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(above) A vehicle crosses a pedestrian walkway in front of Evergreen Hall. A March 18 pedestrian-vehicle accident sent one student to the hospital. (below) Students cross the street outside Evergreen Hall.

## pedestrian X-ING

Officials urge drivers to be attentive, yield to pedestrians

by Kenneth Long  
Alestle Reporter

The only hazard more daunting to pedestrians at SIUE than a pack of Canadian geese might be crossing the street.

With a significant portion of students, faculty and staff on the road at one time or another, those walking the paths of SIUE should not take the right-of-way for granted.

Lt. Kevin Schmoll of the SIUE Police Department said the crosswalks at SIUE are fairly safe.

"There is sufficient lighting in all academic areas, and the crosswalks are clearly marked with white paint," Schmoll said.

Schmoll said statistically, only about one accident occurs per year where a pedestrian is struck by a vehicle.

According to Parking Services' Web page on pedestrian safety, "Drivers must yield when a pedestrian enters or is in a marked crosswalk. When a crosswalk covers two lanes of traffic, drivers must wait until pedestrians have cleared the entire crosswalk before proceeding."

Schmoll said having the right-of-way does not mean to just proceed across the street without looking.

"(Pedestrians) should make sure that the vehicle sees them and that the driver is going to stop when going through a crosswalk," Schmoll said.

An accident March 18 involving a 21-year-old female pedestrian and a vehicle put one SIUE



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## Moving out

Students deciding housing arrangements for coming year

by Maggie Rhynes  
Alestle A&E Editor

Residence hall rooms and Cougar Village apartments may be home sweet home to some students, but for others, off-campus living is the preferred option. Still other students cannot make up their minds.

As the end of the semester and graduation approach, some students find themselves making the big decision: on campus or off?

For those ready to move off campus, local property managers suggest looking a few months in advance, especially in the busy times of year, May and August.

"Unfortunately, we only get 30 days notice for our vacancies," said Peggy Loewer, property manager of HP Management Inc., which rents apartments in several complexes in Edwardsville.

The challenge of not

knowing what will be available when the time comes to move is a hassle many students face. Junior Monica Schnur faced the same problem when she moved off campus.

"You have to start early, and you have to be persistent, because they are going to tell you they don't know what is available," Schnur said.

Loewer offered a remedy for this challenge.

"I suggest putting in applications. There are no fees or obligations, and they are often given first priority when a vacancy is available," Loewer said.

Several property managers in the area offer waiting lists that may or may not require a refundable deposit.

"I would think it would be pretty easy to find a place around (campus) or at least near there," Erika Obermann said.

Obermann works for Osborn Properties, which rents a variety of apartments in the Edwardsville, Glen Carbon and Collinsville areas. There is, however, competition to be considered.

"Students should always look around and keep an open mind, especially this time of year when so many students are leaving and coming in," Obermann said. "You have a lot of competition because Edwardsville has a large college campus, and there are lots of students looking for housing."

Schnur eventually found what she was looking for and said the overall process was fairly easy.

"You just have to shop around and make sure you are getting the best deal," she said. Schnur said she is happy with

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June Farley/Alestle  
**Senior Ash Forrest moves into her new apartment on Saturday in Collinsville. With only a few weeks left in the semester, students opting to live off campus are searching for living arrangements.**

## Women's Studies looks to change name, promote awareness

by Sydney Elliot  
Alestle Reporter

Senior corporate and organizational communications major Jesika Nelson was happy to find a minor that suited her wants in an education when she came to SIUE.

"I came into college knowing that if there was a way where I could take something that would empower women ... (I wanted to do it) and when I found

out about being able to minor in women's studies I got really excited," Nelson said.

The Women's Studies Program at SIUE is an interdisciplinary minor available to all students. Since the minor is interdisciplinary, students wishing to pursue the degree must complete courses within multiple fields of study, said Marianna Solares, director of the Women's Study Program.

"Courses have been designated as both women's studies and departmental

courses," Solares said. "Students must take classes in a minimum of three departments."

According to the program outline, students must take 15 credit hours of classes to complete the women's study minor. The only class that is required is Women's Studies 200. All other classes students must take are entirely up to the student.

Solares feels the Women's Study Program gives people "broader knowledge

and broader information" to go into whatever field they wish.

"(Women's studies) doesn't give someone a specific career, it gives them a broader background than someone who doesn't have that minor," Solares said.

Though Solares' doctoral degree is in Spanish, it focuses on literature, and she mostly concentrates on Latin American women writers. Her dissertation centered

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## Police Reports

### 3-19

An employee struck a fire hydrant at Rendleman Hall in a university truck. There was no damage reported to the fire hydrant, and the truck had minor damage.

Police issued Jolease M. Marshall Jr. a citation for speeding on South University Drive at the Woodland Hall Lot.

Police responded to a theft from a Woodland Hall residence, where an XBOX 360 was reported stolen. No other items were reported missing. The case is under investigation.

### 3-20

Police issued Brandy C. Mills a citation for expired registration and was given a written warning for failure to yield right-of-way at University Drive and P2 Road.

Police issued Katherine M. Perryman a citation for disobeying a stop sign at North Circle Drive and University Drive.

An officer on routine foot patrol requested backup due to a group of subjects suspected of drinking in a Prairie Hall room. Officers were allowed entrance and observed underage subjects drinking alcohol. Jeremy T. Lee, Alex M. Shawver, Nicholas E. Nichols and Zachary L. Wright were arrested for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor. Subjects were transported to the police station where they were fingerprinted, photographed, processed and released with notice to appear.

Police issued Sakia L. Redditt for speeding and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Eric S. Falbe a citation for speeding and for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Park Drive.

Police issued Holly M. Niehaus a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police took a walk-in report of a hangtag stolen from a vehicle in Lot F.

Police arrested Benjamin D. Dorrington a citation for theft by deception after a stolen hangtag was found in his vehicle parked in Lot A. He was fingerprinted, photographed, processed and released with a notice to appear.

Police took a report of a university van being struck by a snowplow truck on March 4.

Police issued Jeremy F. Abernathy a citation for tinted windows and a written warning for no rear bumper.

Police issued Andrew D. Pike a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Circle Drive.

### 3-21

Police issued Wilbur C. Ross citations for failure to stop at stop signs at Lot 5G and Commons entrance and Lot 5G and Cougar Lake Drive, driving on suspended license and was given a written warning for tinted windows. Ross was wanted on a Glen Carbon warrant for failure to appear for a seatbelt violation. Ross was brought to the SIUE Police Department where he was fingerprinted, photographed and processed. Ross was released after posting a \$500 bail.

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on a female poet and a female fiction writer. Currently, Solares is on sabbatical from the university to work on her project featuring Cuban women writers.

Solares finds women's studies to be beneficial to all people, and not just women. She wishes that when she was an undergraduate student, women's studies courses had been offered.

According to Nelson, an education in women's studies is beneficial to any major because of the program's uniqueness in that it "pulls from all the different disciplines."

According to the Web site, courses for the women's study minor can be drawn from areas of study such as anthropology, education, the arts, sociology, psychology and other disciplines. Though the program consists mostly of courses through the College of Arts and Sciences, there are a few professors who teach from the other schools as well.

Though the program is currently small, with only about 15 graduates this year, a change in the program's name may help. There has been speculation of changing the name of the program from Women's Studies to Gender Studies, since the program covers more than just women's issues.

Master's candidate and graduate assistant to the program, Liz Stygar, said it is unknown when the change will take place, but that

the department was nearly unanimous about wanting to make the change. Stygar said it would be a good idea to change the name because gender affects more than just women's issues.

Nelson agreed and views the change through a marketing perspective as well, saying that if changing the name is going to help increase the numbers of the program, than that change should take place.

"People get scared of the word 'feminism,' even though you would think they wouldn't in this day and age," Nelson said.

Stygar said the change would be good because she would not want men to be discouraged from taking women's studies courses. She also said the change would be a way to bring awareness to gender issues because "sometimes it takes someone pointing it out to you."

Nelson said she wishes there was some way to make everyone take a women's study course and said that people don't realize how much "knowledge and insight" there is within the courses.

"It provides a well-rounded education. You learn about people and you can't escape, you encounter them everywhere," Nelson said. "When you learn about women you are learning about men as well."

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# Sigma Pi promotes suicide awareness in memory of 'fallen brother'

by Erika Helmerichs  
Alestle Reporter

Suicide awareness should never be a "hush-hush thing," according to SIUE's Sigma Pi fraternity.

This week is Sigma Pi's Suicide Awareness Week.

Since the suicide of former student and Sigma Pi member Martin Sutherland in August of 2005, the fraternity wanted to do something in memory of a "fallen brother," Zack Sheerer, chairman for Suicide Awareness Week's committee and close friend of Sutherland, said.

"I wanted to do something for Martin and also get out the word about how suicide really is a problem in the United States," Sheerer said.

Fraternity members will have a table in the Morris University Center Monday through Thursday, handing out information and selling yellow ribbons to promote suicide awareness on campus. Sigma Pi will give information on the signs of suicide, what to do if you are in emotional distress and how to support those grieving the loss of a loved one.

The yellow ribbons sold in support of suicide awareness will cost \$1, with proceeds going to the Yellow Ribbon Organization, an international suicide prevention program.

According to the National Center for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the third leading cause of death for 15 to 24-year-olds and accounts for 12.9 percent of all deaths annually within this age group. There is one death for every 100 attempts.

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**-Zack Sheerer,  
chairman for Suicide Awareness  
Week committee**

This Friday, Sigma Pi will host speakers in the MUC to talk about suicide prevention, signs and to share fond memories of Sutherland.

A speaker from SIUE's Counseling Services will be present Friday to explain how to deal with suicide if students ever find themselves in a situation confronting it. Sutherland's father will also speak on how he dealt with his loss.

Sheerer said it is important for students to understand the realities of suicide.

"It is out there," Sheerer said, "and it's especially bad for high school and college students."

Senior Adam Hughes, a member of Sigma Pi, said Sutherland was the person who introduced him to the fraternity when he was a freshman at SIUE.

"I knew him really well," Hughes said. "It's really hard losing a friend like that. This is in memorial of Martin. He was such a big part of our

chapter."

Sigma Pi president Glen Ezell said this week aims to "make suicide awareness more prominent in people's minds."

Ezell said Suicide Awareness Week will end with a run/walk on Saturday in support of suicide awareness and the Yellow Ribbon Organization. All students who sign up to participate in the 3.1-mile, or 5K, run/walk will receive a free T-shirt commemorating the event. Sign up and information will be available at the Sigma Pi table during the week.

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student in the hospital. The student was released the following night, and the driver, junior Emily Heitzig, was issued a citation for failure to yield to a pedestrian.

"Even though it was dark and raining, it wasn't the pedestrian's fault," Schmoll said. "The motorist wasn't paying attention."

Freshman English major Hannah Kline said she has had multiple incidents where a vehicle has come close to hitting her or another student.

"Normally when I've seen a car almost hit someone, the driver is usually on a cell phone or doesn't fully yield," Kline said.

Schmoll said drivers need to put down the cell phone when driving and to never take their eyes off the road.

"Even if something falls off of the seat, don't reach down to get it," Schmoll said.

Joseph Mucelli, a sophomore history major, said some pedestrians do not look to see if cars are coming.

"Some (pedestrians) don't even bother to look both ways,"

Mucelli said. "They just walk out into the road."

When pedestrians cross the street outside of a crosswalk, right-of-way is given to drivers. Schmoll still urged drivers to be attentive to any pedestrian that might ignore this rule.

The SIUE campus is used by not only students, faculty and staff, but also by commuters cutting through campus. Schmoll said there is a significant amount of traffic on SIUE roads.

"(SIUE) is a route for other people to commute, causing the volume of traffic to go up," Schmoll said. "We might see more people getting struck in crosswalks."

Schmoll also said the increasing number of students living on campus might lead to more pedestrian accidents.

"With more people on campus, you're going to have more people walking," Schmoll said. "Statistically, it increases the odds of someone getting hit."

Mucelli said pedestrians need to take extra caution, and maybe show some manners.

"People just walk in front of

you, assuming that the driver will halt," Mucelli said. "Sometimes the lack of courtesy is annoying."

Kline, however, said both drivers and pedestrians should equally take precaution.

"I know that I shouldn't walk in front of a moving car," Klein said. "It's common sense ... You should still be on the lookout for yourself."

Mucelli said the roads were not a source of worry for him, but can be an annoyance.

"Driving or walking here is not really dangerous either way," Mucelli said. "Sometimes it's just a pain for both the driver and pedestrian to move across campus."

Schmoll said responsibility for safety lies with both drivers and pedestrians.

"The motorist has to stop and the pedestrian has to check," Schmoll said.

Other information about pedestrian safety and driving policies can be found at the SIUE Web site.

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the cost of her rent, but knows other students who pay considerably more for similar units.

The difference between living on and off campus, for most students, comes down to cost.

Oberman said garages and basements are features that will definitely drive up costs, as will big increases in square footage.

Loewer also said to take notice of new carpet and new appliances that can also make for higher rent.

Associate Director of Housing Scott Gluntz said before students start looking for housing they should "know what they can live with and what they can live without."

"For me, living off campus was easy because I am from this area," junior April Gerhardt said. "I know a lot of other students who found it to be just as easy and to be less expensive than on campus housing ... When you're on campus you have to have a package with the meal plan and everything. Off-campus you don't have to have those things so it's less expensive."

Gluntz said comparing the monthly cost of off-campus and on-campus housing does not always present a clear picture.

"The thing to keep in mind in doing that is to remember to include the off-campus housing number, the monthly cost of water, electricity, gas, sewer/trash/recycling and internet," Gluntz said. "Those costs are already factored into the on-campus housing costs. Plus, students need to remember what it costs to drive to campus and park and factor that into their monthly costs as well."

There is business to be handled in renting off-campus apartments as well. Obermann and Loewer both stressed the importance of students carefully reading the terms of a lease before they sign it.

"They should read the lease over, make sure they fully understand everything - rent, late fees, what the terms of the policy are, pet policies," Obermann said. "If you have questions always ask, there are no stupid or wrong questions."

Renter's insurance should also be considered for those renting property. Some property managers may require their tenants to have renter's insurance.

Sharon Mize of Carol VanGeison State Farm Insurance said renters' possessions are not covered under the landlord's insurance, only the building.

"They have insurance that only covers the dwelling," Mize said. "So, your clothing, furniture

and electronics aren't covered. So, if there would be a fire or if someone would come in and rob you, you wouldn't be covered."

Basic renter's insurance policies cover these items and protect tenants from liability, should someone be hurt on the property.

Mize said on average, she recommends college students get \$20,000 to \$30,000 in coverage, which runs about \$100 a year.

"It's pretty good coverage and well worth the cost I think," Mize said.

Once the decision to move off-campus is made and the costs have been considered, students may find a few more hurdles to jump before they can call an apartment their own.

Most property managers require applicants to submit their financial information, including income, and submit to a credit check. Some property managers will not rent to students who have unusually poor credit.

Oberman said income can be the most important factor, and that students who be sure to list all of their sources of income.

This means not only any jobs a student might hold, but also money regularly given to them by parents or family members and student loans that will help cover housing costs.

After jumping the credit-rating hurdle, students must take on local policies and the policies of local property managers. Students often try to use roommates as way to cut back on rental costs. This can be effective, though many property managers only allow a certain number of students to reside in a unit.

For those who are still undecided about living on or off campus, both options are still available. Housing has a limited number of spots available in Cougar Village and in upperclassmen housing in Woodland and Prairie Halls. Housing also offers a guide to off-campus housing options on its Web site, which is updated each summer.

Gluntz said the final factor in deciding whether to move off-campus is if students are truly prepared to handle the responsibility.

"Essentially, think of all the things that University Housing takes care of for you now and ask yourself if you are ready to handle all of that on your own. For example, if you get locked out of your apartment, will your landlord let you in at any hour or do you have to pay for a locksmith to come let you in?"

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-Monica Schnur,  
junior



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# Obama's view on Wright and wrong

Early last week, there was a major upset within the Democratic Party, especially for Barack Obama. The Rev. Jeremiah Wright, Obama's former pastor, had some videos of his sermons posted on YouTube, none of which were too positive.

The gist of it all is that the reverend pushed anti-government views. At least say the critics. Since Wright was Obama's reverend who baptized his children and presided over his marriage, that must mean that Obama must share some of his views.

Really? Defamation of character by association is Obama's downfall? So that means that Hillary Clinton's connection to Monica Lewinsky or John McCain's (alleged) connection to the lobbyist would completely demean their standing. However, they all still stand on statistically equal ground; so why have an

uproar over what's Wright and wrong?

Then before anyone else could fall too far into the celebrity of politicians, Obama gave a speech in Philadelphia about his views of race, religion and unity. He showed his support and his distance from Wright, forgave comments by Geraldine Ferraro and provided insight in how to bring all of America together. He played to his forte, giving what may be considered one of his best speeches since the Iowa caucuses and was compared to other great speeches given by John F. Kennedy, Jesse Jackson and more.

Out of something that was supposed to be so beautiful and uplifting, there was a forceful minority that picked and prodded his speech to exacerbate the smallest of the small: the "typical white woman" comment, his frankness, his preparedness. It was almost as if this minority just loved to have something flawed of Obama and saw that this speech could smooth it all out.

It is absolutely appalling that it has taken 50 years since Brown vs. Board of Education and 40 years after Martin Luther King Jr. to

be able to listen to Obama's speech with his sincerity, honesty and belief and have it torn to pieces by those who didn't want to hear it. Yet, many did hear it. Many polls taken before and after Obama's speech showed a beginning with Hillary and McCain having a statistical lead to an end with a literal equal footing among the three.

Even other politicians greatly believed in his speech. Bill Richardson, former presidential candidate and governor of New Mexico, chose to support Obama's race for president, even if he was a friend of the Clintons. He even gained the support of a few super delegates after his speech.

Yet out of it all, this speech showed so much of Obama. He showed that he understands all situations, can unite most (if not all) of Americans and can defy the odds by having what may have been a campaign killer turn into a lifting point for us all.

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Harry Zollars

# Finally, Tyler Perry given recognition

Judd Apatow has built quite a reputation lately and made a good chunk of change along the way. He wrote and directed "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and "Knocked Up," and produced "Anchorman," "Talladega Nights" and "Superbad," earning a combined total of more than \$600 million.

Ask any student on campus who Apatow is and you should get a sizable group of people to mention one of the above movies. If not, it's a sure bet they've seen at least two of his summer hits.

I bring Apatow up because there's another successful writer, director and producer out there. He wrote and directed four hit films, one of which was released last weekend, and wrote and acted in another. He also has a hit TV show which has aired over 70 episodes in just two years time. His total box office earnings amount to over \$200 million. His name is Tyler Perry, and if you are African-American, you probably know who I am

talking about.

My guess is that 9 out of 10 people reading this article don't know who Tyler Perry is. He has made hundreds of millions of dollars worth of entertainment, and his name has appeared in front of almost everything he does. Yet he's nowhere close to being a household name. How is that possible?

So who is Tyler Perry? He's a successful black entertainer who got his start writing plays, and has since moved on to the movies. His first movie, "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" was a surprise hit, earning \$50 million and caused studio executives to re-examine black film. Since, a wave of black releases like "First Sunday" and "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins" have hit theaters in hopes of similar success. Last weekend, Tyler Perry's "Meet the Browns" opened to the tune of \$20 million, further solidifying Perry's place in theaters.

All of this makes me ask why Perry's movies made studio execs re-examine black film in the first place? Were black people not watching movies beforehand? It's 2008, and now we're figuring out that black people like movies too? Are you kidding me?

Perry is living proof that black producers can be successful and reach a large audience, but he's not alone. Shonda Rhimes created the highest rated scripted show on television, "Grey's Anatomy." Will Smith has starred in 11 movies that have made over \$100 million. Do I even need to mention the flood of rap, R&B and jazz music or Michael Jackson?

In the 80 years of the Oscar's existence, only one black director has been nominated: John Singleton for "Boyz in the Hood." Most people would be hard pressed to name one lead black actor in a network TV show or a black leading actress in theaters. Hollywood prides itself in being tolerant and open, but where is the black voice in theaters? Or for that matter, where are all of the female directors?

By the time 2008 is over, we may have an African-American man as our Commander in Chief. It's hard to believe that in the face of such progress, we are still lagging behind.

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## Marchdown 08

by Kenneth Long  
Alestle Reporter

Alpha Kappa Alpha emerged the winners of Marchdown 2008 which was held Saturday. Marchdown showcased the stepping talents of greek organizations as they put on large-scale, dramatic performances.

Stepping, which has recently picked up in mainstream movies such as "Step Up," finds its origins, not in the streets, but across the ocean in the heart of Africa.

The art of stepping is a type of dance based heavily in body percussion. "Steppers" slap their hands and stomp their feet in various patterns to create an elaborate rhythm.

In African tribes, stepping was originally used as satire for actions of oppression or immoral acts, making it a form of social control of rebellion. It was used in religious ceremonies.

Prince Wells, chair of the Department of Music, said that one of the step dances that originated in the African Congo was the "ring shout." Rings shouts started by forming a circle of dancers moving counter-clockwise. Drums and body percussion provided the beat.

The circle symbolized unity, wholeness and death. Death was



viewed as a transition to the next plane of existence, Wells said.

"Stepping has an extremely deep background with African culture," Wells said.

The tradition of stepping took on new meaning as Africans were enslaved and brought to the United States. Wells said most African customs were restricted, including stepping.

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Above left: Alpha Kappa Alpha members celebrate their victory at Marchdown '08. Above right: Alpha Kappa Alpha members perform their winning routine. Middle: Members of Alpha Phi Alpha perform. Bottom: Members of Zeta Phi Beta show off their synchronization during a performance at Marchdown 08.



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### Today

**SIUE University Jazz Band**  
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Dunham Hall Theater  
Free  
**Women on the Move**  
**2008 Exhibition**  
Gallery Visio UMSL  
Student Center  
4-7 p.m.  
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### Wednesday

**Death by Chocolate**  
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
SIUE Religious Center  
\$10 or \$8 for students  
**Jill Scott**  
Fabulous Fox Theatre  
7:30 p.m.  
\$37-58

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### Thursday

**SIUE Opera Theater**  
7:30-10 p.m.  
Dunham Hall Theater

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### Friday

**Celtic Woman**  
8 p.m.  
Fabulous Fox Theatre  
\$47-67  
**Rock 'n' Roll Late Night**  
8 p.m. - midnight.  
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### Saturday

**India Night**  
6-10 p.m.  
MUC Meridian  
Ballroom  
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**Spring Treat Baking**  
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### Sunday

**Unrefined Light Exhibit**  
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**Chris Rock**  
7 p.m.  
Fabulous Fox Theatre  
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### Monday

**Coffee Concert**  
7:30-10 p.m.  
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# “West Wing” actress to speak on campus Thursday

by Lindsay Stuart  
Alestle Reporter

Arts & Issues is adding to the list of speakers SIUE has hosted in the past year. Anna Deavere Smith, from the long-running TV series “West Wing,” is coming Thursday to the Morris University Center’s Meridian Ballroom.

Smith’s speech, titled “Engaging the World: The Role of the Artist in Society,” will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Smith is an actress, playwright, professor and performance artist. She is a professor at Tisch School of the Arts at New York University and affiliated with the NYU School of Law.

“She is considered one of the top contemporary African-American female playwrights,” Grant Andree, coordinator of the Arts & Issues series, said in a press release. “Her writings have appeared in the New York Times, O Magazine, Essence and The Drama Review.”

“We are lucky to get someone of her caliber,” Andree said. “I think she’ll be a great presenter because of her theater background. She’s also a writer and a teacher.”

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“Essentially, all ‘Africanisms’ were outlawed,” Wells said. Though outlawed, African slaves still used stepping as a means of expression and escape from their enslavement. As many slaves were converted to Christianity, they started to sing hymns while dancing in circles. This was viewed as blasphemy to whites, Wells said.

“Cake walks,” a variation of the ring shout, imitated the work that slaves did, such as baling hay, hoisting cotton bales and hoeing corn; these actions honored the slaves for their work and gave themselves dignity.

Stepping continues to exist in black churches to this day, with songs led by body percussion and varying beats, Wells said.

On campus, stepping has become a large part of Greek life, with many of SIUE’s fraternities and sororities competing in various stepping competitions, such as Ebony and Ivory and Marchdown.

Tristian Nesbitt, a senior and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, said that stepping is important for Greek unity.

“Greeks can come together and unify by stepping,” Nesbitt said.

Nesbitt said that a large amount of work and planning goes into coming up with a routine.

“We always think about and start working on the concept about two months in advance,”

Andree feels this presentation will have a lot to offer people.

“It’s going to be a really interesting event. Both students and the community would really enjoy a performance by her,” Andree said. “We are all patrons of the arts in some way.”

Andree is also a fan of Smith’s work.

“Her unnerving ability to become one of her staggeringly unique characters without a trace of caricature, has become legendary,” he said.

Smith played Nancy McNeely, the national security advisor, in the TV series “West Wing.” She has also co-starred in “Presidio Med.” She has appeared in the films “Dave,” “The Human Stain,” “The American President,” “Philadelphia” and on TV’s “The Practice.”

Andree said that there are 50 free tickets to Anna Deavere Smith’s presentation courtesy of Student Affairs. They can be picked up at the Fine Arts Box Office. After the 50 free tickets are gone, tickets will cost \$12 for students and \$24 for the community.

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Nesbitt said. “Everything has to look right and come into place.”

Nesbitt was extremely happy with their recent achievement.

“The hard work paid off,” Nesbitt said.

Rachel Seward, a sophomore and member of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority, said they had started to participate in the step shows in the past few years.

“It’s an expansion to try different things,” Seward said.

One of the aspects of modern stepping is “slamming.” Slamming satirizes a subject, which can include other step groups, local problems or even politics. While it can seem harsh, Nesbitt said most of the fraternities and sororities take it in stride.

“I think slamming has gotten out of hand, at times,” Nesbitt said. “Everybody is guilty, but we keep it in check.”

Nesbitt said stepping is effective at showing how well-rounded a sorority or fraternity can be.

“(Stepping) is very important to show a good image,” Nesbitt said. “It shows that (Alpha Kappa Alpha) is academically inclined and active in extra-curricular activities.”

Nesbitt said stepping is a way to focus on tradition and have fun at the same time.

“(Stepping) is also good exercise, for those that don’t make it to the gym,” Nesbitt said.

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## Cougars split series in K.C.

by Zach Groves  
 Alestle Reporter

SIUE baseball picked up another four-game split last weekend against Great Lakes Valley Conference foe Rockhurst University in Kansas City. However, a late rally in the first game prevented what could have been a series win.

The Cougars out-slugged the Hawks for six innings and even led by two runs for a while. However, RU rallied for three runs in the eighth inning to take the first contest 11-10.

"It seemed like we watched a bunch of people again and again get on base," SIUE Head Coach Gary Collins said.

The pitching staff allowed seven walks and 16 hits as the defense committed three errors to help keep the Hawks in the game.

Sophomore reliever Nick Wooley, who notched the loss, took the ball in the bottom of the eighth and allowed two hits, two walks and an RBI single before Collins pulled him for freshman lefty Mitchell Fairley. The Hawks added two more runs for the win Friday.

Collins called Wooley's performance "déjà vu" as he labored like he did in his two innings against Lewis University, where he worked the count several times.

Senior lefty Cody Litteken, who started game one, said he is

optimistic Wooley will improve. "He'll figure it out, he's just had a couple of bad outings," Litteken said.

Senior first baseman Steve Doll homered for the second time of the season and drove in two runs. Junior outfielders Adam Eggemeyer and Michael Hopkins each drove in two runs, as did junior infielder Josh Street.

**"He threw a nice seven-inning complete game. It really helped us out."**

-Gary Collins,  
 SIUE baseball head coach on junior Andrew Beatty

The Cougars blew out the Hawks in the second game Friday, 16-5, aided by five RBIs from senior third baseman Ben Bartley and four from junior catcher Ryan Schiever. A seven-run seventh inning all but cemented the win.

Junior pitcher Aren Cummings, who filled in for injured juniors Luke Vine and Zach Everist, pitched five-plus innings and allowed four runs.

"(Cummings) did OK, he wasn't bad," Collins said. "He

kept us in the game."

SIUE started off the Saturday doubleheader on a positive note with a complete game from junior lefty Andrew Beatty in a 5-1 win. Beatty is the first Cougar to start and finish a game this season. The victory was also Beatty's first, as he allowed just one run on three hits and struck out four.

"His fastball and changeup were good," Collins said. "He threw a nice seven-inning complete game. It really helped us out."

Freshman outfielder Thad Hawkins led SIUE with two RBIs in the winning effort.

The Cougars, however, could not overcome four early Rockhurst runs in the second game to drop a 5-3 decision for a series split. Street collected an RBI single in the first inning and Eggemeyer sent a home run past right field in the second to keep the game close against RU starter James Lewis.

Collins said Lewis somehow began pitching consistently to keep the Cougar bats quiet in his complete game victory.

"The first three innings, every ball we hit, they were scorched," Collins said. "We didn't score, but we hit the ball. We just couldn't put anything together."

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Courtesy Sports Information  
 Senior shortstop Cory Bunner attempts to turn a double play last year. Bunner and the Cougars split a weekend series against Rockhurst in Kansas City, and will now play University of Central Missouri at 6 p.m. March 26 at Roy Lee Field.



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Freshman Carl Connors returns the ball for SIUE in competition earlier this season. Connors and the women's SIUE tennis team are 1-1 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play.

## Tennis welcomes GLVC play

by Joshua McCarty  
 Alestle Reporter

Great Lakes Valley Conference play opened up for the SIUE tennis teams with as difficult of a match as they could have hoped for when they paid a visit to Drury University Friday.

Drury came in ranked fifth nationally in men's tennis and 19th in women's. Collectively, the teams possess five nationally ranked players, including Stefan Borg, the No. 2-ranked player in the country.

Borg lived up to the hype, as he defeated SIUE's Paolo Gonzalez in straight sets, 6-2 and 6-1.

For Gonzalez, the loss ended his nine-match winning streak.

"He was a little disappointed in his performance," said SIUE Head Coach Kyler Updyke. "The scores really didn't reflect his performance."

As if playing Borg was not trying enough, the weather did little to make the task any easier for Gonzalez.

"It was a tough match, extremely windy, and he handled it better than I did," said Gonzalez. "The conditions did not allow us to play at our best. He just did enough to beat me and get it over with."

While the loss was a disappointing result for Gonzalez, the experience of playing an opponent of Borg's ability could be a valuable learning experience.

"Playing him was good to know the level that those players have," said Gonzalez. "If my coach keeps helping me the way he is, I believe I can beat him (Borg) someday."

The rest of the Cougars did not fair much better, as Drury won all of the singles matches in straight sets.

Federico Levi defeated SIUE's Robert Young in the No. 2 match.

Antonio Garcia Santos, the 36th rated player in the country, defeated Carlos Sanchez, while 26th-ranked Nahom Serekeberhan bested Cole Garrison.

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The Cougars celebrate after a victory last season. The Cougars are currently just above .500 with a 10-9 overall record. SIUE is 4-4 in GLVC play and will look to improve their overall record March 26 against University of Central Missouri.

## BASEBALL

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"The guy didn't have anything going for him," Collins said of Lewis. "All of a sudden he starts throwing strikes, and he made outs."

SIUE traveled through Cape Girardeau for a mid-week non-conference game against Southeast Missouri State University, but according to the Redhawks Web site, the game was canceled due to flood-related weather.

The Cougars end a month-long road trip with their first home game of the season against Central Missouri University at 6

p.m. Wednesday on Roy Lee Field. The game could be a warm-up for conference opponent University of Southern Indiana, who comes to Edwardsville for four games Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Collins said earlier how "irritated" he was about USI getting the GLVC first-place nod over SIUE, but now he is more concerned with finding a balanced pitching staff for the weekend series.

"Hopefully we can find someone who will help us on the mound," Collins said.

Vine, who reported last week no signs of ligament damage in his right elbow after leaving his March 14 start against Lewis, was expected to pitch Monday. Collins said he does not know when Vine will return.

"He's a guy I think who's our best pitcher," Collins said. "I just don't know how long it's going to take."

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## TENNIS

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Jordan Faulkenberg fell to Nikola Prpic, and Mike Jolly lost to Drury's Florian Perche.

The doubles matches did not yield any better results for SIUE, as Drury swept all three contests. The 14th-ranked doubles team of Borg and Prpic got the better end of an 8-5 score against Gonzales and Faulkenberg.

On the women's side, SIUE fell by a score of 7-2. Carli Connors was defeated by 32nd-ranked Laure Piquemal in straight sets, while Laura Horning took 49th-ranked Mouna Sabri to a third set before falling 6-3.

Ali Wulfers was a bright spot for the Cougars as she won her singles match against Thu Ha Mai in straight sets. Wulfers was also successful in doubles play, pairing with Amanda Neibur to defeat Drury's team

of Thu Ha Mai and Lindsey Castrodale.

On Saturday, the women's team earned their first conference win of the year, defeating Rockhurst University 5-4.

In the No. 1 match, Connors defeated Rockhurst's Caitlin Buckley in straight sets, while SIUE's Horning bested Kandice Belanger in a battle of the number twos.

Updyke said he feels good about Connors and Horning going forward.

"Obviously we're making the jump next year so we have to be ready," said Updyke.

Other victorious Cougars included Stephanie Clark and Sarah Rhein, who won their matches in straight sets. Clark and Rhein also paired for a doubles win over Buckley and Hannah Lazenby.

The SIUE women's team is now 4-6 on the season, with a 1-1 record in GLVC play.

The men's team was not as fortunate Saturday, as they fell to Rockhurst 7-2.

Gonzalez was able to start a new winning streak though, as he defeated Garrett Fischer in three sets.

The rest of SIUE's singles competitors fell in straight sets. Jolly and Garrison did earn SIUE a doubles win, defeating Adam Bales and Fischer 8-3.

The men's team is currently 4-5, with an 0-2 conference record. They now look forward to a visit to Southern Illinois University Carbondale at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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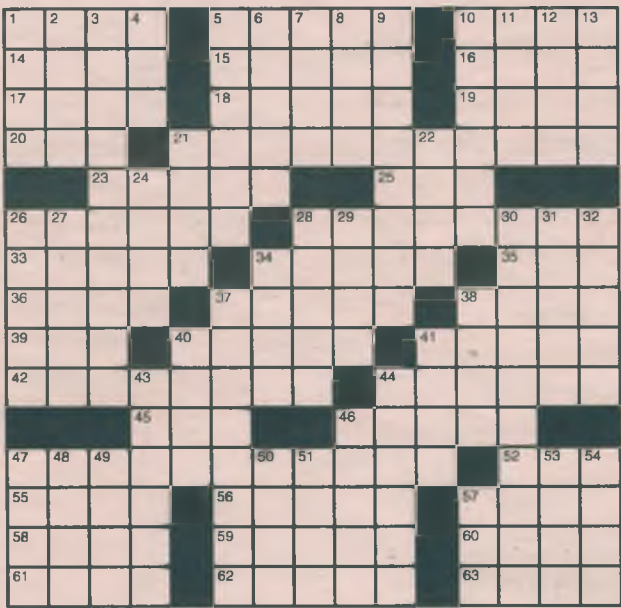


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- 20 Supplement, with out
- 21 Special clique
- 23 Carnival thrills
- 25 Tilling tool
- 26 Theatre angel
- 28 Short-changed
- 33 Range measures
- 34 Sentence subjects
- 35 Mineral matter
- 36 As a result
- 37 Kind of dance or dip
- 38 Attack a gnat
- 39 Guys
- 40 Geena or Jefferson
- 41 "We hold truths..."
- 42 Regarded highly
- 44 Less wealthy
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- 47 Strained boundaries, maybe
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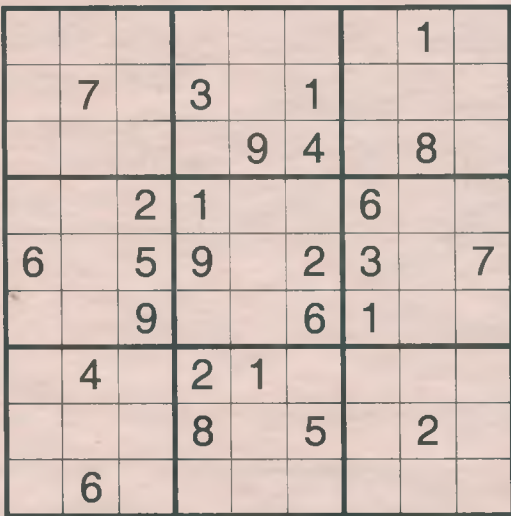


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SUDOKU

By Michael Mepham



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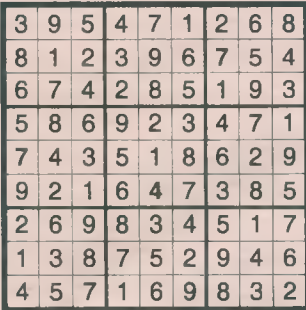
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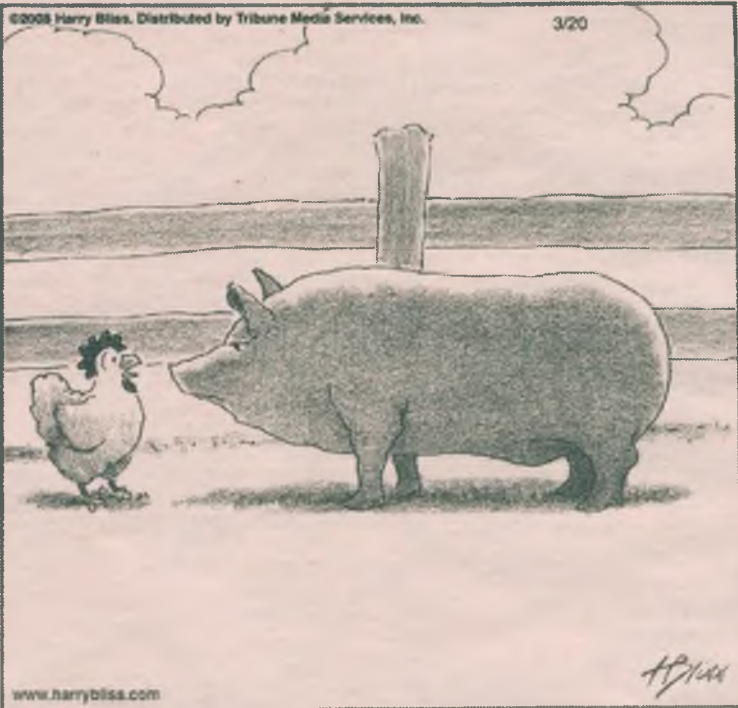
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**SITTERS WANTED. AVERAGE \$10 per hour.** Register free for jobs near campus or home. [www.student-sitters.com](http://www.student-sitters.com)

**GOT NIGHT OR INTERNET CLASSES?** Three full-time house painters wanted. 7a-4p M-F. Must have reliable transportation. Can lift 100 lbs. Willing to learn. \$\$\$ depend on skills learned. Click the envelope icon to request application (or call 656.9300 and leave your email address). Thanks.

**Waitresses & Kitchen Help Wanted:** Mr. Currys Restaurant in Edwardsville has immediate opening for Waitresses & Kitchen Help. Apply at Mr. Currys Restaurant, 7403 Marine Rd, Edwardsville, IL 62025 [www.MrCurrys.com](http://www.MrCurrys.com) or call Bash for details @ 415.577.2274- No experience needed

**WEEKEND HORSE HELP** Must be able to work with horses. Must be dependable help for Friday evenings, Saturdays, and Saturday evenings. Sunset Stables 692-0104

**ARE YOU A MAC OR A PC?** New Apple store in Glen Carbon opening in May - Sales Reps, Technicians needed for part-time positions. Must have enthusiastic and well-mannered personality. Macintosh computer experience preferred. Please call 530-7166 to schedule interview.

**BABYSITTER NEEDED FOR SUMMER** Need responsible and fun babysitter for 2 girls, ages 6 and 4, May 27th - July 25th. Monday - Thursday, 9 - 5. Possible additional times. Must have a car and be reliable. Call 530-7166 to schedule an interview.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**MUC PERFORMERS NEEDED** Contact [astubbl@siue.edu](mailto:astubbl@siue.edu) or call 650 5368 for info.

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**ROOMMATE NEEDED FOR SUMMER!** One person needed to take over my lease from Mid-May to Mid-August. Rent and Utilities= \$350.00 a month. 792-6964

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