. The qualifying mark in the event is 52.75 meters.

Sophomore Chris Littleton set personal bests at 100 and 200 meters. He also ran a leg on the 4x400 relay team that hit the provisional qualifying mark.

"That might have been his best college meet to date," Beyers said. "It was a fantastic meet for Chris Littleton all around."

The Cougars get back in action for the Vanderbilt Invitational Friday and Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.

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Basketball team signs 7-footer

by **Matthew Bruce**
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Lennox Forrester did not wait long to make his first move as the newly appointed head coach of the SIUE men's basketball team. He did not have to go far, either.

Four days after being introduced as the new leader of the Cougars, Forrester announced Friday that he signed Edwardsville High School standout Terrance Williams to a

letter of intent to play at SIUE next season.

Williams, a 7-foot center, averaged 7.5 points, 8.1 rebounds and 6.3 blocked shots per game for the Tigers last season, earning an All-Southwestern Conference team selection. He was a 63 percent shooter from the field and knocked down 55 percent of his free throws, helping Edwardsville to a 19-9 season mark.

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Softball team signs Iowa phenom

by **Matthew Bruce**
Alestle Sports Editor

The SIUE softball team beefed up its infield on Thursday as it signed prep standout Kasey Schlafke to a national letter of intent to join the Cougars next season.

Schlafke, a shortstop out of Dallas Center-Grimes High School in Dallas Center, Iowa, earned first- and second-team All-State honors in four seasons, batting for a career .375 average.

She was also named All-District and was an All-Raccoon River Conference selection, leading the Fillies to the regional semifinals in 2006.

"Very quick, she's got great hands and a strong arm," SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said. "She's just a great person and a very, very nice player."

A four-sport athlete, Schlafke also garnered All-Conference honors in basketball and volleyball.

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What happened to black baseball players

By Greg Cote
McClatchy Newspapers

(MCT) — Dontrelle Willis has won Rookie of the Year, been a 20-game winner, made the All-Star team, finished second in Cy Young Award voting, pitched in a World Series and signed a million-dollar contract, all by age 25.

Sunday, he got to wear someone else's number on his back for one game.

"The highest honor I've ever received in my life," he called it.

On Sunday, baseball marked the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the sport's color line as its first black player. Unfortunately, the occasion was bittersweet and beset by unavoidable irony.

Willis was the obvious choice to wear Robinson's retired number, 42 — representing the Marlins in this national tribute. But Willis was the obvious choice for reasons you suspect would surprise and disappoint Robinson if he were still alive.

Look around the Marlins' clubhouse. Try to fathom what seems hard to believe; Willis sometimes does.

"I do think about it," he said about being the Marlins' only black player.

It isn't just Florida. It's throughout Major League Baseball. Steroids might be this sport's noisiest concern, but the sharp decline in black, non-

Hispanic players has become its quiet pandemic.

You think of traditional "white sports" and you think of hockey, tennis and golf — beyond Serena Williams and Tiger Woods in the visible top tier. It may be time to add baseball.

The Indians' C.C. Sabathia, the majors' only prominent black starting pitcher besides Willis, earlier this spring called the situation a "crisis."

Hall of Famer Dave Winfield addresses the subject in a new book, "Dropping the Ball: Baseball's Troubles and How We Can and Must Solve Them," urging community outreach in our inner cities.

Willis, speaking in the Marlins' clubhouse before a game this week, jarringly referred to blacks in baseball as a "dying breed." Then the natural optimist in him said, "I don't want to say dying breed, because we can do something to turn it around."

Willis, Sabathia and the Phillies' Jimmy Rollins, all from the San Francisco Bay Area, have brainstormed solutions, and one is getting black major-leaguers more and more involved. Willis, out of the spotlight, sends gear to his old high school and donates to local leagues. The Twins' Torii Hunter sponsors a league for black amateur teams.

They are battling a decline that has been too steady and too steep to be called cyclical or a temporary trend.

From Robinson's arrival in 1947, blacks in baseball increased gradually, steadily, reaching a peak of 28 percent of all players in 1975.

Since then the number has dwindled just as steadily. It is now 9 percent, based on Opening Day rosters. The sport is well represented by men of color if you include the many darker-skinned Latinos, but that doesn't mitigate the decline in black non-Hispanics.

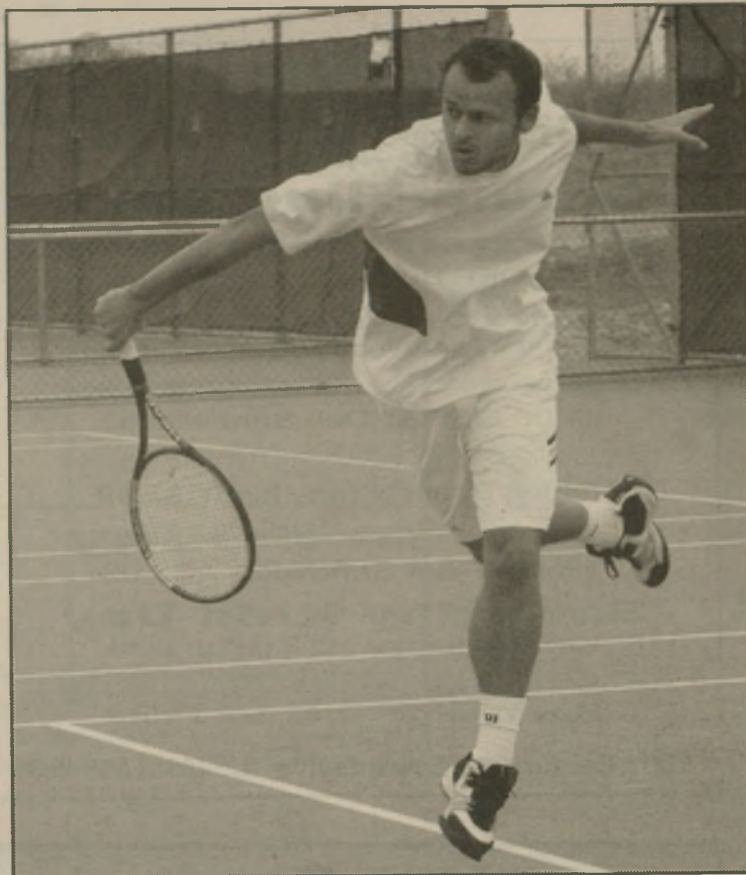
That 9 percent figure is all the more startling when you consider that blacks make up roughly 70 percent of NFL players and 80 percent in the NBA.

It took 12 years after Robinson suited up for the Brooklyn Dodgers, until 1959, before every team had at least one black player.

It might have shocked Robinson to know that, in 2007, not every team does. The Astros and Braves have none. Six other teams beside the Marlins have only one, including the flagship Yankees (Derek Jeter) and Red Sox (Coco Crisp). In all, 18 of 30 clubs have two or fewer blacks on their roster. No team has more than five.

Sunday's Dodgers-Padres game, the focal point of the national tribute, is likely to see no more than three blacks on the field, combined.

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Laura Lengyel/Alestle

SIUE junior Cheavalier Thibaud reaches to return during the Cougars' 5-0 loss to Drury University Saturday at the SIUE Tennis Courts.

Tennis teams shutout by Drury

Alestle Staff Report

The SIUE men's and women's tennis teams were both blanked in losses to Great Lakes Valley Conference frontrunner Drury University Saturday at the SIUE Tennis Courts.

The SIUE men suffered a 5-0 loss to the No.2 -ranked Panthers in their match. Ali Chaudhry dished out a 6-1, 6-3

defeat to SIUE freshman Zach Allison in No. 2 singles. Junior Mike Jolly fell to Drury's Jimmy Asp 6-1, 6-1 at the No.4 match.

In doubles, Nikola Prpic and Stefan Borg teamed up to trounce Allison and junior Thibaud Chevalier 8-3, while Chaudhry and Asp laced an 8-2 beating on Jolly and SIUE

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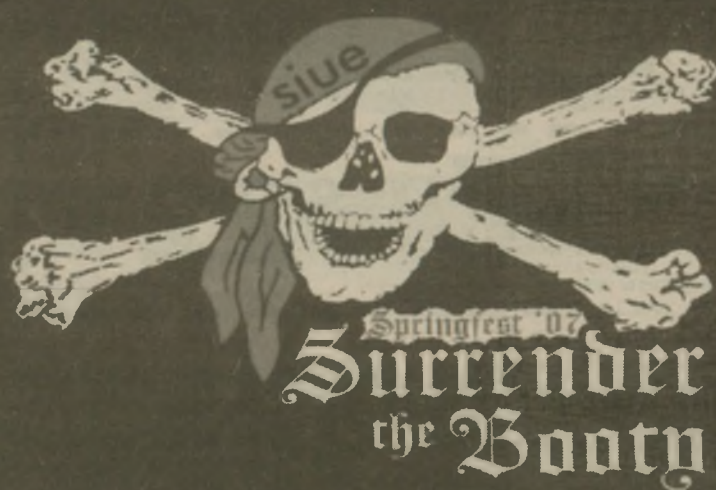
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In the nightcap, the Cougars would put runs on the board early. After a single, a walk and a batter hit by a pitch, senior first baseman Jim Grant sent a drive to centerfield that would drive in two runs. Grant tried to stretch the double to a triple and got thrown out at third, putting the Cougars up 2-0 after the first.

Senior pitcher Adam Tallman took the mound for the Cougars in game two and pitched five consecutive hitless innings. However, the Greyhounds got on the board due to a Cougar defensive lapse. The Greyhounds slowly chipped away at the Cougars lead

bringing the score to 2-1 after five.

In the top half of the sixth inning, the Cougars added another run when DalPozzo laid down a sacrifice bunt. Bunner doubled to left field and advanced over to third on a passed ball. He then scored on the same play when the Indy catcher made a throwing error. The Cougars led 4-1 after six.

Bunner is hitting .364 on the season with 19 runs batted in.

“(Bunner’s) had a good two weeks,” Collins said. “I hope I just don’t mess him up. I’m not trying to change it.”

The Cougar defense held

onto the lead with the help of some relief pitching. Tallman gained the victory bringing his record to 3-2, while junior Nick Taylor picked up his second save of the season.

“You can’t forget about Tallman’s performance in the second game,” Czyz said. “He is pitching at the caliber he is capable of.”

The Cougars will now look to a doubleheader against the Rockhurst University Hawks at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Kansas City, Mo.

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“The asset I think he has is that he is mobile and can block shots. He has great potential,” Forrester said. “He comes from a great, fundamentally-sound program at Edwardsville.”

Williams comes to SIUE to play for Mark Allaria, an assistant at Edwardsville last season and former assistant for the Cougars under former coach Marty Simmons. Allaria came back as an assistant at SIUE to coach under Forrester on Monday.

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Montgomery said she would look for Schlafke to take over when current shortstop Kaeleigh Rousey, a 5-foot-4-inch junior, graduates.

“She’s a lot like Rousey,” Montgomery said. “She’s got some great hands.”

Schlafke is the fifth recruit for the Cougars this season. SIUE picked up four new players in the fall, signing Erika Taylor, Lindsey Liermann, Christine Signore and Lindsay Longfellow in November.

SIUE competes in its final season at NCAA Division II status next season before

bumping up to the Division I level for the 2009 campaign.

“I think Kasey is a great indicator of our NCAA Division I recruiting future success,” Montgomery said. “She turned down several other opportunities, and we’re happy to have her join us.”

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sophomore Nicolas Garrison. Seniors Doug Kim and Eduardo DeLaCruz lost 8-2 to the Panther duo of Alexis Lluís and Antonio Garcia Santos at the No. 3 double.

The Cougar women did not fare much better in absorbing an 8-0 shutout to Drury. SIUE freshman Amanda Niebur put up a fight against Megan Blosser at

the No. 4 single, taking the first set 6-2, but eventually fell 2-6, 6-1, 7-6. Cougar sophomore Jayda Gleghorn also pushed her opponent, Lindsey Castrodale, to three sets before going down 6-0, 3-6, 6-3.

Drury swept the three doubles matches by a combined score of 24-3.

The SIUE men fell 10-10

overall and 2-3 in conference play. The Cougar women dropped to 9-11 and 2-3.

Next up, the Cougars tangle with Washington University for a non-conference match at 3 p.m. Wednesday in St. Louis.

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JACKIE ROBINSON

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The steady increase in Latino players, who now comprise 29 percent of big-league rosters, has been partly cause-and-effect on the decrease in non-Hispanic blacks. The rich baseball pipelines from Venezuela and the Dominican Republic in particular suggest that the trend will continue.

But it’s more than that. It cannot be a coincidence that the numbers of blacks in baseball began declining as opportunities for minorities increased in college football and basketball.

The latter-day rise and marketability of NBA stars, from Michael Jordan to Kobe Bryant to LeBron James and Dwyane Wade, has left baseball to pale by comparison in its appeal to most inner-city youth. You think LeBron getting that \$90 million Nike deal right out of high school might have encouraged a few kids to drop the hardball and pick up the bouncing ball?

Willis, who will not start on Sunday, contended that “baseball doesn’t promote its players enough” and also noted an economic factor that discourages those of modest means.

“All you need is a basketball and a crate. Or a football and an open field,” he said. “But in baseball you need all that expensive equipment.”

Look around and see that black participation in baseball is withering at the grass-roots level. Check out any Little League or high school game almost anywhere in the United States.

And only 6 percent of NCAA baseball players are black. Even some historically black colleges field baseball teams in which blacks are the minority; Bethune-Cookman is one, with only six among 30 players.

The gradual result – blacks now comprising fewer than one in 10 players at the sport’s highest level – means few big-

leaguers this weekend will appreciate what Jackie Robinson did, what he represents, in a way reserved for those players who feel like his ancestors. Like his blood.

“It’s American history; not just baseball,” Willis said of what happened on April 15, 1947. “It’s the reason I get to wear a uniform today. It’s bigger than the sport. Every time I put on the uniform I feel I owe it to them, the guys before me.”

Jackie Robinson was the first, but 60 years later, his is hardly the face of the sport when baseball looks in the mirror.

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- ACROSS
- 1 Swan lady

5 Anglican clergyman

10 Make cuts

14 Oracle's sign

15 Sun-dried brick

16 You said it, brother!

17 Song about a 1927 crossing

19 Rich soil

20 Natural balm

21 Smallest teams

23 Panasonic rival

24 __ Park, CO

26 Yellow bikini feature?

28 Board member

30 Rubs out

31 Ventilate

32 Less Italian

35 Wear away

36 Best Animated Feature Film Oscar winner

39 Like Batman and Robin

42 Swindle

43 Bikini bandeau

46 Puccini output

48 David of Pink Floyd

51 Join the jet set?

54 Seamstress

55 Snowy peak

56 Writer Morrison

57 London lock-up

58 Radar image

60 Cocktail order closer

64 Charged particles

65 Arab leader: var.

66 Barely got by

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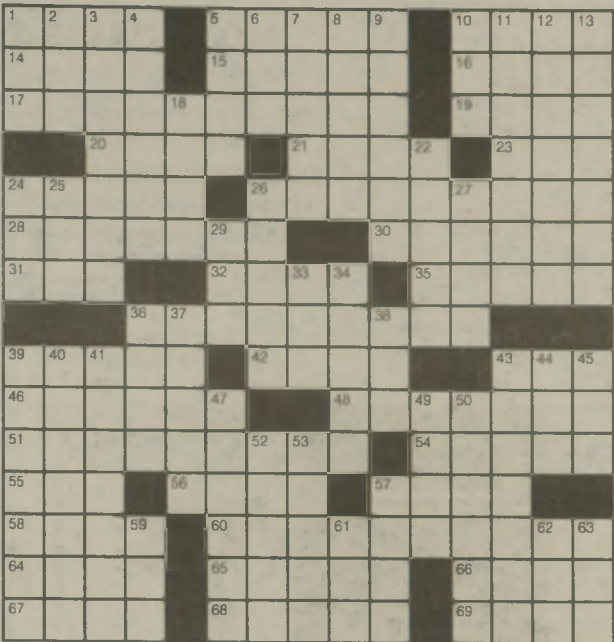
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2 Ostrich cousin

3 City near Atlanta

4 Low joints



- 5 Latin farewell

6 Despot Amin

7 Housing choice

8 Singer Paula

9 Couple oxen again

10 Buddy

11 Italian lover

12 Hit back

13 As a body

18 Brewers' manager Ned

22 Hindu garment: var.

24 Zeta follower

25 __ Lanka

26 Hatchery noise

27 Blow-gun ammo

29 HRE part

33 LIRR destination

34 Old enough

36 Consort of Zeus

37 Go with the flow
- 38 Brit. record co.

39 Dwell with another

40 Handsome men

41 __ up (energizing)

43 Curvilinear

44 Come to regret

45 LAX info letters

47 Decelerated

49 Future D.A.'s exam

50 Spoke cat

52 Jungian soul

53 Saltpeter

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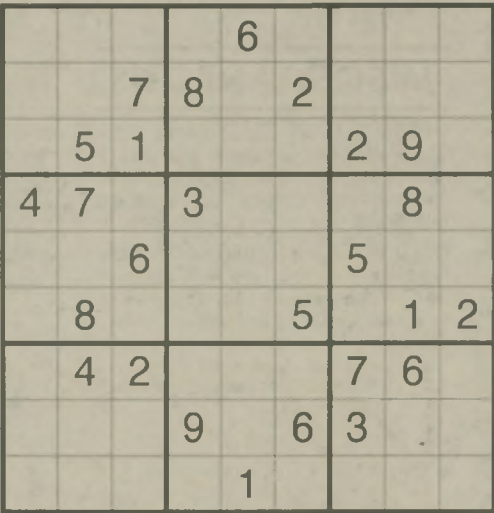
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63 6-pointers

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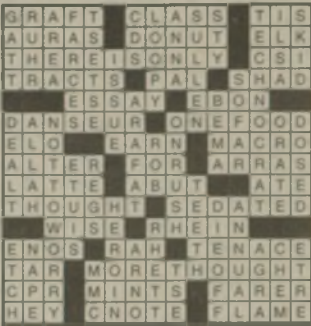
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A College Girl Named Joe

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Two Dudes

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