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Financial aid process requires time, early start

Long lines and not getting through over the phone demands patience from students

“The FAFSA process is arduous, and it requires a lot of time most college students do not have.”

-Kaci Snyder, junior

by Whitney Tate
Alestle Reporter

There are certain things some SIUE students may be unaware of when it comes to financial aid, but the important thing to remember, according to advisers, is that applying for financial aid is a process.

Mary Jenkins, assistant director for Client Services in the

Financial Aid Department, explained the stages all student applications go through.

Once an application is filed, it is sent to a federal processor, not the school. If the paperwork is completed manually, this stage could take up to six weeks. If files are submitted online, it may not take as long.

The applications are then sent electronically, to the schools

where the selection for student verification can begin. Student verification notifications are sent via e-mail or through CougarNet.

Junior elementary education major Kaci Snyder is well aware of the process and its importance, but even over the years, she still has not grown accustomed to the long procedure.

“The FAFSA process is

arduous, and it requires a lot of time that most college students do not have,” Snyder said. “I always dread the time of year that the FAFSA forms are due. Even after I receive my results, I have to wait in long lines and on the phone for hours for an interpretation of my awards.”

Some students run into

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Junior art and design major Jordan Jeffery looks at the new cougar logo merchandise Wednesday. Plans to trademark the new cougar logo would allow more merchandise to be available for purchase.

June Farley/Alestle

Marketing expands logo, wins awards, raises questions

by Matthew Schroyer
Alestle Reporter

Shoppers can expect to find a saber-toothed cougar staring back at them from clothing aisles when the university's plans come to fruition.

That's because SIUE's Marketing and Communications department is developing a plan to get SIUE's Division I-ready cougar logo out to market.

“It answers the public's need, because the public is wanting to wear SIUE cougar stuff,” Marketing and Communications Director Barb O'Malley said. “And it answers our need to want to present a consistent and unified approach for your university.”

While not yet approved by administration, the plans to

trademark the new cougar logo would allow a wider push of cougar-branded products to reach local stores and shoppers. With a trademarked status, the logo would gain the telltale “R,” meaning “registered,” and the university could make deals with licensees who would mass-produce cougar swag.

“Along with building awareness and getting people to wear the logo, it means formalizing your approach with the logo ... (and) getting licensees on board so that you're selling more and more products and apparel out there with your logos on them,” O'Malley said.

The new cougar logo was launched with much fanfare in October, when Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift unveiled the logo to a crowd of 100 in the Goshen Lounge

of the Morris University Center.

Since the launch, an area graphic designer has raised questions about the bidding process after he was not chosen, despite undercutting the winning bid by 40 percent.

Jim Ward, the sole proprietor of Jim Ward Design, operates his longtime logo-creation and college-branding venture from his home in St. Louis. In his 25 years of working as a graphic designer, he designed logos for businesses including Bush Gardens and Harley Davidson. He also developed logos for colleges, including area schools Webster and Washington University.

“It's not that (other designers) can't do logos, it's just that I do them all the time,” Ward said, “That's my

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Town Gown Gala one of the last 50th anniversary celebrations

Event includes dinner, live band and fireworks

by Lindsay Stuart
Alestle Reporter

All around the Meridian Ballroom, people mill about in cocktail dresses and tuxedos. An elegant dinner is set up, and a live band serenades the crowd. People are talking about the fireworks show that will begin at 9:30. It's going to be a night to remember.

Saturday, SIUE will host the Town Gown Gala, one of the last events of the university's 50th anniversary celebration. The gala will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. The invitation-only guest list includes many prominent people from SIUE and the surrounding community.

“It is a black tie optional affair,” Ann Cavanaugh of SIUE Foundation said. “It should be quite the gala.”

Cocktail hour will be from 6:30 to 7 p.m., and dinner will begin at 7 p.m. According to Barbara O'Malley, one of the chairs of the anniversary committee, the Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift and Edwardsville Mayor Gary Niebur will speak at the gala. The event will also include dinner and dancing, with music provided by the Smash Band.

“It's a great opportunity to celebrate what I think was a successful year of marking the 50th anniversary of

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Fireworks explode over Rendleman Hall during a fall celebration for SIUE's 50th anniversary. Fireworks will again take place Saturday evening.

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uninsured motor vehicle was voided after Goodman provided proof of insurance.

Police issued James P. Flynn II a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Corey M. Johnson a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

Police issued Leanna N. Neicamp a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police responded to the Morris University Center for a report of a stolen wallet.

Spring graduates
told to limit guestsAddition of summer graduates
to put space at a premiumby Erika Helmerichs
Alestle Reporter

"I just wanted to get it out of the way."

Plans for summer commencement ceremonies were cancelled due to the scheduled renovation of the Vadalabene Center.

"There would be no way to hold graduation in the VC at its normal summer time," Vice Chancellor of Administration Kenneth Neher said.

About 300 students typically receive diplomas during August ceremonies, Neher said.

Paterson said there is no predicting whether the usual percentage of students who graduate in summer will walk in graduation ceremonies until after December.

"SIUE is on the high end with 60 percent to 70 percent of students walking graduation," Paterson said, though this number may be reduced this year because of the confusion and disadvantage for those who would have walked in summer.

"Staff on campus looked at every possible option for summer graduation ceremonies," Paterson said. "There was just no place that could accommodate the size of this function."

The renovations will be starting in May and will hopefully be completed by Aug. 15, in preparation for the fall 2008 semester.

"For a lot of students and their families, this is the highlight of their college career," Paterson said. "It's that time when you finally get to walk across a stage and get your diploma."

Students walking in SIUE's spring commencement ceremonies will have to shorten their guest lists this year, as the inclusion of more than 100 summer graduates will pack students in caps and gowns even closer together.

Jean Paterson, director of the Career Development Center and coordinator of commencement ceremonies, said there will be no projection screens or special accommodations made available by SIUE in case of overcrowding during the three spring 2008 ceremonies, due to the addition of summer graduates to the roster.

"It will be crowded, but it's always crowded," Paterson said. "We have asked the students that are graduating to limit their guests."

Students graduating in summer 2008 had the option to either walk in spring's commencement ceremony or wait until December for next fall's graduation. Paterson said the deadline has passed for students wishing to walk in May.

"A lot of the people I came to school with originally are going to be walking in spring," Justin Cramerer, summer 2008 graduate and computer science major, said. "I have people I know who want to see us all together."

Cramerer will finish his ninth semester at SIUE this summer and said the option to walk graduation this spring was "very convenient" for him.

"Once I heard there was no graduation ceremony this summer, I immediately signed up to walk in May," Cramerer said.

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Student Government Elections 2008

Student Government elections will take place Monday and Tuesday in polling places throughout campus.

Students are required to present their Cougar Card in order to vote.

Candidacy statements, presented exactly as received by the Student Government office, are listed alphabetically by office.

Sarah Brillhart – President



I would first like to revitalize Student Government by bringing back the enthusiasm within its members and the student body through active means of participation. Second, I would promote teamwork, diversity, and professionalism both in and out of the classroom. I also seek to strengthen our ties with the Administration.

Dominique N. Majors – President



If I am elected I will continue to be a good Representative for the students of SIUE, as I have been doing for the last 2 years. I will work hard to be a fair and understanding President. I will work hard for YOU the Students!

Bryan Kress – Vice-President



I would like to improve the interaction between students and Student Government. Lately, interest in Student Government has diminished. This is unfortunate because student's funds are being decided. I want to create an atmosphere on campus that makes Student Government more visible so that people will come and voice their opinions openly.

William Krause – Student Trustee



I will utilize my combined experience from Student Government and the University Planning and Budget Council to correspond the issues of SIUE to the Board of Trustees. Since working with the Council, I have gained insight into the University and its role on a larger state wide level.

Amber Suggs – Student Trustee



I want to ensure that the Edwardsville campus receive fair representation. As a SIUC graduate, I have first hand knowledge of the structure and resources of both campuses. Therefore, I am able to identify: equal distribution of resources, areas of improvement towards making SIUE a solid institution in the SIU Systems and core needs of the students.

Pat Brazill – Senator



If re-elected to the senate, I would work off of the experience I was able to attain this year. Also, I have developed a real understanding for the needs and wishes of our student body through open communication. Both of these characteristics would be directly applied to the senate if I was re-elected.

Natalie Butler – Senator



My goal would be to engage students in the proceedings of Student Government. I think it's essential for students to have the ability to express themselves by creating organizations; however, it is important for the students to recognize opportunities that are already available to them. Overall, improve campus participation.

Mary Clabaugh – Senator



I wish to provide more programs and social events for students who want to have events to attend or just something to do but may not have the monetary or transportation resources. Also, I will serve my full term and not screw over my peers and student government members.

Andrea Fox – Senator



I am involved in several student organizations on campus and will be sure their concerns are addressed. My goals are to increase student involvement with campus events, have more motivational speakers and music bands, lobby the Administration to increase bus schedules, increase library hours, and work against all unnecessary fee increases.

Abbey Fritz – Senator



I, Abbey Fritz, am running for Student Senate. As a senator, I will be your voice. You, as SIUE students, know best what we need to accomplish as a community. I will provide a fresh face and am open to new ideas and opinions. Vote Abbey Fritz for senator.

Rick Gonzalez – Senator



SIUE has a legacy. I want the student body to be more aware of how that legacy is made. As student Senator, I aspire to make the student body more informed of how their school is run and to know the student government listens to their concerns.

Gameli Kumasi – Senator



I will contribute to the quality of the learning process at SIUE. The main goal of education is to bring about qualitative change in people. Therefore, I would support programs that are aimed at this end. Additionally, I will try to foster better relations between American students and international students.

A.J. Mitran – Senator



It is my goal to get involved with the Student Government and try to assess problems that are presented to me and represent my students body to the best of my ability.

Nikirra Peoples – Senator



If elected I hope to become an asset to the well organized structure of Student Government. I hope to be a representative of the Student body. I believe Students know what students want best.

Leah Scherwinski – Senator



I want to be a part of an organization in which I can represent the average Student as well as the art students. So that we can have a say in the school that we spend so much time and effort at.

Ryan Watson – Senator



What I plan to accomplish in office is to get students more involved with student government. I want students to go to the student government office and believe their problems will be addressed and taken seriously. I want to amend the SG Constitution and increase the G.P.A. requirements for next school year.

Kenny Yasger – Senator



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Giving nature a hand

The Gardens staff looking for volunteers to assist in keeping garden maintained

by **Kenneth Long**
Alestle Reporter

As winter finally breaks its icy grip on nature, The Gardens at SIUE are beginning to break from their hibernating slumber. Soon, the 35-acre botanical garden will be in full bloom, but Mother Nature might need a little help from SIUE students to keep it blooming.

Doug Conley, director of The Gardens, said volunteers are tremendously important to keeping The Gardens maintained and beautiful.

"Most students haven't had contact with nature and plants," Conley said. "If we don't have assistance with landscape management, we couldn't do everything we do."

Upcoming events in The Gardens include a University Community Day on April 19 and an Arbor Day Celebration on April 25. Conley said volunteers are needed for both days.

The amount of student volunteers has increased dramatically in the past few years, said Conley. In 2005, the number of hours volunteered was 80, and in 2007, students contributed 1050 hours of volunteer work.

"I've had students participate in volunteering from the Biology Club, nursing students, business students and others," Conley said. "Volunteers come from all academic disciplines."

Senior business finance major Daniel Vogel has worked with The Gardens since October 2006.

"I liked working outdoors," Vogel said. "Usually, I'm landscaping, planting trees and removing brush."

Conley said work does not always consist of horticulture projects.

"If someone has specific skills for projects, like mapping, we get them involved," Conley said.

Vogel said the work is usually fun, including a recent project last Saturday of removing brush from the walking path.

"Students and community members came out," Vogel said. "Everyone gets outside and enjoys themselves."

Conley said the work can be physically demanding at times, but is fairly easy.

"The Gardens should be a destination for students to enjoy a living laboratory they can participate in and help shape," Conley said. "The work can be rigorous, but we take time to train the students for proper technique."

Vogel said students should at least pay a visit to The Gardens.

"(The Gardens) gives students a chance to get away from books and remove the stress of school," Vogel said. "It's a beautiful opportunity to showcase



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Pre-pharmacy major Justin Dunkirk works for The Gardens, which is a recognized Signature Garden by the Missouri Botanical Garden.

what SIUE has to offer."

Conley said many groups on campus that volunteer come from the Kimmel Leadership Center.

"The growing relationship between student and faculty projects is really great," Conley said. "We'd like to learn what students think about the projects."

Most groups volunteer about two to four hours of work per project day, Conley said.

"If a group wants to commit a few hours of work, we can find a specific project for them," Conley said.

The Gardens, a recognized Signature Garden by the Missouri Botanical Garden, includes a half-mile walking path that goes through multiple gardens, showcasing their individual plant life.

For more information on The Gardens or volunteer opportunities, visit siue.edu/gardens or call Conley at 650-3788. The Web site features pictures and master plans for each garden.

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SIUE, as well as giving us the chance to celebrate being a part of the Edwardsville community," Steve Jankowski, director of alumni affairs, said.

This celebration will wind down a year of celebrating SIUE's 50 years of existence, with the final event being a community festival on April 19.

"It is truly an event meant to bring together members of our campus and our community to celebrate our 50 years growing together," O'Malley said.

According to an event press release, SIUE has grown from 1,776 students in 1957 to more

than 13,000 students today.

O'Malley said the growth of SIUE has greatly benefited the surrounding area.

"Edwardsville and Glen Carbon have really exploded with growth along with SIUE," O'Malley said. "The two have gone hand in hand in the past 50 years."

O'Malley said more than 2,000 people have been formally invited to the gala, and they expect more than 200 people to attend. Tickets cost \$125 each, and all proceeds benefit the SIUE Chancellor's Scholarship Program.

After the gala, an on-campus fireworks show will be open to the public.

"People attending the gala will be asked to go out on the balcony to watch the show," Cavanaugh said.

The fireworks will be set off in University Park and will be visible over the SIUE campus. There will be free parking in the fan lots, and families are encouraged to come out and enjoy the show.

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Student found dead on Carbondale campus

No foul play suspected in case

by **Matthew Schroyer**
Alestle Reporter

Illinois State Police, along with Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Carbondale police, are investigating the death of a doctoral student, who was found Wednesday morning in a creek on the Carbondale campus.

The male student was identified as 31-year-old Huaijun Meng, an international student from China who was studying electrical and computer engineering.

SIUC spokesman Rod Sievers said the police were not treating the case as a homicide, and an autopsy was scheduled for Wednesday evening. Meng's family was notified.

"There is no indication of foul play," Sievers said.

Students crossing a bridge over the creek near Wright Hall found Meng's body at approximately 8 a.m. Wednesday.

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specialty."

Because SIUE was an area university he was anxious to work with, Ward put in a bid of \$6,000 – which turned out to be \$3,989 lower than the winning bid of \$9,989 by 4 Alarm Studios, also from St. Louis. The third bidder, New-York based Phoenix Design, would have charged up to \$25,000.

Ward said he thought he had a good chance of getting the job when Ann Yap, a Marketing and Communications graphic designer who was part of the logo search, told him about the other businesses in the bidding process.

"When I knew (Phoenix) was involved, I thought I had a pretty good chance because I feel they're way too expensive," Ward said. "She said another St. Louis-based company, and it was curious to me because I knew nobody else did athletic branding in St. Louis."

Ward said he was not told the name of the other St. Louis business and only discovered it after reading a newspaper article about the launch of the logo. He said he became more curious about the bidding process when he discovered Yap shared the last name of a designer on 4 Alarm's staff – Brian Yap – who drew up the new logo.

Ann Yap said she is married to Brian Yap and that their relationship played no part in the selection process. She explained that a committee of people in marketing chose 4 Alarm.

"We started with an Internet search of 14 and narrowed it down to seven. After that, we brought in several agencies," Ann Yap said.

While Brian sketched the initial cougar design, Ann said the final product was also a group effort by 4 Alarm designers.

"He wasn't the only person who worked on it," she said.

O'Malley said the final decision to choose 4 Alarm was made by herself, based on the committee's recommendations.

"When it was decided who to go with, I respect the decisions of all of my team members, but the decision to go with 4 Alarm would have been mine and not Ann's," O'Malley said. "We wanted somebody who perhaps didn't do it all the time, because we wanted something a little different ... something a bit edgier."

4 Alarm also has other ties to the university, with founders Dave Scott and Jim Harper being SIUE graduates. O'Malley said having a company headed by alums did not play a role in the bidding process.

"When I evaluate vendors, I always go back to what the objects of our projects really is, and who can best meet those objectives," O'Malley said. "So if you can work with alumni, that's great, but it's not really a criteria for me."

The university's choice of 4 Alarm also came under scrutiny by faculty members in October when it was discovered that 4 Alarm's Web site showcased a number of alcohol advertisements the company developed, many of which included scantily clad women. At that time, O'Malley said she had not visited 4 Alarm's Web site.

The company's work on the logo received praise earlier in the month, after SIUE was awarded gold in its category at the 2008 Annual Admissions Advertising Awards competition.

"We're still working off our original objectives ... and one was to increase awareness of the SIUE Cougar athletic programs and establish awareness of the new logo," O'Malley said.

O'Malley said details on the trademarked cougar would be announced as plans are finalized.

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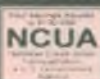
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problems, Jenkins said, but they often create them themselves.

"Students don't read," Jenkins said. "E-mails are sent to their SIUE accounts, alerting them that something on CougarNet needs their attention."

CougarNet sends the students to a specific Web site, but they are not always completing the process, Jenkins explained. After receiving an award letter, for example, students are asked to follow a provided link to choose a lender for their loan. They end up accepting the loan, but stopping before they finish the next step.

Sophomore education major Corey Kelley has gone through the process, and even though his paperwork gets completed, the long process makes him rethink his application.

"I've filed for financial aid before, and even though I did everything I was supposed to, I was worried there was something missing," Kelley said. "I thought the whole process would be a lot more-clear cut and way less confusing."

Lines begin to form outside the financial aid office as the year comes to a close and applications are due. Students start seeking help from on-campus advisers, but they often find the long line daunting, slowing down the process even further.

"The financial aid office makes the process easier, but getting through that line takes forever, so I don't always get help from the workers on campus," Kelley said. "They either need more advisers or an easier way for students to contact them because the whole waiting in line thing isn't working."

Snyder recalled waiting for

long periods of time to talk with an adviser in previous years, but appreciates the help she receives when she gets a hold of a financial aid worker.

"I have found that visiting the financial aid office, though it requires waiting in an unbelievably long line, is much more effective than trying to speak with an adviser over the phone," Snyder said. "I have literally been on hold for hours at a time, and I have never gotten answers over the phone."

Jenkins, aware of problems during high-traffic times of year, said there is no way around it.

"It's just a better incentive to get your things turned in early," Jenkins said.

Although financial aid reminders are scattered around campus with a March 1 deadline, Jenkins said the beginning of March is a preferred filing date. If FAFSA forms are filed then, and students stay on top of their application status, they should have money in their account by the installment, without any problems.

There is no actual deadline for the applications, but the longer students wait, the less likely it is there will be money in their account by the first installment, forcing them to make those payments out of pocket.

Advisers are available Monday through Thursday from 12:30 to 4 p.m. on a walk in, first come first serve basis to answer any questions the students have. The financial aid office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on the second floor in Rendleman Hall.

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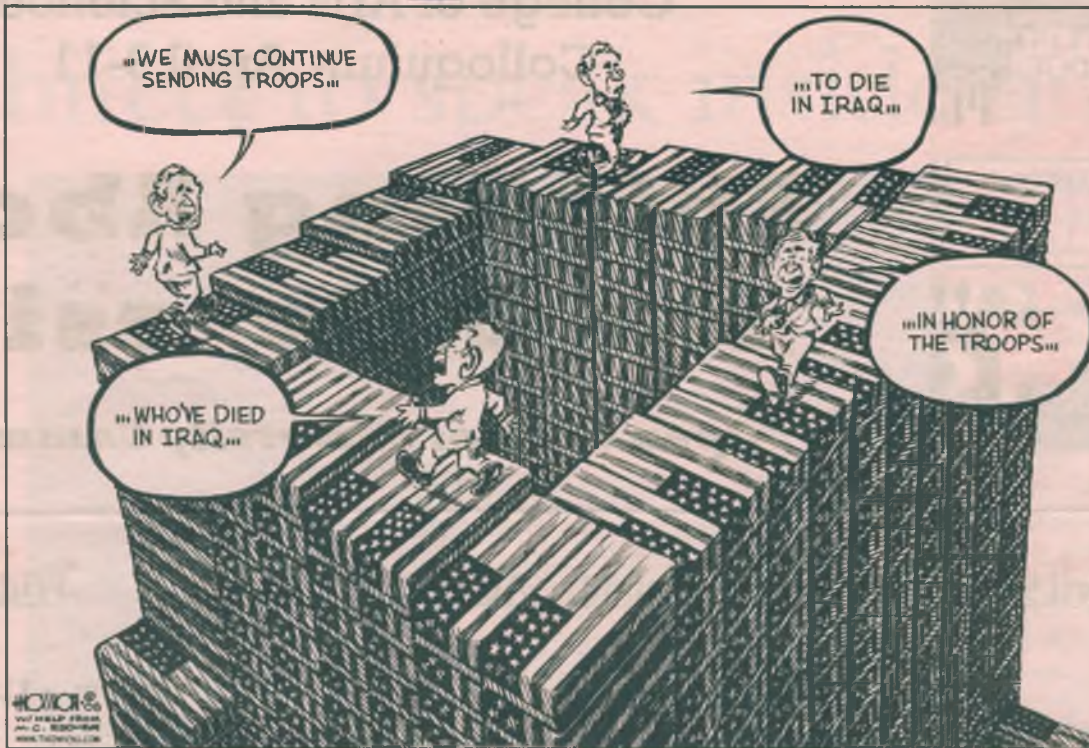
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Update video game ratings

The world of video games doesn't have the stigma it had 10 years ago. It's no longer the realm of the D&D nerds, the living-in-Mom's-basement 40-year-olds and ADD-riddled kids who hate the sun. It's now becoming a more prevalent and positive aspect of our society. It is becoming the activity of college students, 60-year-olds, and ... well, there's still the ADD kids running around, but the paradigm shift is that it is acceptable, even great, to play video games.

So if all of that can change within ten years, why can't its rating system? Many of my friends and I are casual gamers, and - especially in the last five years - found it appalling about

which games we were allowed to buy. There were the almost too casual crap of movie games and the dime-a-dozen sports games that were all rated "T," but heaven forbid we could get the "Halo"s or "Dead or Alive"s. They were the "mature" games.

Yet, in the end, all of our parents deemed these games as appropriate for us to play. They all, at some point, sat us down and explained to us that "what's on the screen is fake, and everything off is real." So, we played all these "mature" games, and we didn't become the geeks or the losers that everyone thought gamers would become. In fact, we were very successful in our schooling, were considered to be very moral, and never - ever - dared repeat what was on the screens.

If people age fifteen to seventeen all play these games and their parents approve consistently of such games, why not mend the system the PTA of all associations endorses?

Look at the movie rating system. There's a continuous flow: G for all, PG for 8-12, PG-13 for 13-17 and R for everyone else. The ESRB isn't: E for toddlers-10, E+10 for 10-13, T for 13-18 (or even 19 in some areas) and M for everyone else. The game quality increases as the rating increases. Movies are - for the most part - equal in quality no matter what the rating.

So, why not have something that's more fluid or even more descriptive for the parents? Why not just have "overplayed violence" or have a T-13 rating for just "cartoon violence?" It can be argued that the "Halo"s have "cartoonish violence," but of a more serious nature: make it a T-16. The rating system needs to change with the times.

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Pastor's views not Obama's views

I would like to respond to the article in the Alestle about Obama. The first thing that I have to say is that yes Obama's pastor should not have said what he said, but Obama should not be punished for it. His pastor felt he was only telling the truth, but he should have used a better choice of words.

All he was trying to say is that since Obama's father is black and his mother is white, he can relate to both races, since everyone keeps pulling the race card. If I can recall, Obama said that he did not agree with his pastor, but everyone still wants him to leave his church.

If that's the case, everyone

would bounce from one church to another because everyone doesn't always agree with everything their pastors say.

Obama cannot control what his pastor says. If someone that your friend knows says something that offends you, are you going to let that affect your friendship? The answer is no, because your friend did not say it. The only reason that Obama is paying the price for what his pastor said is because he's running for president, but that's not fair. No one is perfect, and everyone says things that should not be said. That's what's wrong with this society, you are guilty by association, but the way someone you hang around acts, does not mean that's the way you act.

For example, if one of your

friends starts behaving in a way that people think is inappropriate and starts talking about him or her in a negative way, wouldn't you be hurt if they talked about you too, especially if you do not agree with your friend? I would think you would since you don't have anything to do with what your friend does; he or she is just a person that you call your friend. Let's face reality; Obama is the one running for president, not his pastor. If those words did not come out of Obama's mouth how about we all be rational and let him continue with his campaign without having something negative to say.

Jenee Carr
Senior
Finance Major

Commuters have meal plan option

Mocha latte and muffin at Starbucks... \$5... crab rangoon and stir-fry in the cafeteria... \$8... bottled water... \$1 something.... Realizing you are broke from eating on campus... priceless.

It has been my experience over the last couple of weeks that living on campus is a huge benefit when it comes to food. Over the last few months, I have spent an increasingly amount of time on campus. This generally means eating at some point during the day. I tend to eat at least lunch on campus so I don't die during the day, and also try to hydrate myself as much as possible.

Luckily for me, I have found a solution to the hydration problem. Venti water from Starbucks is free. Now, how about the food issue?

Instead of just spouting off about ridiculous pricing of campus food, I decided I would do a little digging and find out some information. So, I met with Jim McDermott, Christy McDougal and Francine Polich-Burns from Dining Services. The four of us talked about meal plans on campus, how they came to be the way they are and what options there are for non-resident students.

After about an hour and a half, I was pretty comfortable being able to write an informed opinion. I learned a lot about meal plans, and how the system works. Believe or not... these people care about the students. Awesome right?

There is a new meal plan for non-residential students. Instead of 60-40, the plan is dollar for dollar. The new plan also adds 10 percent of the deposit amount to the plan for student use.

I was impressed by my talk with McDermott, McDougal and Polich-Burns, and feel better knowing the school really does care about the students, at least in regards to being able to eat on campus. Overall, a huge high five goes out to these people and everyone else that makes meal plans possible. I just wish I too got a 60 percent discount.

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Wednesday April 9

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Session 1 --- MUC, Redbud Room
Balance in the Academy: The Development of Family Friendly Policies for Faculty at SIUE

10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Session 2 --- MUC, Hickory Room
Planting the University: Heavy on the Humanities

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Session 3 --- MUC, Redbud Room
Retrospective and Historical Perspective of SIUE Edwardsville Campus and East St. Louis Center

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Session 4 --- MUC, Hickory Room
Creating Successful Student Teachers: The Ten NCSS Standards for CAS Students Seeking Illinois Secondary Certification in the Social Sciences

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Session 5 --- MUC, Redbud Room
Learning: at SIUE and after Graduation

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Session 6 --- MUC, Hickory Room
Pedagogical Approaches to Risk-Aversion in Students

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Session 7 --- MUC, Redbud Room
Thinking about Service: Defining, Measuring, Improving, and Rewarding Faculty Service in the Community

Thursday April 10

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The Disappearance of Women in the History of Sociology

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Disciplining Interdisciplinarity? The Future of Interdisciplinary Research in the Humanities

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Session 3 --- MUC, Hickory Room
Academics? Athletics? Or Both?

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Session 4 --- MUC, Redbud Room
Assessing Assessment: Lessons Learned from Cases in K-12 Schools

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Session 5 --- MUC, Hickory Room
The Evolution of Disability Studies and Balancing Student Free Speech Rights

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Session 6 --- MUC, Redbud Room
The University: International Faculty Perspectives, Issues, Concerns, and Contributions

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Session 7 --- MUC, Goshen Lounge
Extending Opportunities, Achieving Excellence? A Panel Discussion Exploring the Tension Between Accessible Admissions and Academic Excellence

Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker --- MUC, Oak/Redbud Room

Joseph Carroll
Professor of English
University of Missouri- St. Louis

**Consilience and Human Nature:
Integrating Knowledge in the
University**

Friday April 11

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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A dynamic model of the Teacher-Scholar Philosophy

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Diversity in Education: An International View of Higher Education

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Session 6 --- MUC, Hickory Room
A View of University Students Today

Dome architect to speak inside his design

by Sydney Elliot
Alestle Reporter

Standing in the middle of the Religious Center's dome and staring straight up is like looking at Edwardsville from inside the depths of the Earth. The dome is also an exact scale model of the planet.

Shoji Sadao and Buckminster Fuller designed the dome specifically this way.

Architect and engineer Sadao will be speaking at the Religious Center at SIUE Friday, April 12, about his experiences working with Buckminster Fuller and Isamu Noguchi, both architects, and about his work designing and building the Religious Center.

Sadao met Fuller while studying architecture at Cornell University, and Fuller introduced Sadao to Noguchi. The three men collaborated on many projects together, historian Cheryl Jett said.

"Best of Friends: Buckminster Fuller and Isamu Noguchi," Sadao's speech, will be presented by The WoRKS Group Edwardsville. WoRKS is an acronym for World Religions, Knowledge and Science. Sadao's speech is part of The WoRKS Distinguished Speakers Series funded in part by a grant from the Metanexus Institute, philosophy professor Greg Fields, chair of The WoRKS Group Edwardsville, said.

According to their Web site, the Metanexus Institute is an "international network" of scholars in many humanities that collaborate to pursue "new insight and a better future."

Sadao will speak as part of the series and also as part of SIUE's 50th anniversary.

Fields said the Distinguished Speakers Series creates dialogue to honor different religions around the world that help to solve human problems, but to also thank helpful technological advances.

The Religious Center was completed in 1971 and was designed by Fuller and Sadao. The geodesic dome, that is the Religious Center, is one of three domes



Allison Prorise/Alestle

Shoji Sadao worked with Buckminster Fuller to design the geodesic dome that creates the Religious Center.

created by Fuller and Sadao, although the dome residing on the SIUE campus is the only one of its kind in the world, Juli Jacobson, business administrator at the Religious Center, said.

According to a publication by Fuller, "Geoview: Go In to Go Out," the dome is a miniature globe.

"It is an exact representation of the continents on the Earth," the publication

said. There is also a line running through the building that represents the 90th Meridian West and respective North-South polar axes ... all lie in exactly the same geometric plane," Fuller said.

Though the creation of the geodesic dome is Fuller's most well known invention in the field of architecture, he was skilled in many disciplines. Fuller and Noguchi had been friends for more than 50 years when Fuller died in 1983 at age 87. Noguchi died five years later at age 83. Sadao worked closely with both Fuller and Noguchi, and out of respect for his friends and mentors, Sadao curated an exhibition that debuted in 2006, "Best of Friends," according to a press release.

Sadao has also authored a book by the same name, "Best of Friends: Isamu Noguchi and Buckminster Fuller" which is due to release in June.

Sadao and Fuller founded Fuller and Sadao, Inc. in 1965 in Cambridge, Mass. And in 1971 Sadao and Noguchi formed Noguchi Fountain and Plaza, Inc. Sadao is now the executive director of the Noguchi Foundation.

Sadao is considered to be "one of the greatest creative minds of the twentieth century," and his work with Fuller was done to create awareness of the importance of environmental ethics and practices that help preserve the Earth's resources to "meet the needs of humanity," Fields said.

The geodesic dome is a structure that encloses the largest amount of space, but with the smallest amount of structure. Fuller and Sadao were considered ahead of their time. Fields, as quoted on the Stanford University Web site, said, "Fuller and Sadao were playing on the jungle gym of the future."

Sadao and Fuller were both concerned with helping humanity through intellectual means. Both men cared about using human intelligence to help people. They particularly thought people from different cultures and religions can work

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Speaker draws connections in conflicting cultures

by Whitney Tate
Alestle Reporter

Students, faculty and members of the community filled the Conference Center on Tuesday night to hear Howard Schwartz, a professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Schwartz is the third speaker in "The Middle East: A Humanity Misunderstood" series.

Schwartz has received the 2005 National Jewish Book Award for "Tree of Souls: The Mythology of Judaism" and the Koret International Jewish Book Award for "Before You Were Born."

Gloria Reading, an education professor and the program director said, "Schwartz, without question, brings expertise to our series."

Schwartz's presentation was titled "Abraham's Tent: Shared Traditions of the Desert in Jewish and Islamic Lore." He explained the similarities by sharing stories

of Arab origin and Muslim folklore. His message explored the desert and how it is viewed as both a blessing and a curse to these religions.

The story of Abraham and his visitors displayed variations in belief systems when comparing the Bible and the Quran. In the biblical version, Abraham served his visitors food, and they ate the offerings. The Quran presents the story differently, saying the visitors did not eat because they were angels, and angels do not eat the food of humans.

Although each story provided various interpretations, the overall messages were similar.

"The connections are quite extensive," Schwartz said. "The parallels between biblical stories and the themes of folklore are remarkable."

Staying on track with the similarities



Sean Roberts/Alestle

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Howard Schwartz speaks Tuesday in the Middle-East Speakers Series.

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together through ethical means in order to make sure people were not hungry or homeless and to ensure the Earth was not polluted enough to desecrate the planet, Fields said.

Although the Religious Center was completed 37 years ago, this is Sadao's first visit to the structure since shortly after its completion.

Jett has been working closely with Sadao on two historical projects concerning the Religious Center. The projects include trying to get the building on the list of historical buildings through the Edwardsville Historic Preservation Agency and the Illinois Historic Preservation Committee.

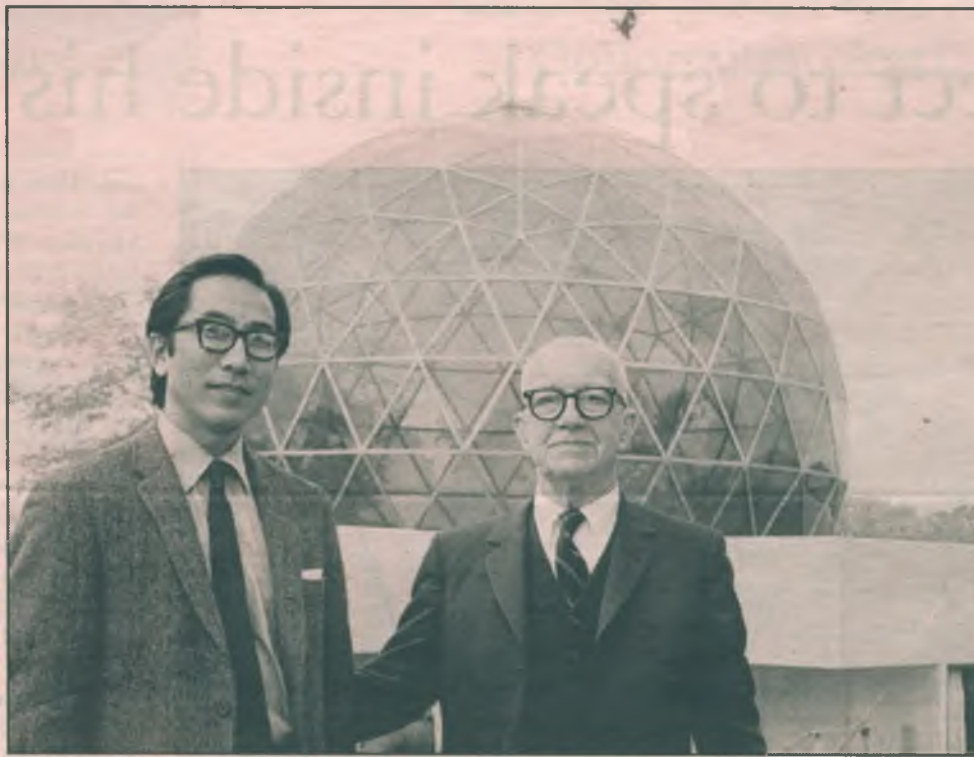
Most of the projects Jett works with do not involve people that were a part of the original project. Being able to talk to Sadao has been a "real joy" for Jett.

"It's ... been an honor to talk and interview Mr. Sadao," Jett said. "To hear in his own words about a project that he is working on is truly an honor and a privilege."

The turnout for Sadao's speech is expected to be large.

"Many fans will be attending," Jacobson said. "It's going to be a huge crowd, and we can't turn people away."

The main room of the Religious Center usually holds 100 chairs.



Shoji Sadao and Buckminster Fuller stand outside the Religious Center Dome in 1971. Sadao will speak on campus April 12 about his experiences with Fuller.

Courtesy Photo

Jacobson said they are expecting to put 75 to 100 more chairs in the room. Jacobson suggested arriving early to reserve a seat because seating is going to be tight, and it is expected there will be standing room.

Jacobson said it is possible that streaming video of Sadao's speech will be set up in another room of the Religious Center, but it has not been confirmed.

Doors open for the event at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 12, and the program

will start at 7:30 p.m. The event is free, and there will be free parking available in Lot B between the Morris University Center and the Religious Center.

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on desert beliefs, Schwartz told a story of the Well of ZamZam, a Muslim story and compared it to the Wondering Well, a Jewish tale with related ideas. The desert's curse was defeated and thirst was turned into a blessing by God, Schwartz explained.

Working on these interpretations for 40 years, he helped the audience understand the importance of "reading between the lines."

Matt Thorpe, a junior majoring in elementary education, was pleased to hear Schwartz prove that all cultures are alike in one way or another.

"People need to focus more on the similarities rather than the differences," Thorpe said. "As an educator, I believe that these issues, especially racism, should be included so people can learn to appreciate them instead of destroying them for personal advancement."

Junior elementary education majors Kalie Lusch and Kellie Fraher attended the presentation per request of their professor Dr. Reading.

Fraher, who attended previous portions of the program, said she liked how Schwartz "thoroughly explained the formation and influence of Jewish literature."

Lusch, with an agenda to teach, thought his speech was important and its content "should be implemented in today's curriculum."

Schwartz's speech contained stories of shared traditions between cultures and reiterated the importance of connections.

"It is said that Abraham's tent was open on all sides, so he could welcome strangers coming from any direction," Schwartz said. "Let us go back to that tent, that place where we can see all points of view and speak of peace."

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Master of the Cougar Cue

SIUE student Lars Vardaman pounces onto the mainstream 9-ball professional scene

by Zach Groves
Alestle Reporter

Second-year pharmacy student Lars Vardaman, who has made a name for himself in pool tournaments nationally and regionally since he was a teen, is returning to the national stage after a one-year hiatus.

The three-time Association of College Unions International 9-ball champion, however, says he is taking a less hardcore approach to the game because of his studies.

He will not be the only SIUE student to compete at the ACUI Collegiate 9-ball Championships in early July at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz. Roommate and senior finance major David Fitzgerald will join him in his first try at the national tournament.

Vardaman took first place and Fitzgerald took third in the ACUI Region 9 tournament in late February. Another SIUE

student, junior business major Sean Kempfer, tied for seventh place, but did not qualify for the national tournament.

"It's a nice surprise, because now ... I've got someone to hang out with at nationals," Vardaman said.

According to Vardaman, Fitzgerald plays with a passion that Vardaman had when he was younger.

"He's like I am when I was 12," Vardaman said. "In just a year's time, he's really shot up. He loves to play."

Vardaman and Fitzgerald met when they played in Billiard Bullpen, a now-defunct pool hall in Collinsville, less than two years ago. Vardaman said Fitzgerald is the only other SIUE student he knows who will compete in the national tournament as well.

"The one or two times a month I'm (in Cougar Lanes) it's with him (practicing)," Vardaman said.

Fitzgerald said he started

playing in college as an escape from his studies.

"At first, it was just a stress reliever," Fitzgerald said. "I had plenty of free time. I play in tournaments probably two or three times a week, at least."

Fitzgerald said he has learned a lot from Vardaman, including how to handle the room temperature during a game.

"(Vardaman) tells me how humidity will affect the ball and affect the rails," Fitzgerald said. "Humidity will make the rails play a lot harder, so the pockets become smaller."

"It will make your cue more rough ... so (I have to) play a little tighter than usual."

Another influence in Fitzgerald's game, he said, is pool legend Mark Wilson. Wilson has mentored Vardaman and Fitzgerald, as well as professional pool champion Jeanette Lee, or "The Black Widow."

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June Farley/Alestle

Amber Smith a first year graduate student in speech pathology racks the pool balls in the Morris University Center Wednesday, April 2. The MUC pool hall is where many pool players rack up for fun.

Rescheduled game results in loss

by Zach Groves
Alestle Reporter

If the SIUE baseball team could foresee its 7-1 loss to the University of Southern Indiana Tuesday night, they may have wished for a Sunday match-up instead of a rainout.

The Cougars ended up facing Screaming Eagles lefty Cory Julian for a second time in the makeup game after managing only one run against him in their loss Friday night. Julian, who pitched a complete-game victory with seven strikeouts Friday, cruised through seven innings of shutout ball with five strikeouts and just three hits allowed Tuesday.

Reliever Casey Geiger pitched the last two innings and surrendered the Cougars' only run to junior outfielder Michael Hopkins through an RBI single during the eighth inning.

"We've thrown him last year on three days' rest," USI Head Coach Tracy Archuleta said about Julian, who pitched because of the rain delay Sunday and the team's extra days. "He's really good about coming back. With a Tuesday game, we decided to go ahead and throw him again, and he'll pitch again on Sunday."

Julian said he tried to be consistent on the mound in both starts and believed he did just that.

"I just wanted to keep getting ahead in the count and I thought I did that a lot (Tuesday) and

Friday, which I knew coming in I would have to do that to be successful against these guys," he said.

The Cougars could not get the same kind of pitching and defense, as the staff walked 10 batters and the infield committed four errors. Three of the seven runs were not charged to the pitchers.

SIUE had a relatively strong start from junior right-hander Tim Stunkel until he allowed his first two batters to reach base in the fifth inning. Freshman lefty Mitchell Fairley entered the game and walked USI second baseman Josh Huebner, but struck out his next two batters. However, a throwing error by senior first baseman Steve Doll stopped Fairley from keeping the game scoreless as two USI runners came home to break the tie.

"That took our team down a bit," SIUE junior infielder Luke Bahr said. "We just need to get away from those big innings and start playing a little better."

The rough frame appeared to be just the beginning. After a scoreless sixth inning, Fairley allowed outfielder Michael Beaven and Huebner to reach base and get into scoring position. Junior lefty Patrick Keller looked to stop the rally, but struggled to find the strike zone as he allowed a sacrifice fly RBI and five walks that brought home four runners.

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Ashley Hinkle/Alestle

Junior outfielder Adam Eggemeyer waits at the plate for a pitch during a game against the University of Southern Indiana. Eggemeyer and the Cougars dropped three games to the Screaming Eagles bringing them to 5-7 in the GLVC.

SIUE serves up aces against McKendree University

by Joshua McCarty
Alestle Reporter

There is an old saying in sports that the best way to succeed is to start fast and finish strong.

For the SIUE men's tennis team Tuesday, it was more than an adage; it was a blueprint to their success.

SIUE built an early 3-0 lead over McKendree College by sweeping the three doubles matches.

"I was happy to see that," SIUE sophomore Robert Young said. "When you just need two singles matches to get the victory, it really puts you in a good position."

Young teamed with junior Carlos Sanchez, to defeat McKendree's Evganiy Nigmatyanou and Ruven Kloecker 8-4 in the No. 1 spot.

Young was also victorious in his singles match, winning in straight sets over Nigmatyanou.

SIUE's team of senior Mike

Jolly and junior Cole Garrison defeated McKendree's Timon Reichelt and Ben Schloesser 8-2 in the No. 2 spot, while junior Jordan Faulkenberg and freshman Paulo Gonzalez were victorious 8-6 in the No. 3 spot.

Gonzalez continued his single's success, earning a victory in straight sets over Reichelt, McKendree's No. 1 player.

"It was a tough match," said Gonzalez. "I could see (Reichelt) was good, but in the first set I played really well, and there was not much he could do about it."

Gonzalez won the first set 6-1. The second set came down to a key moment when Reichelt was serving.

"I broke him at 5-5 to get the 6-5 advantage and served it out," he said. "I've been serving well lately."

Gonzalez has now won 11 out of his last 13 matches.

The men's team went 4-2 in singles to defeat McKendree 7-2. They are now 5-4 overall on the season.

On the women's side of the spectrum, the team has mirrored much of the recent success that the men's team has found.

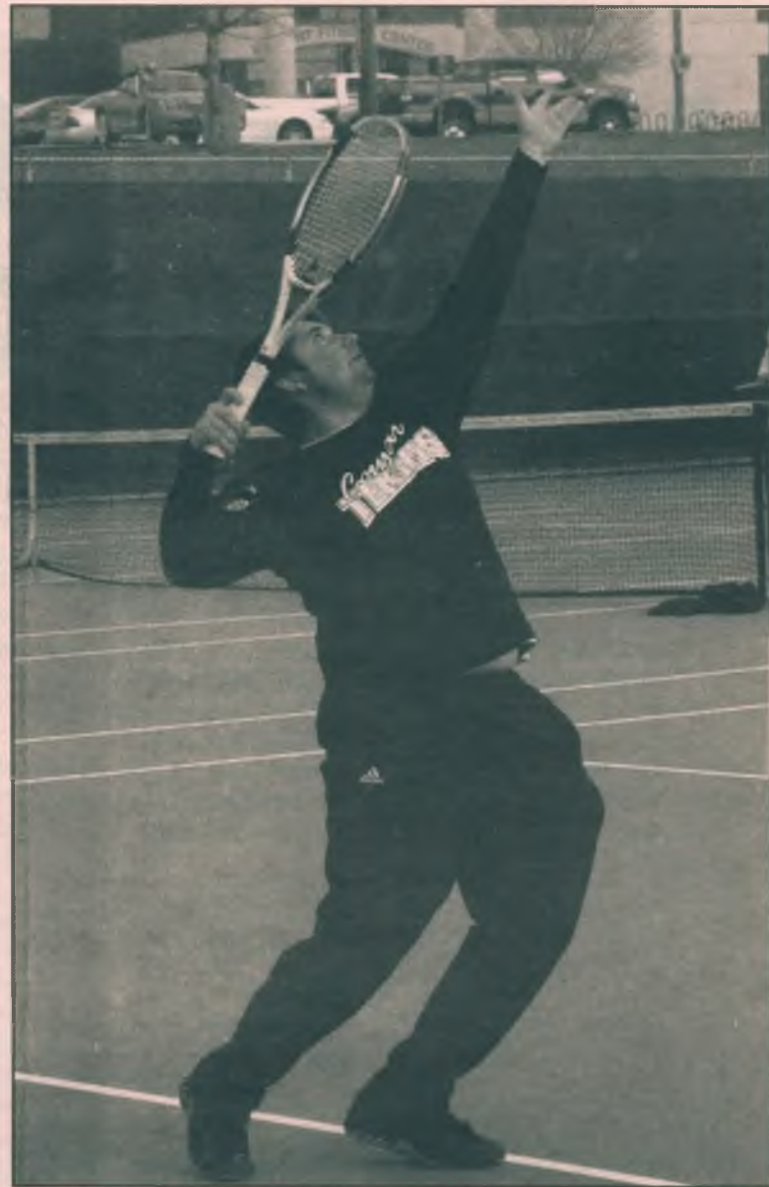
The women's team also gained early momentum, going 2-1 in doubles play.

The team gained similar results in singles and doubles play as things on both sides of the net seem to be happening for SIUE.

SIUE's duo of freshmen Carli Connors and Laura Horning defeated McKendree's Maria Occhipinti and Jenny Mennerick 8-4 in the No. 1 match.

Connors and Horning both earned straight set victories in singles as well. Connors was victorious over Occhipinti, while Horning bested Mennerick.

While Connors, one of the freshman standouts on the team continued to show much success on the court, her victory was followed by wins from the "veteran" sophomores on the squad as well.



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle
Senior political science major Mike Jolly serves during a match Wednesday. Jolly's teammate freshman Paulo Gonzalez has won 11 out of his last 13 matches.

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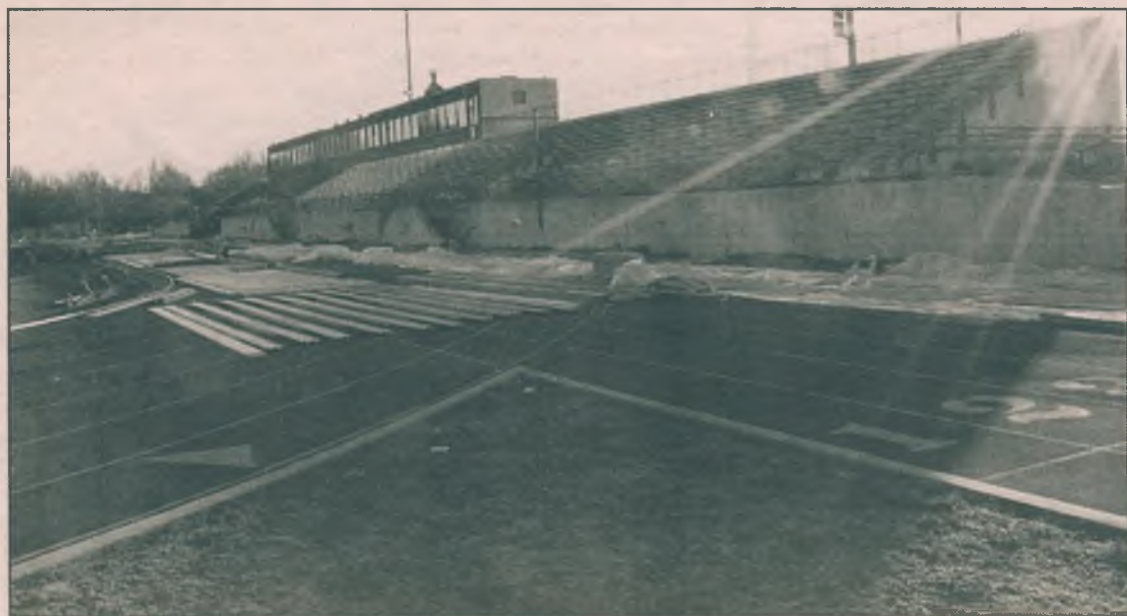
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Track and field teams to host home opener over weekend



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Construction at Ralph Korte Stadium began near the end of last year to improve the bleacher section for fans. The Cougars will have their first outdoor track and field meet this weekend. The Cougars opened their season this past weekend at the Washington University Invitational. For full stories on both the men's and women's outdoor track and field season, visit alestlelive.com

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"He's a genius," Fitzgerald said of Wilson. "Lars has known him since he was a little kid."

Vardaman reappears in the national tournament after a one-year absence. Cougar Lanes Manager Steve Siegel said he had to qualify through another region to make Nationals last year.

"Last year, he did not qualify out of our region," Siegel said. "He got beat in our region."

Vardaman is in Region 9, which consists of Illinois and Indiana. Because he did not qualify in this region, he was allowed to compete for a national title berth in Region 8, which includes the Chicago area, Wisconsin and Michigan's upper peninsula.

"He went up to Region 8 and qualified," Siegel said, though he added that Vardaman's method of qualifying for the competition led ACUI to discontinue allowing outsiders.

Vardaman, who previously won the national tournament from 2004-06, could not get his fourth straight title last year as he finished 16th, according to the Pool Billiards Magazine Web site.

"You can't win them all,"

Vardaman said. "I played my best, and that's all I can do."

Fitzgerald said making the national tournament was a special moment for him, but he tried not to show his excitement until he was done with the regional competition.

"I was excited when I found out, but I was trying not to celebrate too much in front of everyone who didn't make it," Fitzgerald said. "I was disappointed that I didn't qualify last year and didn't want to do that to those guys."

For years, Vardaman made thousands of dollars in pool tournaments and claimed he could live off the earnings, which he did until he started working as a student pharmacist.

Fitzgerald said he is doing well enough financially with his job and his tournament earnings to make ends meet.

"To be honest, I only work about once a week, and I do fine," Fitzgerald said. "I play in a lot of tournaments, and it just keeps me in gas money. Last time I played in a big one, I got sixth and made \$160. That's kind of nice."

Vardaman has appeared several times in newspapers and magazines for his achievements, but he said he is not exactly a local celebrity.

"The only people that might know me are just the pool players," Vardaman said.

Fitzgerald said he is mainly known as "Lars' roommate" by the other players.

These days, Vardaman is so busy with his schoolwork and job that he only plays sparingly in Cougar Lanes, his old stomping grounds. Vardaman said he relied a lot on his talent and hard work to reach nationals this year and may do the same in July for the big title.

"I'm still going to try and win, but it's more relaxed," Vardaman said. "It's going to be more of a fun thing."

Fitzgerald said the tournament should be a blast.

"I just hope I do well," Fitzgerald said. "I'm looking forward to seeing the University of Arizona and have a good time."

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TENNIS

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SIUE sophomore Amanda Niebur and freshman Ali Wulfers were also successful in doubles play, defeating McKendree's Kelly Beiermann and Lauren Szakielo 8-2.

Wulfers lost in the No. 3 match to McKendree's Sara Johnson, falling 10-7 in the third set.

"She lost a tough one today," SIUE Head Coach Kyler Updyke said. "But she's having a great season. She has been really good for a freshman."

Wulfers is now 11-9 on the season and has worked her way up to the No. 3 spot in doubles

play.

SIUE's sophomores Sarah Rhein and Stephanie Clark also earned straight set victories in singles matches, as the Cougars defeated McKendree 6-4.

SIUE will resume conference play Friday at 2 p.m. when they pay a visit to the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

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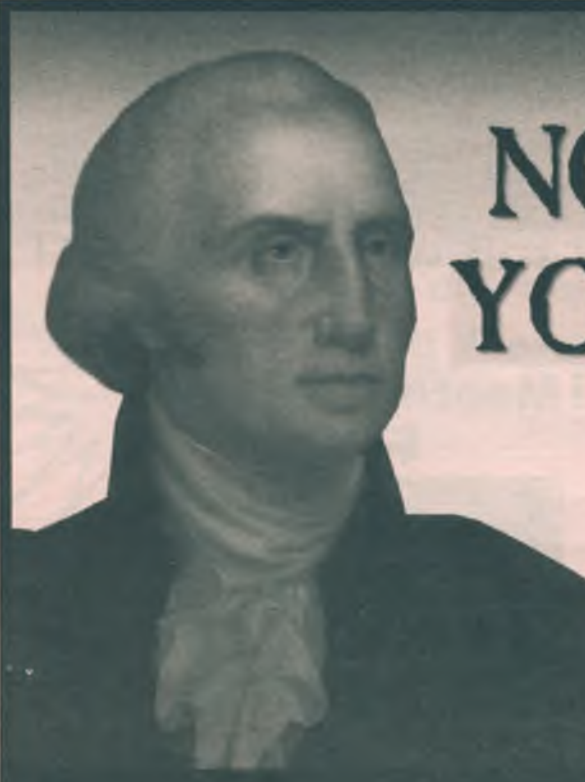
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BASEBALL

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"They weren't able to attack the zone a little bit, we took advantage of that," Archuleta said. "We got some key hits."

Keller's rough performance came three days after he shut down the Screaming Eagles for three innings with five strikeouts in relief of junior Aren Cummings. Bahr said the cooling temperatures might have played a part.

"Pitchers have problems in cold," Bahr said. "He couldn't throw strikes (Tuesday)."

SIUE will not get a chance to avenge their three losses in the series since the team will not play USI, a Great Lakes Valley Conference opponent, again this season. Bahr said he hopes the

Cougars learned from this series and makes up for the losses against other GLVC teams.

"We just need to play better for the rest of the conference," Bahr said.

The Cougars are scheduled to play another GLVC team, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, this weekend in St. Louis, but made a stop in Warrensburg, Mo. for a non-conference game against the University of Central Missouri Wednesday night.

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21 Hall-of-Famer Mel

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30 Altdorf's canton

31 Bond backer

33 Silvery-gray

34 Went like the wind

36 Way out on the computer

39 Getting on

41 Precedes

43 Dirty look

46 New Jersey cager

47 On the back

49 Common conjunction

50 Close call

53 Sore

55 de Cologne

56 "Beetle Bailey" pooch

57 Getting on

65 Gets really steamed

66 Put on

67 Khartoum's river

68 Reply to "Who's there?"

69 Reed section member

70 June 6, 1944

DOWN

1 Catch some rays

2 Debate position

3 Double curve

4 Old Mercury

5 Calls on the carpet

6 Patch up

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8 "ER" network

9 Newspaper section, for short

10 Channels

11 Rub the wrong way

12 Hawaiian strings

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18 Domiciled

19 Triumphant shout

22 Mangy mutt

23 Historic stretch of time

24 Lasagna cheese

25 Productive oil wells

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By Michael Mephram

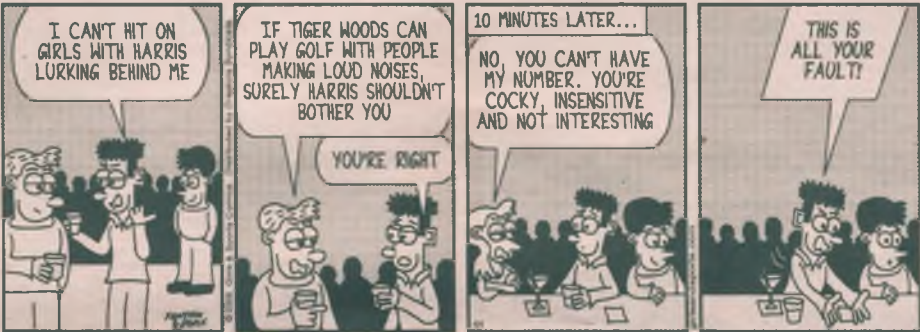
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Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope

Week of April 7 - April 13, 2008

By Lasha Seniuk

ARIES (March 21-April 20)
Loved ones may this week ask probing questions or challenge new ideas. No serious or lasting consequences can be expected, so not to worry. Do, however, avoid disclosing private family information. Social tensions will soon fade: wait for key breakthroughs and all will be well. Late this week pay close attention to late arriving workplace assignments or new financial duties. Key officials will push for rapid accomplishments and clearly defined team goals: remain optimistic.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)
Several weeks of vague business instructions and minor workplace tensions will now end. Early this week expect new projects to steadily gain momentum and appeal. For many Taureans past employment mistakes are easily forgotten: stay focused and let lingering doubts and outdated disputes fade. Thursday through Sunday a new attraction may quickly evolve toward romantic seduction. Promises, however, may be unreliable: pace yourself and watch for obvious signals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Romantic partners may this week disclose private thoughts and rare observations. A brief but intense phase of emotional distance between loved ones is now easily resolved. Accept all explanations as valid: private anxieties and subtle memories will not return. After Thursday workplace creativity is unusually high. Ask authority figures for special permissions or new assignments: this is an excellent time to bring postponed projects or forgotten ideas into action.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Business or financial proposals will now offer valuable options. Many Cancerians are ending several days of sluggish career

progress and postponed applications. Find creative ways to express new ideas to key officials and expect workplace security to steadily increase. Late Friday a previously shy or withdrawn friend may offer unique romantic overtures. Flirtation and new attraction will now quickly lead to passionate promises: watch subtle hints for clues.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Emotional triangles between friends may be unavoidable over the next six days. Areas of sensitivity involve career accomplishment, boasting or romantic confidence. Refuse to be drawn into unnecessary power struggles: at present minor disruptions are meaningless and will be easily resolved. Wednesday through Friday some Leos may be asked to clarify their financial goals or family expectations. If so, remain diplomatic: others will respond to gentle advice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
An ongoing attraction may now require clearly defined boundaries. Before mid-week a friend or co-worker may be unusually expressive or vulnerable. If so, expect a steady wave of subtle invitations or private compliments. Honestly describe your limits or expectations. After Friday some Virgos may encounter a rare proposal for a business or financial partnership. All looks promising but refuse to sign long-term contracts: a detailed review of the facts will prove helpful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
New employment schemes and surprising career options may this week arrive without warning. Many Librans are now ending several months of workplace confusion, low ambition or career evaluation. This is a powerful time to put business plans into action. Don't hesitate to ask colleagues and key officials for guidance: positive pathways

are available. After mid-week watch also for a friend or colleague to reveal unexpected family changes: revised schedules are likely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Listen to the business plans or financial opinions of friends and colleagues this week. Over the next few days employment partnerships will work to your advantage. Revised career ambitions and fast job changes will soon be an ongoing theme: carefully consider all proposals and new options. After Thursday some Scorpios may be invited to a unique family event or social gathering. Business and career contacts will prove remarkable: stay open to fast proposals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Social speculation may this week briefly strain new friendships. For loved ones privacy is now a vital concern. Before next week friends and colleagues may feel vulnerable to public criticism. If so, remain diplomatic: romantic insecurity and past family history may be a powerful influence. Friday through Sunday family members may express private doubts concerning recent financial decisions or business or property choices. Stay balanced: your guidance and support is needed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
A long-term friend may now reveal hidden romantic facts or ask for delicate family advice. Ethical issues and subtle emotional triangles are highlighted. Encourage contemplation and quiet discussions. Calm reflection will provide valuable insight. Later this week some Capricorns may be asked to resolve the past mistakes of an older colleague or manager. Remain sensitive to all facts, figures and political decisions: yesterday's errors will soon bring surprising advancements.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Family relationships and minor home disagreements will steadily improve this

week. After Tuesday social or financial differences will be forgotten or proven irrelevant. Encourage loved ones to discuss recent conflicts and disappointments: honest communication will quickly lead to lasting harmony. Late Friday some Aquarians may be asked to plan a complex social event. If so, ask for assistance: group events will work more positively if all are involved in key decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Recently disrupted or postponed love affairs will now move forward. Over the past 12 days vague comments and social confusion may have provided wrongful impressions. Allow new attractions to captivate your attention and expect sensuality or romantic intrigue to soon be rekindled. Friday through Sunday family members require added attention and support. Emotional decisions and workplace power struggles may be draining: offer concrete advice.

If your birthday is this week: Family advice will provide meaningful insight into business problems. In the coming weeks older relatives offer strong opinions and accurate descriptions. After April 21 pay special attention to financial negotiations, delayed promotions or changing workplace policies and expect revised job expectations to soon trigger serious career evaluation. Between June 7 and Aug. 4 long-term romance will steadily deepen, become fascinating and take on a new dimension of sensuality. New commitments will arrive without warning: expect fast home discussions and important romantic choices. Late in November watch for a rare job opening in the field of research, communications or public relations. Don't hesitate to explore new options.

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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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By Michael Mephram

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