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Today, we are all Hokies

SIUE community mourns Virginia Tech victims

by **Holly Meyer**
Alestle News Reporter

SIUE students, faculty and staff circled the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge Wednesday to pay their respects to those affected by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University tragedy.

Everyone stood solemnly listening to the music and the speakers at the memorial observance. A few people wiped away the tears in their eyes and a few gave hugs to one another.

"I came to pay my respects to the victims and the community at Virginia Tech," graduate student Liz Stelter said.

For one SIUE student, the tragedy hit close to home.

"I have friends at Virginia Tech," senior Ashley Benedict said.

Benedict said her friends were not harmed but their friends were killed or injured.

"The RA was a good friend of a friend," Benedict said.

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Administration reviews security

by **Kevin Eagan**
Alestle News Reporter

In the aftermath of the Virginia Tech tragedy that left 33 students, including the gunman, dead Monday, SIUE officials are looking critically at current campus safety procedures.

Administration Vice Chancellor Kenneth Neher said the SIUE campus has an emergency response plan in place in the likelihood of a campus crisis, but after the events at Virginia Tech, SIUE is reviewing their security policies.

"(The Virginia Tech shootings) were definitely a teachable moment for SIUE," Neher said. "We are now reviewing the actions taken at Virginia Tech, and seeing if there are any needed changes in our own safety procedures."

In an e-mail sent Tuesday to students, staff and faculty, Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift addressed those concerned about safety.

"We, like many other campuses across the country, have emergency plans in place ... The

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Katy Hartwig/Alestle

Candles representing each person killed at Virginia Tech will remain lit in the Morris University Center for 33 days.

Students, faculty, staff and visitors gather for the memorial service Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.



School of Pharmacy prepares to make room for growth



Andy Rathnow/Alestle
First-year pharmacy student **Matthew Carlson** fills a syringe during a practical exam Wednesday.

by **Catherine Klene**
Alestle News Reporter

The School of Pharmacy will receive much-needed additional space as renovations begin on 200 University Park this summer.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Planning and Administration Richard Walker said the School of Pharmacy will operate out of three University Park buildings in fall 2007. These buildings include the School of Pharmacy Lab, the Technology and Research Center and 200 University Park.

Walker said newly available space in 200 University Park will be renovated into additional faculty offices and a new student lounge. The building

also houses Textbook Services and the current pharmacy classrooms and office spaces.

"The classroom and office building is a multitenant building," Walker said. "One of those tenants (Gateway Medical Research Center) is moving out in July, and that gave us an opportunity to renovate that space into faculty offices and a student lounge."

The student lounge will provide space for pharmacy students waiting between classes or working on group projects.

"It's a place for students to go that will have a lot of electrical outlets," Walker said.

Other features include wireless Internet, many small group tables, a

microwave and refrigerator.

In addition to the new space in 200 University Park, additional classroom space was added in the Technology and Management Center for the fall 2007 semester.

"It already exists," Walker said. "Except for a few chairs, it's ready for them to move in."

According to Walker, the need for new space sprung from a change in the pharmacy program. When it began two years ago, the pharmacy program placed the students on campus for two years, and then working off campus for the next two years.

The revised program now requires

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Police Reports

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Police issued Bradley Lavite a citation for disobeying a stop sign on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Diana Campbell a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Amanda Bahr-Evola a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Kaitlyn Schmidt a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Eric Nauman a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

Police issued Jennifer Flores a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police responded to a report of a stolen weed-eater on the grounds of Alton Campus.

Police issued Kody Montgomery a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Pamela Deckard a citation for disobeying a stop sign on South University Drive.

Police issued Sheena Stegmann a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police took a walk-in report of a stolen hangtag in Lot 4C.

Police issued Dennis Lobato a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Alison Stach a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Ryan McTigue a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Nicholas Simmons a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

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Police arrested Blake McKinney for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor after McKinney was caught throwing a bottle and breaking it near Cougar Village Building 515. McKinney was also charged with unlawful cannabis possession of less than 2.5 grams. McKinney posted \$100 bond and was released.

Police took a walk-in report of items stolen from an apartment the night before.

4-15

Police arrested Lowell Goins for reckless driving on South University Drive. Goins posted \$200 bond and was released, but was also issued citations for drag racing, reckless driving and disobeying a stop sign.

Police issued Eric Baker a citation for drag racing on South University Drive.

Police arrested Jayla Shidler for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Police arrested Robert Carwile and for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor at Prairie Hall. Carwile posted \$100 bond and was released.

Police arrested Katie Hasler for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor at Prairie Hall. Hasler was given a notice to appear.

Holidays provide chance to celebrate the environment

by Zach Groves
Alestle News Reporter

With Earth Day and Arbor Day taking place within a week of each other, SIUE and the Edwardsville community are putting their green thumbs to work.

The Watershed Nature Center is hosting a volunteer workday and open house at 1591 Tower Ave. Saturday, the day before Earth Day.

From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., volunteers can mulch trails and fight off unwelcome plants, according to a flier from the center.

Meanwhile, the Gardens at SIUE will continue the environment awareness and preservation efforts with its own volunteer work opportunity and open house Saturday, April 28, the day after Arbor Day.

The volunteer portion runs from 8 a.m. to noon and the open house takes place from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers maintain the area's trees and plants and visitors learn about the importance of a natural environment at the event, according to SIUE Gardens Director Doug Conley.

"There will be some educational demonstrations, like how to plant a tree," Conley said.

Conley also said while the

Gardens celebrated Earth Day in 2006, the participants did not want to compete with the Edwardsville-based nature center this year.

"We decided it was more appropriate with Arbor Day," Conley said.

Conley said he expects a larger crowd from the decision, including more than 50 volunteers.

Arbor Day stems from a Nebraska journalist and politician, Julius Sterling Morton, who wanted to improve the Nebraskan landscape with multiple tree plantings, according to www.arbor-day.net. Morton first accomplished that April 10, 1872, with more than a million trees planted, leading to a national Arbor Day in 1885.

The late former senator and longtime conservationist Gaylord Nelson brought Earth Day into existence in 1970 during a time when anti-war demonstrations were popular.

Nelson ran multiple campaigns through government offices and many newspapers and magazines that catered to elementary schools nationwide.

"An estimated 20 million people participated in peaceful demonstrations all across the country," Nelson said, according

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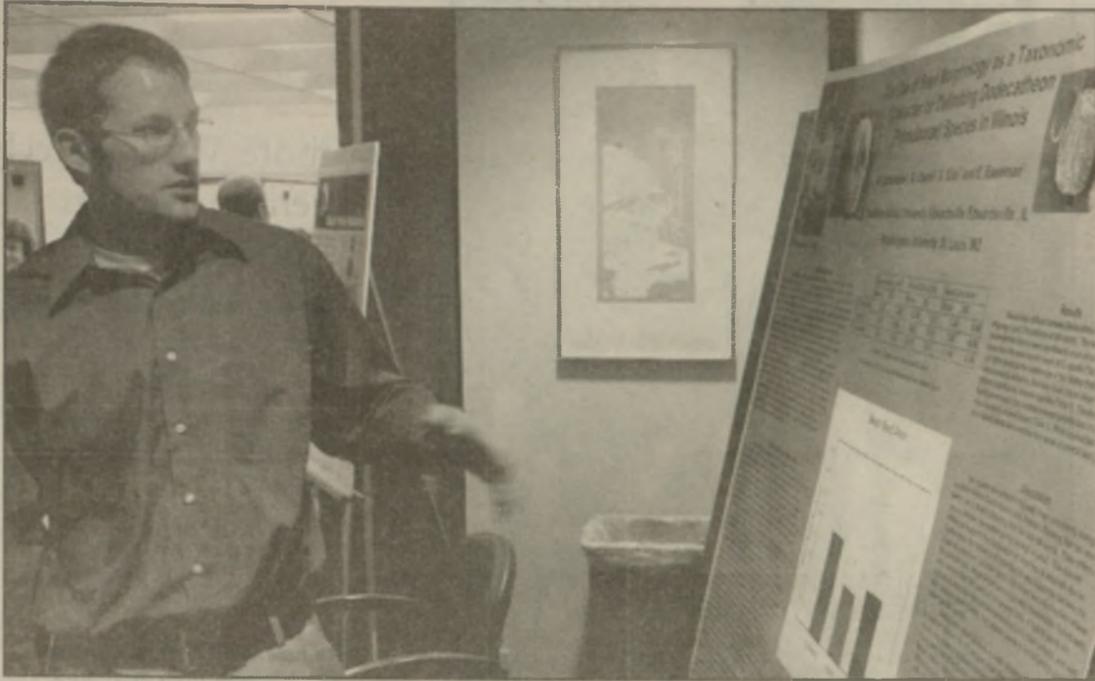
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Senior biology major Robert Brammeier explains his project at the Senior Project Showcase Monday.

Showcase showdown

Seniors present research, projects at first-ever Senior Project Showcase

by Kyle Wiese
Alestle News Reporter

To celebrate SIUE being in the top 15 Senior Capstone Experiences in "U.S. News and World Report's Americas Best Colleges 2007" magazine, the school hosted the first Senior Project Showcase.

The event consisted of several different presentations and displays in the areas of Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Humanities, Science and Math and Social Sciences.

One presentation consisted of developing a system of communication between robots that can aid in attempts of search and rescue.

Ross Mead from the Computer Science Department gave a presentation titled "Impromptu Teams of Heterogeneous Robots" that gives a simple goal of developing robot communication.

"The main goal is to develop a system for heterogeneous robots to share information to achieve a common goal," Mead said. "Communication is the key."

According to Mead, this can be attained by organizing information in a structural way similar to a sentence. The information would be presented in the form of a subject, a predicate and an object.

Other presentations consisted of elaborate displays in chemistry and biology with subjects ranging from the effects of solvents to synthesis.

This event is one SIUE hopes to have annually to allow students to showcase their knowledge and work from their capstone experience.

"I would say that the event was a tremendous success, but I hope that next year we can do even more," physics professor Rebecca Lindell said.

According to Lindell, over 50 students participated and approximately 250 door prizes were handed out.

Between the morning and afternoon events, participants ate lunch in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom and listened to guest speaker chemistry professor Mike Shaw. Shaw spoke about the importance of undergrad research and his own experiences.

Professors within the SIUE community judged the projects; however, SIUE alum Jerilyn Hassard from the Modjeski Masters Incorporated engineering firm also judged.

"All of the judges said that it was extremely difficult to choose winners in all of the categories," Lindell said.

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2007 Senior Project Showcase Awards

Education Poster:
Brandy Olroyd, Department of Speech Education & Communication Disorders

Engineering Presentation:
Ross Mead, Department of Computer Engineering

Fine Arts Dance Presentation:
Audrey Siermon

Humanities Presentation:
Jeremy Koren, Brian Montgomery, Yashi Rice and Mychal Voorhees, Department of Speech Communication

Science & Math Poster:
Tim Heden, Department of Kinesiology

Social Sciences Poster:
Jenna Walters, Tiara Blackwood, Lauren Weiseman and Jennifer Staplins, Department of Psychology

Sigma Xi Awards
Jeff Crisman, Department of Chemistry
Brad Duthie, Department of Biological Sciences

Poster:
Jenna Walters, Tiara Blackwood, Lauren Weiseman and Jennifer Staplins, Department of Psychology

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Jenna Walters, Tiara Blackwood, Lauren Weiseman and Jennifer Staplins, Department of Psychology

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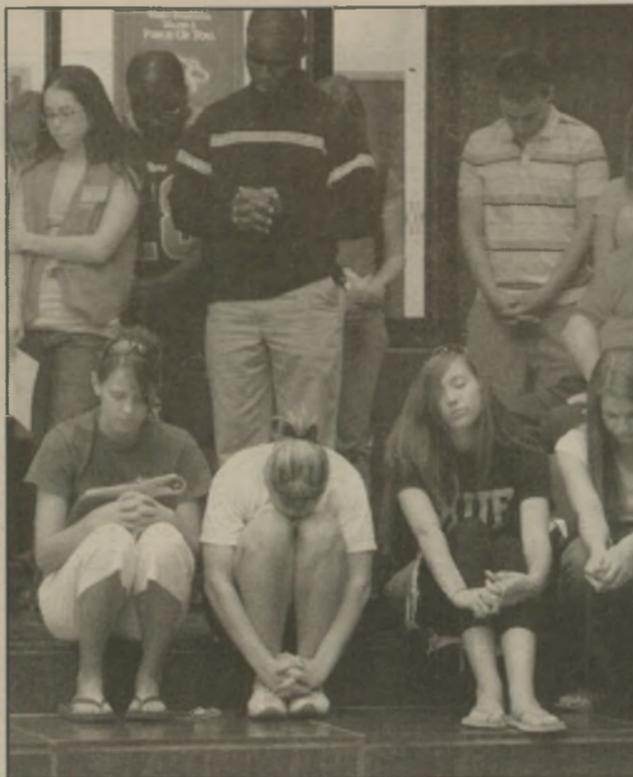


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Students bow their heads in prayer during the Virginia Tech memorial service Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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The Resident Assistant was victim Ryan Clark, 22, who was shot at West Ambler Johnston Hall.

"As a campus we feel the pain, suffering and loss of our colleagues and peers," Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel said. "Heartfelt prayers and wishes to the family and community to find strength in fond memories of the students, faculty and staff."

Speakers at the memorial observance were Emmanuel, Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, Student Government President-elect Laurie Estilette and Chaplain of United Campus Ministry the Rev. Paul Burden.

At the observance, harpist Joan Witte performed "You Raise Me Up" and the SIUE Concert Choir sang "In Remembrance."

Candles were lit in honor of the 33 deceased.

To close, Provost Paul Ferguson spoke as part of the

program known as "contemplation."

Members of the SIUE community also have the opportunity to show their support to Virginia Tech in another way.

At the Religious Center, Sr. Claudia Calzetta, the Catholic Campus Ministry director, said she started a remembrance book and lit a candle for the Virginia Tech community.

"There is a reason for everything," Calzetta said. "This is evil. We need to replace the evil with love."

Students are invited to come to the Religious Center and write a short message in the remembrance book to the Virginia Tech community.

"I didn't know what to write," senior art major Laura Karban said. "There is nothing you can say."

Even though Karban did not know what to tell the community

of Virginia Tech, she said she could not just stand by.

"You have to do something," Karban said. "They need all of our love and support. If it could happen there, it could happen here."

Junior elementary education major Matt Thorpe also signed the remembrance book.

"I walked in and I saw the memorial candle and the memorial book," Thorpe said. "Signing it seemed like the right thing to do."

Thorpe said he did not know what to think about the shootings.

"I think it is terrible that so much potential was destroyed," Thorpe said. "I don't understand how someone would be able to kill that many people. I'm just as stunned as everyone else is."

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safety of our faculty, staff and students will continue to be the highest priority for SIUE," Vandegrift said.

Neher plans to send out a second e-mail that will address security concerns and give students, staff and faculty more detailed information on safety and emergency procedures.

For now, Neher said those concerned about safety on campus can review the SIUE safety Web site at siue.edu/SAFETY to find information on what to do in a campus emergency.

"Everybody should review the safety site and follow the advice given," Neher said.

Neher said that even with more security on campus, students need to exercise caution.

"SIUE is a large campus in a physical sense, so it would be difficult to secure the whole campus at all times. We live in an open society, so there are no guarantees," Neher said.

Currently, the SIUE Police Department, the first responders in an emergency situation on campus, has plans in place to protect students in the event of a campus shooting.

SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said campus officers are trained for incidents similar to the Virginia Tech shootings.

"We have a rapid response program that all of our officers are trained for," Schmoll said.

All SIUE officers go through a two-day intensive training program provided by the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission. During the training program, officers participate in hostile intruder scenarios designed to mimic a school shooting.

SILEC Deputy Director Bill Fitzgerald said the school shooting training uses a simulated school setting with volunteer students from the local community.

Fitzgerald said the

simulation is designed to be as real as possible.

"We try to make it feel like a real situation in order to prepare police officers for the worst. We use real guns with FX simulations," which are wax bullets used in training scenarios, Fitzgerald said.

SILEC hosts training programs for a majority of Southwestern Illinois police departments, Fitzgerald said.

For students still worried about campus security and safety, Neher said university officials try to find a balance between security and independence for students.

"I sympathize with Virginia Tech, because no systems are foolproof," Neher said. "Especially at our own campus, it is sometimes difficult to provide safety and security without creating a lockdown environment."

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three years on campus and one year of off-campus work.

"I think it's a good advantage for students to be able to have that third year of instruction on campus with the pharmacy faculty and to be involved in some of their research," Walker said.

With 80 students in each pharmacy class, the School of Pharmacy will handle 240 students in the 2007 fall semester. Walker said the renovations will provide one-third more lounge space for students and additional office space for more faculty.

First-year pharmacy students Jessica Brandmeyer, Halley Connor and Nicole Repking said they were excited to hear about the renovations.

"We need more room," Brandmeyer said. "More places to study quietly."

Brandmeyer said currently there are only three small, conference-like rooms for the students to use between classes.

"These are the places you go if you just want quiet," Brandmeyer said.

Connor said pharmacy students benefit from the conference rooms when working on group assignments.

"If they're going to assign group projects, they need to have more spaces like these," Connor said.

Repking said she was looking forward to more classroom space, adding that large classes and tight space can make test taking difficult.

"With 80 people in one room, it's close quarters," Repking said.

Walker said the renovation projected could cost up to 450,000, but he thinks it will be lower. Once the designs have been created, a more accurate

cost estimate can be established.

Walker explained the money to renovate the space will come from the remainder of a loan taken out three years ago to pay for the Pharmacy Buildings' construction. The money to pay back the loan will come from the central income fund, tuition money generated by pharmacy students.

"It's by the students, for the students," Walker said.

Walker said he is currently waiting for the design proposals, and as soon as Gateway Medical Research leaves in July, renovations can begin.

The project is expected to take two months to complete, and Walker said faculty and students should have full use of the facilities shortly after classes begin in fall 2007.

"We hope to have the contracts awarded and ready for the contractors to start ... as soon as they can in July," Walker said.

"If they start mid-July, mid-September, it'll be done."

Walker said the renovation project should accommodate all the School of Pharmacy's needs for awhile.

"This is the final piece of the pharmacy renovation and construction project and it should serve the needs of pharmacy students until a health sciences building is built," Walker said.

No date is set on when the health sciences building will begin design or construction. Walker said a new science building and a new library will be constructed before a health sciences building. All three are contingent on Illinois state funding.

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the Washington staff story.

"Ten thousand grade schools and high schools, 2,000 colleges and 1,000 communities were involved ... that was the remarkable thing that became Earth Day."

The effort paved the way for new legislation, including the reation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act.

In 1990, more than 200 million people worldwide celebrated Earth Day's 20th anniversary through activities to keep the world clean.

SIUE residents may recycle their trash according to paper, plastic and aluminum can categories. Additionally, students can find recycling bins for newspapers and plastic bottles in the Morris University Center and aluminum recycling cans outside near trashcans. There are other recycling locations in Edwardsville and Glen Carbon as

well as places in Madison County, according to the SIUE Environment Web site.

College of Arts and Sciences faculty and staff recently based their Spring Colloquia on environmental problems through panels and sessions to further promote awareness.

Even if students, faculty or staff cannot volunteer on the two national environment awareness days, Conley said they can help out with the Gardens at SIUE anytime.

"We are always looking for folks to maintain the Gardens and the planting of new gardens and plants," Conley said.

For more information, contact Conley at 650-3788 or by e-mail at doconley@siue.edu. Students looking to work at the Watershed Nature Center can call 692-7578 or e-mail the organization at watershed@cityofedwardsville.com.

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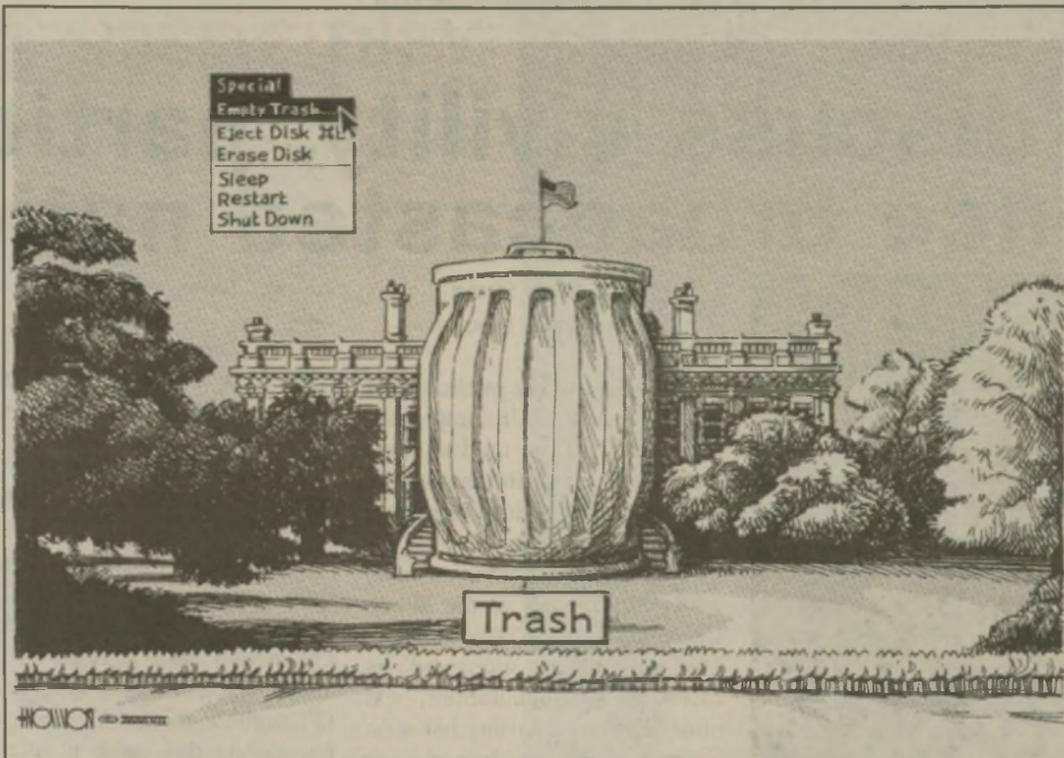
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Campus unity will deliver us from disaster

In a moving display, students approached the table in the center of the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. The emotions reached a tear-jerking crescendo as the final candle was lit. At that moment, these students, and the many onlookers who surrounded the table, the Edwardsville campus became one with the Virginia Tech campus.



Matthew Schroyer

We were reminded of the selflessness of 76-year-old engineering professor Liviu Librescu, who was killed while barricading the door to his classroom. An ironic tragedy was that Librescu was a Holocaust survivor, and that Monday was Holocaust Remembrance Day. As it also

happens, the VT motto is "Ut Prosim," meaning "That I May Serve." This is a motto that Librescu embodied in his final act of service, when he bought students time to scramble out of windows and take cover.

Even though VT is more than 645 miles from SIUE, we share a common bond. VT, SIUE and all other institutions of higher learning live on principles of thoughtfulness and compassion. It is a haunting prospect that the killing could have happened at SIUE or any other university, but it is a prospect that cannot be ignored. Librescu's classroom could have been any of SIUE's.

Long after the chill down the collective spine of universities gives way to a somber remembrance, the events at VT will be still be examined. Some politicians may use it to debate new gun laws. Some might point to violence in video games.

Others still will talk of reforming security strategies.

The problem with all these debates is they only treat symptoms; they aren't cures. People will find ways to kill without guns. People will find the will to kill even without digital violence. Weak spots in security, and we will give up inalienable freedoms if we give "Big Brother" the green light.

What is truly needed is for universities to look at counseling, and for the students to gain a sense of campus unity and friendship - especially toward those who are most distressed.

While it is certain that people around Cho Seung-Hui, including classmates, roommates, professors and counselors tried to reach out to him, it is unclear if anyone could have pulled him from the brink. But, that should not serve as an excuse for giving up on the distraught, or a reason to avoid students in the midst of

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Correction: In the "VP-elect impeachment papers filed" in the April 17 edition of the Alestle, Kyle Wiese was incorrectly identified as the reporter. The article was actually written by Holly Meyer

The Alestle regrets this error.

mental and social crises.

We, meaning the student body, should step back and examine how we get along with each other, and if there is room to improve. No doubt the beautiful ceremony that took place proves that there can be a united community. It's up to us to maintain that unity, and look out for one another long after the 33 candles are extinguished.

Jack Levin, a professor of sociology and criminology at Northeastern University and special guest on Paula Zahn's CNN show "Paula Zahn Now," said it best:

"We should be caring about people who are troubled long before they become troublesome."

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Your privacy is on-the-line at SIUE

I am writing this letter to ask the students of SIUE to take a minute of their time and take a look at pull-down menu at the top of the SIUE's Webpage. Click on the "SIUE (Google)" menu and below it you will see "SIUE Students." Now, type in the name of a girl in your class. I'm willing to bet that not only did her name come up, but her address, phone number and e-mail address, as well.

Since transferring here last summer, I have been asking students in my classes if they know that their address and telephone information is on the SIUE Web site. I'd say 4 out of 5 did not know, and most of those who did know were not aware

that it could be taken off.

Last year, I spoke with the Dean of Students about this issue and was informed that SIUE was well within their legal rights to post this information on their Web site. This is true; the law allows them to post your address and phone number to a public Web site.

SIUE posts all students' information at time of registration. In order to remove your information from SIUE's site, you have to fill out a "Directory Hold Information" form before May 25. According to Admissions' FAQ Web site, a student must "complete a directory hold by the end of the second week of fall term to avoid publication in the printed directory, which is published once a year in October." Hmm, did you know that your name,

address and telephone information was printed, too?

Here's my problem: not every student is aware that their address and phone number is viewable by the 100-plus sex offenders in the area, and anyone with Internet access. Students should start asking SIUE to reverse its policy of blatantly posting your information on a publicly accessible Web site and move it to CougarNet. Ask SIUE to add a section to the admissions form where the student (or parent) can select what information they want posted, if any. This way, all students (even transfers) will be accountable for what is posted and printed. Why is this important? Well, besides the fact that we do not post our addresses or phone numbers on MySpace or Facebook for very obvious reasons, the SIUE

Student Directory coupled with a 10-minute dumpster dive behind the residence halls could yield enough information to destroy your credit and keep you from getting a job with the government, receive a research grant or buy a home. Or worse.

Let's just say that coming from a person who was once a victim of identity theft, there is not a reason in the world why you need your address and phone number made public. So, ask SIUE to take it down and follow the lead of other Division I schools by allowing you to choose what is posted and what is not.

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Senior
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Faculty discuss civility, participate in conference broadcasted nationwide



Katy Hartwig/Alestle

Holding doors open for others became one of the subjects of discussion for a national audio conference on campus civility.

by Lindsay Stuart
Alestle Sports Reporter

With the recent public acts of incivility on the SIUE campus, the SIUE staff felt the need to make students aware of the importance of courtesy and kindness on college campuses everywhere.

SIUE participated in an audio conference Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Willow Room. The conference, sponsored by PaperClip Communications, was titled "Exploring Civility Issues on Campus" and addressed the problem with the discourtesy that college students nationwide show.

The conference was broadcast nationally, and any university could log in to listen. About 20 people were in attendance, mostly SIUE professors.

The panelists included George Washington University Student Association Executive Vice President Josh Lasky, Columbia University Residential Programs Associate Director Carolyn O'Laughlin and Colorado State University Campus Life Executive Director Anne G. Hudgens. Each took turns presenting their views on student incivility and the general lack of respect for professors, peers and those they encounter around them.

The conference began by acknowledging Monday's massacre at Virginia Tech and giving their condolences to the university and friends and loved ones. They went on to explain that the incident was another example of how important civility is and how rarely it is used

among some college students today.

O'Laughlin began the conference talking about the response of students to public acts of discourteousness. She stated that sometimes students take an apathetic approach, while other times they are outraged.

"We need to harvest energy from acts of incivility to move forward and reach our goals," O'Laughlin said. "Civility is all about being a good neighbor," O'Laughlin said. "We need to incorporate the 'We're all in this together' idea."

She went on to explain how important it is for students to treat their neighbors with respect and courtesy.

"It's like a roommate contract for your entire floor," O'Laughlin said.

According to O'Laughlin, one way to introduce civility training was to incorporate it in resident assistant instruction.

"My RAs think I'm crazy, but I use children's books in their training," she said. "I find that they provide great examples of courtesy and consideration."

She also suggested that schools integrate civility training into their freshmen orientations.

Lasky also had ideas about helping college students learn the importance of manners.

"When someone does something nice for you, it inspires you to do good works for someone else and that will inspire your recipient and so on," Lasky said. "We're not trying to force people

to be civil, we just want them to know how important it is to treat other people with courtesy."

Lasky began his quest for campus civility by writing an editorial for his college newspaper titled "Hold the Door," which implored people to do common courtesy things such as holding the door for people who are a few steps behind you. He received such good feedback that he started the "Hold the Door" campaign.

The issue of civility has become a major problem with today's young adults. Research shows that college students today are much more narcissistic than their predecessors.

"We need to stop endlessly repeating 'You're special' and having children repeat that back," the study's lead author, Professor Jean Twenge of San Diego State University, said on a CBS News release. "Kids are self-centered enough already."

Twenge, along with four other psychologists, conducted a study testing the level of self-centeredness of today's students. They handed out tests called the Narcissistic Personality Inventory, which asked students to respond to statements like "If I ruled the world, it would be a better place," "I think I am a special person" and "I can live my life any way I want to." Their findings showed that two-thirds of the students that took the test got above average scores, a 30 percent increase from 1982.

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- Josh Lasky,
George Washington University student

Springfest provides students with entertainment between classes

by Sarah Byer
Alestle News Reporter

The Stratton Quadrangle was flooded Wednesday with students, faculty and staff who were all out in the sunshine for a good time at Springfest.

This event was called the organizations fair, and live music, bake sales, treasure hunts, prizes, food and free stuff could all be found outside and will all be there again Thursday.

Sophomore Billy Krause was running the karaoke table.

"I'm trying to get anyone who comes remotely near this table to sing," Krause said.

Junior Justin Montgomery of Alpha Kappa Lambda was out showing his spirit with his fellow fraternity brothers with a different type of carnival game.

"Some places like Six Flags have games where they lay out plates and you

take a ball and have to break a certain amount of plates," Montgomery said.

The AKL booth was set up similar to a dunking booth, where students can throw tennis balls at plastic plates. Two hits with three throws wins a prize, candy, badminton racquets, kites and more. There was no charge for this game.

Montgomery said the game was free because not everyone carries cash and AKL just wanted everyone who came out to have a good time.

Candle making, sponsored by 62 Sports Group, was also available for free.

The candles were made with a small glass container and a mixture of tiny wax bits.

The wax in sophomore Lauren Smith's candle was red, black and white.

"It's Cougar colors!" Smith said.

While all of the festivities were taking place, students were wandering around checking everything out.

Junior Kory Dickerson was excited to

be in among the fun.

"Free stuff is always good," Dickerson said.

While many students know what Springfest is about, some were not so sure why they were there.

"I have no idea what any of this is about," sophomore Nathan Stuller said.

Despite his confusion, he still thought the organizations fair was a hit.

"I think it's a fun thing, it gets attention and it gives people something to do between classes."

This week-long chain of events was not always called Springfest; in the 1960s it was called Spring Festival.

While several students will scramble for "booty" this week, in 1961 SIUE students were running for Spring Festival king and queen.

The biggest event of the "southern springtime" themed week was the Spring Festival Dance. It was rumored to simulate a southern ballroom atmosphere, and

tickets were \$2.50.

On Thursday, there will be a canoe filled with a giant banana split. In 1961, there was an ice cream social with homemade cake and ice cream for 25 cents.

Other events included fireworks, band concerts, faculty auctions, a street dance and a softball game of faculty vs. students.

In 1961, the big event may have been a dance, however this year the big event is a party. Friday Night Party in the park is the big thing for this year, according to Campus Life Assistant Director Michelle King.

The event will take place in Edwardsville City Park from 6 p.m. to midnight.

King said local restaurants will be selling food, there will be a battle of the bands, prizes will be given out and there will also be airbrushed tattoos.

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'Big Love' brings big twist on a classic play

by **Kathy Ferrero**
Alestle Reporter

It's time for the tomato test. "Big Love" Director and Theater and Dance Department Professor Chuck Harper hurries backstage and stops to face a man with a fat red tomato.

"OK. I'm ready," Harper says.

The man drops the tomato. It explodes.

"Woo!" Harper says. The man notes the perfect time to microwave the tomatoes.

Smashed tomatoes, hidden knives and cutting dialogue are part of "Big Love," an outrageous play about how the sexes view each other and their separate takes on love, Harper says.

Based on Aeschylus' "The Suppliant Women," "Big Love" tells of 50 brides who flee from an arranged marriage and take refuge in Italy. Their fiancés find them and they face an awful decision.

The play forms a theatrical collage, Harper said.

"It'll go from one thing to another without really feeling the need to explain why one second it's a classical Greek argument, and the next minute it's karaoke of a 1950s Lesley Gore tune."

During rehearsal, the enraged Thyona opens a wedding gift, takes out a teddy bear, throws it down and sings "You Don't Own Me" as she stomps on it. But "Big Love" is not all about rage.

"In the middle of this play – which is just outrageous and weird and funky – there's what I think is maybe the best love scene that's ever been written," Harper said. "It's so sweet."

In one scene, Lydia and Nikos realize their feelings for each other.

"Sometimes people don't want to fall in love," Lydia said. "Because when you love someone, it's too late to set conditions."

Senior theater performance major Adam Betz plays Nikos. His character struggles between affection for Lydia and his brothers' machismo. Betz even bruised his hip in one scene.

"In this really weird scene the guys

are yelling about all the things that drive them crazy about women and slamming themselves into the floor as hard as they can," Harper said.

As the brothers slam on the floor, they vent about trying to be real men and not understanding the opposite sex.

"They diet too much. They hate themselves. They blame the men. The men hate them," Constantine said. "It's a vicious circle."

In another scene, Constantine mocks Thyona's unwillingness to marry.

"Tomorrow will take today by force, whether you like it or not," Constantine said. "Time itself is an act of rape."

The brides' predicament in "Big Love" hints at a larger issue, Harper said.

"It's also about political refugees," he said. "Whose responsibility is it to take care of people who don't have anyone to take care of them? The Greeks used theater to stir up the same exact debate that we have in this country right now – immigration"

While the brides get backed into a corner, Lydia considers the big picture. Lydia, played by junior theater performance major Jordan Villines, reclined on a seat in a sequined wedding gown just before rehearsal. She remembered crying when she learned she got the part.

So far Lydia has taught her that, of all the opinions people surround you with, your opinion matters most.

"It's a choice. You can choose not to love," Villines said. "No one can make the right decision for you. You've got to make it yourself."

"Big Love" shows at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Dunham Hall Theater. It runs approximately 90 minutes and is intended for mature audiences. The Charles Mee play can be viewed at www.charlesmee.org/html/big_love.html. For tickets, call the Fine Arts Box Office at 650-2774.

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The cast of "Big Love" runs through the play during a rehearsal. The play opens Thursday.

Annual Celebrating Abilities race hopes to raise awareness of students with disabilities

by **Kathy Ferrero**
Alestle Reporter

Sometimes you should because you can.

Approximately 200 runners, walkers and wheelchair participants have registered for the Celebrating Abilities 6th Annual 5K Sunday in Edwardsville, according to event committee member Shirley Lodes.

The cost for SIUE students is \$5 and \$10 for non-students who register in Disability Support Services by Friday. On race day, the cost goes up to \$10 for SIUE

students and \$15 for non-students. The fee includes a T-shirt.

The event is sponsored in part by SIUE's Disability Support Services and New Horizons, a student organization that supports disabled people.

"This race is important to students on campus and to the community of Edwardsville to help them better understand that not all students at the college are the same," New Horizons Vice President and junior Joseph Avellone said. "Yet with the help of organizations like New Horizons and DSS, students with disabilities can fulfill their academic careers

just as easily as able-bodied students."

The race showcases the abilities that students like Avellone do have, according to DSS Director Jane Floyd-Hendey. "This is more for awareness than to make money," she said.

Last year's race brought in more than \$700, Lodes said. All race profits supplement DSS for programs like the annual wheelchair basketball games, she said.

The Celebrating Abilities 5K begins at 7:55 a.m. for wheelchair racers and 8 a.m. for runners and walkers. It's open to all ages. Top female and male wheelchair

racers and top female and male runners all receive awards. Medals also go to the top three finishers in each division.

The race starts and ends at the Madison County Transit Center on North Main Street and Hillsboro Avenue in Edwardsville. The route, which winds through historical neighborhoods, is about 3.1 miles, Lodes said.

For more information about the race, call Floyd-Hendey at 650-3782 or Lodes at 650-3726.

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SIUE splits series with Rockhurst



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SIUE junior first baseman Steve Doll makes a catch as Rockhurst's Steve Braun runs to first base during Game 2 of their doubleheader April 12 at Roy Lee Field. The teams split a doubleheader on Tuesday.

by Matthew Bruce
Alestle Sports Editor

Errors plagued the SIUE baseball team in a 5-2 loss to Rockhurst University in Game 1 of their doubleheader at Loyola Park in Kansas City, Mo., Tuesday.

But senior second baseman Michael DalPozzo spelled relief for the Cougars, providing the clutch hit with a two-out RBI double in the ninth inning to propel SIUE to a 3-2 victory in the nightcap.

DalPozzo stepped to the plate with the teams knotted at two and freshman Brent Rynearson representing the go-ahead run at third base. DalPozzo sent a shot to left center field to bring Rynearson and give the Cougars the win.

"It was a big hit," SIUE Head Coach Gary Collins said. "We were struggling to

score the whole day. We left a bunch of people on base, we couldn't seem to get a key hit at a key time and finally we got a key hit." Rockhurst first baseman Dan Hunter struck first blood for the Hawks in the second inning, blasting a two-run home run to left field off SIUE left-hander Patrick Keller.

But Keller and the rest of the SIUE pitching staff settled down, holding Rockhurst to zero runs and just one hit the rest of the way.

Junior shortstop Cory Bunner hit a sacrifice pop up in the fifth inning that drove in freshman Dustin Brooks to put SIUE on the board. Fellow junior Steve Doll jacked an RBI double in the sixth to tie the score. The teams went scoreless until DalPozzo's late heroics.

Junior lefty Cody Litteken collected the win,

improving to 3-0 on the year, tossing a pair of shutout innings in relief.

"In the second game, at least we bounced back and got a win in extra innings," Collins said. "Our bullpen did an outstanding job the second game. The bullpen was really good.

"We didn't quit, but we sure didn't play in the first game," Collins said.

SIUE got the day going with some shoddy defense in a Great Lakes Valley Conference affair. The Hawks scored all of their runs off five SIUE errors. Rockhurst crossed home plate four times in the first three innings off four Cougar miscues.

"We didn't show up in the first game," Collins said. "We had a ton (of errors) and we gave them all five runs. Every run was unearned.

"If I had to put my finger

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Rain, rain, go away

SIUE teams dealing with some of worst spring season weather in recent history

by Matthew Bruce
Alestle Sports Editor

It's been a treacherous spring season for the SIUE sports teams, with a myriad of cancellations and postponements because of cold and rainy weather conditions.

Seven games were called off over the weekend and the men's and women's track and field teams had their meet at the Illinois Invitational postponed for two days.

"This year has been the worst of my career, no question," 19-year SIUE Softball Head Coach Sandy Montgomery, whose team has cancelled 13 games so far this season, said. "It's been unbelievable. We've played in rain, we've played in cold, we've played in wind and we've played in snow. We played in snow in Georgia. There's something wrong with that."

The softball team was scheduled to compete in five games last Saturday and Sunday at the Northwest Missouri State Tournament in Maryville, Mo., but the tournament was washed away with rain. The Cougars played through a snowstorm in its season-opening weekend in Carrollton, Ga.

"I don't know if it's affected us, but it's certainly something that concerns me," Montgomery said. "We only have eight games

left in our regular season. I tried to find a game this week even and I couldn't find one to make it up. I don't like going into really important games without having some continuity in play."

The SIUE baseball team saw a doubleheader against Rockhurst University Saturday canceled due to inclement weather. It was the first called games for the baseball team this season.

"We've only lost the two, but we've played in some really bad weather," 29-year SIUE Baseball Head Coach Gary Collins said. "I'd say it's one of the stranger years. We've had some other bad years along the way. In 1993, I think it rained every weekend and we only got 37 games in that year. But as far as just extreme differences, this is one of the most extreme."

The bad weather has also plagued the men's and women's tennis teams, which have had to call off four matches this season. The Cougars have had to play in the cold, including sub-20 degree temperatures at Northern Kentucky University.

"It's been a factor. We've roughed it out in practice," SIUE Men's and Women's Tennis Head Coach Kyler Updyke said. "A lot of the other schools don't want to make travel plans and go out on a limb on the possibility of rain. Some of the matches that were

canceled, we probably could have played had they made the trip. But they didn't make the trip."

But Updyke said the weather this year has not differed much from past seasons.

"In the springtime and in March, it's always that way," Updyke said. "My main thing would be what the other coaches' outlook on it is. It is April and we would never play any matches if we don't make the effort and are scared of the weather. You've got to make the effort to make it happen."

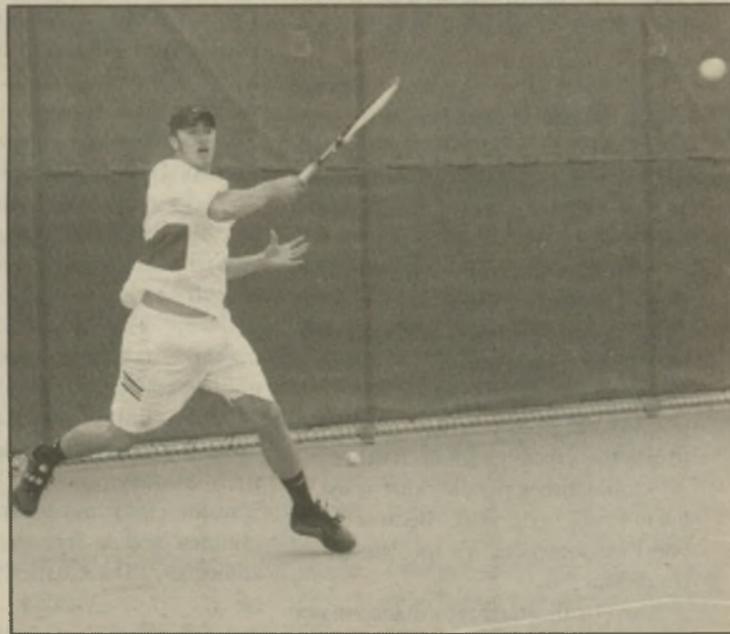
The track team had its event pushed back two days this weekend and wound up competing in better conditions.

"Generally in track and field, usually rain doesn't bother us so much. It's just the wind that really hinders performances," SIUE Men's and Women's Track and Field Head Coach David Astrauskas said. "It definitely has been a pretty big factor. The first nice meet we had was this past weekend. You could tell because we had a whole bunch of people get on the national list. Whenever you have less than ideal conditions, it's always a little bit difficult to perform at your best."

But while the weather has been a hassle for the teams, most coaches agree that it's no excuse.

"I don't think so. The weather's same for everybody in this area, it just is," Collins said. "So you just have to deal with it."

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SIUE freshman Zach Allison swings in a 6-0, 6-0 loss to Rockhurst University's Paul Ravkin in a singles match during SIUE's 6-3 loss to the Hawks Friday at the SIUE Tennis Courts.

SIUE tennis teams face top seeded UIndy in the GLVC Tournament

by Matthew Bruce
Alestle Sports Editor

The men's and women's tennis teams will compete in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament this weekend.

Both the men and women are No. 4 seeds in the West Division of the GLVC and will face top-seeded University of Indianapolis at 8:30 a.m. Friday at the Cooper Tennis Complex in Springfield, Mo.

The men advanced on the heels of a 6-3 win over the University of Southern Indiana Tuesday, April 10, in Evansville, Ind. The Cougars are 10-10 overall and 2-3 in the GLVC.

The SIUE women are 9-11 overall and also 2-3 in conference play. The Cougars have lost four games in a row.

"We've got to take the doubles for sure to give us a chance," SIUE Head Coach Kyler Updyke said. "They've got a pretty strong team. They are the strongest team in the East. After them, the competition is a little weaker. The Western part is a much stronger half of the conference. We just have to play the toughest team in the East."

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Ricky Williams eyeing return to NFL

by Stacy Hicklin
South Florida Sun-Sentinel

(MCT) – He slowly walks up the stairs to the wooden deck to take his place at the front of the class.

No heads turn in his direction. His students talk quietly among themselves as they position their yoga mats.

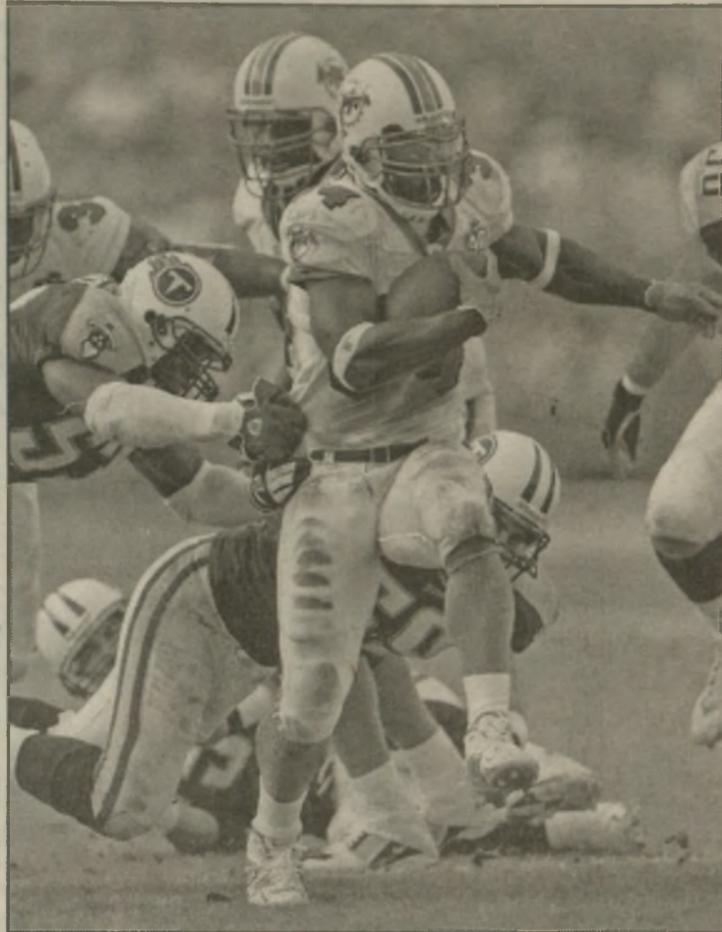
He is their teacher, nothing more. To them, he is Rudra, the Hindu name he has been given. They do not care about his past, even though glimpses of that past are still visible.

Peeking from underneath his bright yellow shirt are tattoos that stretch across his well-formed forearms. His broad shoulders and strong frame are difficult not to notice. Underneath the yoga clothes and behind the spiritual chanting, he is still Ricky Williams – former Heisman Trophy winner and Dolphins running back.

Just not right now. Or not for another few weeks, anyway. Williams last week applied for NFL reinstatement.

But for now, he is like everyone else at the Sivananda Ashram Yoga Farm. This is something he has long wanted – to be considered a regular person.

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Miami Dolphins' Ricky Williams gains 5-yards during the second quarter as the Dolphins defeated the Tennessee Titans 24-10 at Dolphins Stadium in Miami Saturday, December 24, 2005.

commune-style retreat, Williams has found where he fits in.

After class winds down, students approach Williams with questions about yoga and the farm. He answers every question

with a smile.

Answering questions is nothing new to Williams, who turns 30 next month. He has been in the spotlight since he was a high school athlete in San

Diego. He never liked all the questions and interviews.

But here, 10 miles outside this small town just east of Sacramento, most of the questions Williams deals with these days are his own.

He spends his time looking inside himself for answers. Searching for happiness. Searching for understanding. Searching for what he always felt was missing from life.

That search is nothing new for him. It is what led him to retire from football in 2004, and early the next year led him to Sivananda Ashram, which has been his home base since – even when his NFL comeback was derailed by a fourth failed drug test in April 2006.

Williams played in the Canadian Football League during his yearlong drug suspension. His request to return to the NFL could in part be to help pay back the \$8.6 million he owes the Dolphins. If he is granted reinstatement, Williams knows more questions await him. Questions about drugs, dedication, the Dolphins' new coaching staff and his desire to play football.

Williams said he has found what he was searching for through yoga, and there's no need to smoke marijuana anymore.

With yoga and meditation he finds the same peace he felt

when he was high. He's not worried about frequent drug tests, which he has been undergoing twice a week.

"It's easy to be here with the same schedule and the same people and having a good life, but I think for me to go back to play football is the greatest test to see if this yoga thing is the real deal or not," Williams said.

At the yoga farm he works from sunrise to sunset facing his stresses, fears and limitations, while doing service work and teaching nearly 20 hours a week of yoga in exchange for communal vegetarian meals at the farm. There are no TVs, movies, alcohol or drugs to distract him.

Williams said people don't take the time to really look at the issues behind drug use.

And they also might not understand why a football star would walk away.

"Really (drugs are) not that big of a deal," Williams said. "Really the big deal about it is that someone could give up so much money to do what they wanted to do. And people can't understand that, so it gets diverted. It comes off easier if it's a drug issue. They can't understand that someone wanted more from life than money and fame."

Williams is not worried

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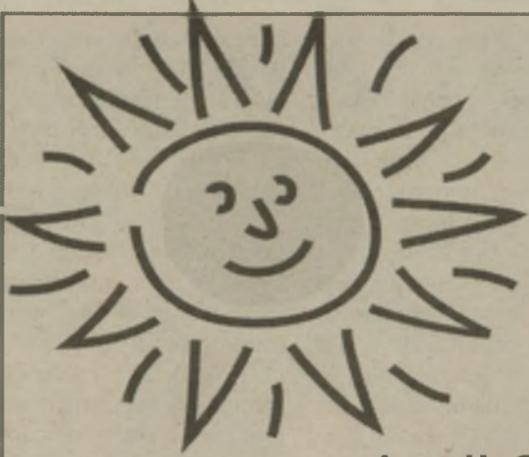
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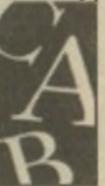
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Sports will help as Virginia Tech heals

by Blair Kerkhoff
McClatchy Newspapers

(MCT) – Among the great pleasures of following college sports is watching a school revel in a moment of unaccustomed glory.

You haven't seen fans party like those of a Final Four newcomer or a football championship game first-timer.

So it was during the first few days of the millennium in New Orleans, where Virginia Tech followers owned Bourbon Street right up to kickoff of the national championship game in the Sugar Bowl.

Every school should experience those feelings, and it's the pride and sheer joy of such an uplifting occasion that Virginia Tech followers should summon today.

The grisly cable news headlines told it all as Monday unfolded.

"Massacre at Virginia Tech."
"Deadliest U.S. shooting."

Scenes of ambulance lights flashing on a quiet campus road, police running, trembling students trying to describe what they heard or saw at the dormitory and classroom is the stuff of fiction.

Monday, it was too real in Blacksburg. Backdrops for those scenes rang familiar. The distinctive classroom buildings made from limestone, Cassell Coliseum, where the basketball



Ted Richardson/Raleigh News & Observer
Virginia Tech graduate student Ken Stanton (right) comforts fellow student Kate Tresslen during a memorial service at Lane Stadium on Tuesday, a day after 33 people were shot to death on campus in Blacksburg, Va.

teams play, the administration building at Burrell Hall, the places students pass daily.

What separates Tech from other universities is the nickname – Hokies (it's a cheer) – and its engineering school, consistently rated among the nation's top undergraduate programs.

And there's the setting. The campus sits on a plateau between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny mountains. Waterfalls, the Appalachian Trail for hikers and the Blue Ridge Parkway are nearby. It's a fall foliage paradise.

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about whether he will be reinstated in the NFL. He said he is sure he will know his status by April 28, when the NFL Draft starts, because the league wants teams to know who they have going into the draft.

Williams confirmed he has not talked to Dolphins first-year coach Cam Cameron, but he doesn't think it's a big deal.

"The situation is a little bit different than last year," Williams said. "The reason (former coach Nick Saban) contacted me, mainly, was to make sure I was working out and getting prepared because I was part of his plan."

Williams admits he is not in minicamp shape now, but with his healthy lifestyle, he doesn't think it will be difficult.

Not communicating with Cameron isn't so odd, considering Williams doesn't talk much to anybody outside his inner circle, except occasionally his family, agent or a sports writer. His daily interaction is centered around people at the farm or his partner, Kristin. Williams lives with her and his 5-year-old son, Prince, and 6-month-old daughter, Asha, in a house they bought next to the yoga farm late last year for \$426,000.

Williams did, however, speak with Saban a few times before

Saban left for Alabama and has also had contact with running backs coach Bobby Williams. As far as former Dolphins teammates go, he and wide receiver Chris Chambers have exchanged e-mails.

Miles away from football, the afternoon sun is sinking into the Sierra Foothills that surround the remote, 40-acre yoga farm.

A quietness fills the air as visitors descend down the woodchip path toward the farm's scattered cabins.

Students mill around before the yoga class begins on the outdoor platform.

As they settle in, Williams instructs his students to relax as they lie on their backs with their palms toward the air.

His voice is soothing. He implores his students to allow their bodies to relax. To use their breathing to erase any tension in their bodies.

"Relax your toes, your feet and your ankles," Williams said. "Now feel that travel up to your calves, your knees, your thighs."

His instruction continues through the entire body. After a period of silence, Williams begins to chant in Hindi. His tone is even, yet powerful.

After breathing exercises, the class then moves into postures and stretches such as the dolphin, the cobra and scorpion. As his

students execute the positions, with varying degrees of success, Williams walks around, stopping to offer help where needed.

He softly touches his students to guide them, showing them where their limbs should be and how their bodies should be curving. He offers small smiles of encouragement, stopping to whisper to those students who are struggling. Other times he shares a laugh with a student as he or she sheepishly grins after a moment of clumsiness.

Williams leads the class with confidence and satisfaction. As if there is nowhere else in the world he would rather be.

Even if he heads to South Florida soon, he is now at ease with his life and says he feels equipped to deal with any challenges: whether it's a headstand pose, taking an open-field hit from a linebacker or talking with reporters.

"It's little things every day that show my life is just falling into place," Williams said. "It's not a matter of external things. It's when you can step back and be OK with everything that you can see the beauty of your life."

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BASEBALL

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on something, I'd just say we weren't prepared to play when the game started," Collins said. "Before we knew it, we were down 4-0."

Junior hurler Gerad Bryant suffered the loss for SIUE, his first of the season, despite not allowing an earned run in seven innings of work.

SIUE junior Ben Bartley supplied the offense for SIUE, bringing in both runs for the Cougars. Bartley drove in senior Ryan Czyz in the fifth on a ground out to third and slapped a single in the seventh to steer Bunner home.

That was all Rockhurst pitchers J.P. McGrath and Patrick Larm allowed, holding SIUE to

two runs despite giving up nine hits. McGrath picked up the win, improving to 4-6 on the year, conceding four hits and a run in five innings from the mound.

SIUE jumped to 23-12 overall and is now 16-9 in the GLVC. Next up, the Cougars tangle with the University of Missouri-St. Louis at 7 p.m. Thursday at Roy Lee Field.

"They're (UMSL) not playing well, but we need to play like we did this last weekend," Collins said. "We seemed like a team on a mission. We need to get back on that mission."

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VIRGINIA TECH

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Tech has always basked in natural wonder. It didn't get consistent championship-level football until a former Hokies star, coach Frank Beamer, arrived, and even then it took a while. His first two teams went a combined 5-17. Surely, this young coach was overmatched and would soon return to the comfort of a lower division.

But he and Tech stuck with each other through the bad times with an amazing payoff. Football found its way from independent status to the Big East and now the Atlantic Coast Conference, where it has thrived. Tech regularly produces NFL players, none greater than the freshman quarterback who led the Hokies into battle against Florida State in the Superdome, Michael Vick.

The Hokies lost that night in a thrilling game. The Seminoles jumped ahead early, and Tech roared back to take the lead, only to lose in the fourth quarter. And the fans spilled back out onto Bourbon Street to celebrate just being there.

The success has continued with regular bowl appearances, and the men's basketball team perked up with a rare double this season - victories at North Carolina and Duke. Until Monday morning, that's how those who follow sports remembered Tech this year.

How will we look at Virginia Tech now? With the same grief and confusion with which we considered the Texas A&M bonfire tragedy and the Louisiana hurricanes that changed lives and left scars.

Sports played a role in the healing then, and it will again. In the fall, when football season arrives, tens of thousands of Tech students and alumni will gather at Lane Stadium and feel the pull of a school's extended family. It works in times of joy and sorrow.

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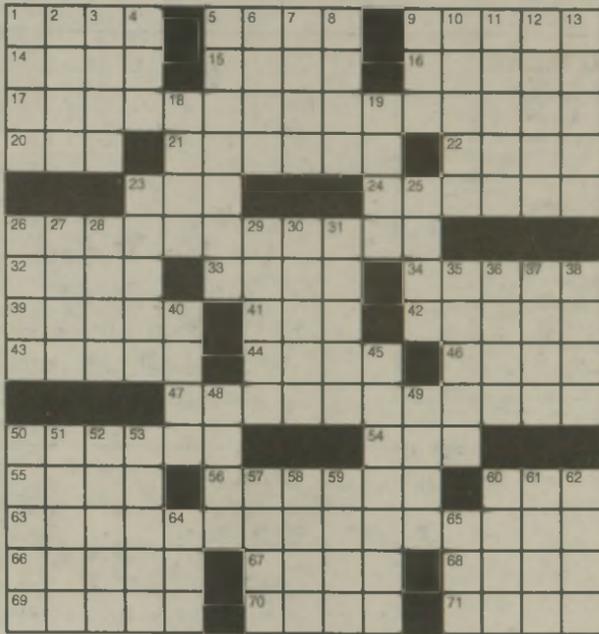
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- 32 Mimicked
- 33 Stitched together
- 34 Open spot
- 39 Staircase post
- 41 Muscle spasm
- 42 English dynasty
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- 44 Banned orchard spray
- 46 Male sheep
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- 54 Rebuke of disgust
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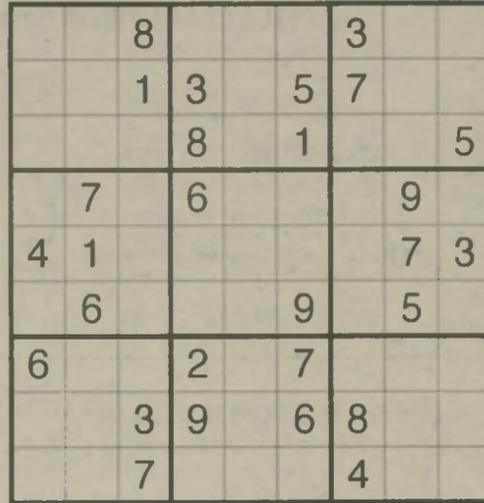
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- 38 Scottish Gaelic
- 40 Grassy plot
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- 48 Cross inscription
- 49 Actor Rhames
- 50 Cha-cha's cousin
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- 52 Lining wood
- 53 Lab 101 cell
- 57 Greek letters
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- 60 SST sound
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- 62 AD word
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- 65 Recombinant letters

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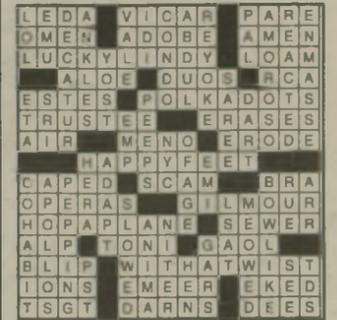
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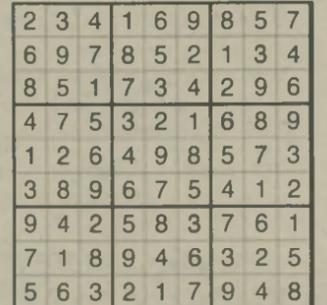
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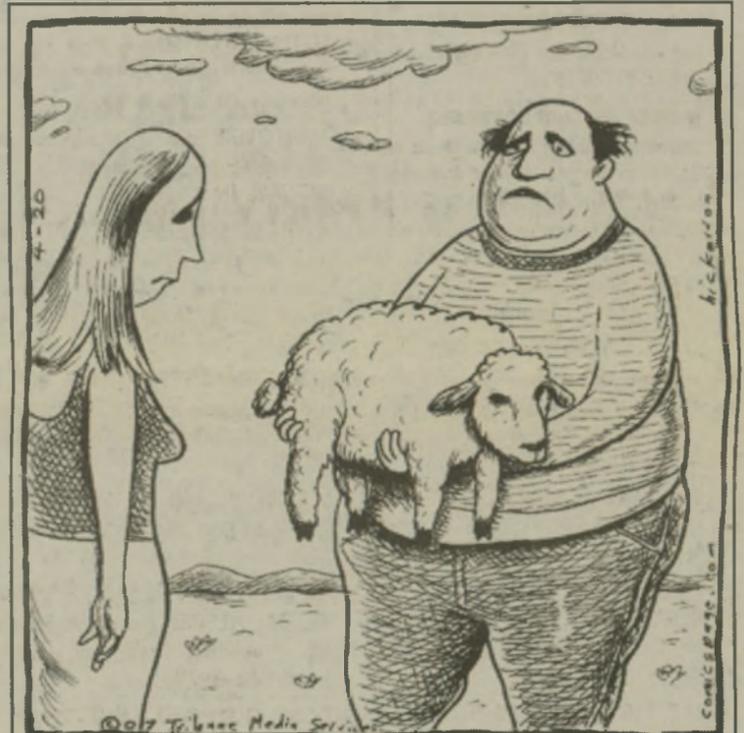


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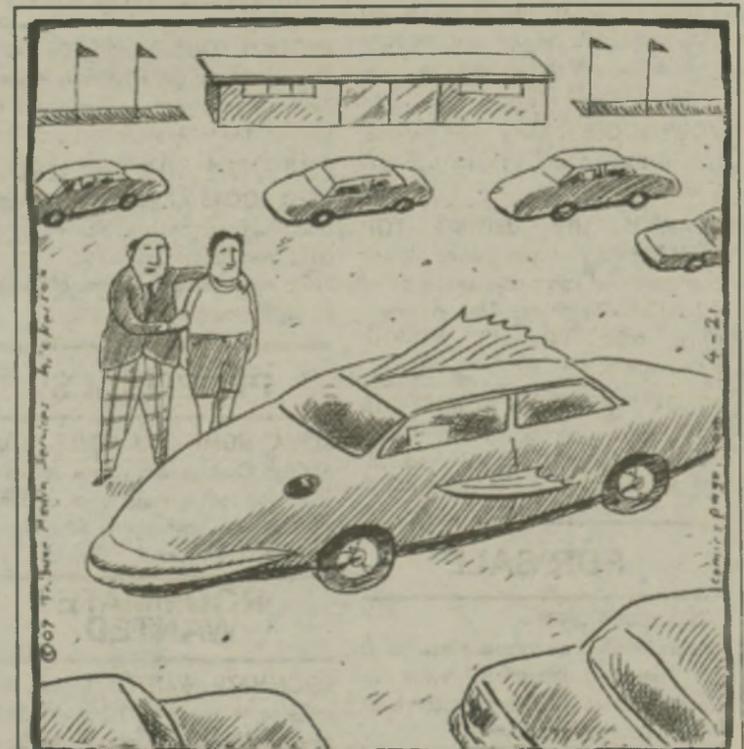


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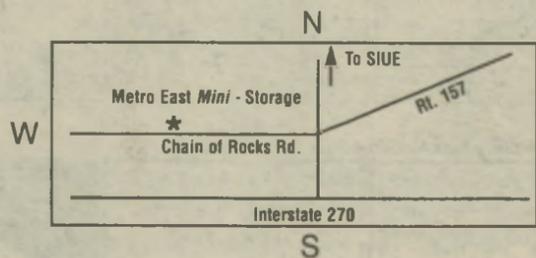
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