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## Community college bill meets protest

by Sydney Elliot  
Alestle Reporter

SIUE is among a group of universities protesting a bill that would allow a northern Illinois community college to offer bachelor's degrees, contending that it could lead other community colleges to look to offer four-year programs on their campuses.

Harper College in Palatine, Ill. has requested a bill be passed through Illinois Congress authorizing the college to offer bachelor degrees in two vocational programs.

The community college, about an hour north of Chicago, is requesting the chance to offer four-year degree programs in public safety administration/homeland security and technology management. These programs are meant for police officers, firefighters and those in business industries.

The programs are designed for working adults who already have an associate's degree, but need a bachelor's to move into supervisory positions or to become a police officer or firefighter, Harper College spokesman Phil Burdick said.

"There are plenty of people with associates degrees, but people can't go to universities that may be hours away," Burdick

said. "Other states offer BA (degrees) in vocational areas where there is a need and where four-year universities don't offer it."

The program would be a four-year pilot program to see if it would work for the school and possibly other community colleges throughout the state.

"After 4 years it would go back to the legislature to reauthorize the program," Burdick said. "Let us try it on a small basis and study it and see what happens."

Opposition to this bill is great among several presidents and chancellors of universities around the state, including SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, according to a letter sent to state senators by Western Illinois University President Al Goldfarb.

According to the letter, opposition to the bill comes through the Illinois Community College Board, the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities and "a significant number of Illinois community colleges."

Other opposition to the Harper College bill includes SIUE and more than 60 other universities and colleges throughout the state of Illinois.

Vandegrift said he and other

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## Faculty payment system to change

by Allan Lewis  
Alestle Reporter

Faculty members will be receiving twice as many paychecks beginning in the summer, as the university is implementing a new schedule for paying faculty through the Banner System.

"It is a new university wide policy set to go into effect in July," Faculty Senate President Kay Covington said. "We have been paid on a monthly basis before this."

The new system, which will go into effect July 16, is an adjustment to fit the faculty into the Banner System, according to Covington.

"It is related to Banner and human resources," she said.

According to Vice

Chancellor of Administration Kenn Neher, the new system is a direct result of the server change within human resources.

"We went from the HRS old mainframe based program that is no longer vander supported to the new Banner HR system that currently works with students," Neher said.

The new system is server based, and Neher said there were two reasons for making the switch.

"The existing system is no longer vander supported and the mainframe is 15 years old," Neher said. "It is becoming more and more burdensome to keep going."

Neher said the current mainframe costs \$37,000 a

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June Farley/Alestle

Third-year pharmacy students Jackie Fredericks, Tyler Gehlbach and Terry Sullivan work on their final project. The class is the first to enter the School of Pharmacy.

## Medicinal milestone

### First pharmacy class prepares for fourth year, advanced rotations

by Kenneth Long  
Alestle Reporter

Third-year pharmacy student Brandy Bratcher does not mind being a guinea pig.

"If anything, it's a different experience," Bratcher said.

Being part of the first class of the School of Pharmacy has its ups and downs.

"We had a lot of input for the school, but there's no upperclassmen to ask about how classes go," Bratcher said. "In general, it's good and bad."

The third-year class, known as P3s, will soon become the first P4 students at SIUE's School of Pharmacy. The largest part of the P4 year is the start of advanced rotations.

SOP's Director of Experimental Education Bill Wuller said the P3's introductory rotations were successful.

"The perceptive pharmacists were very complimentary of the (P3s)," Wuller said. "They were very well-prepared."

The introductory rotations involved assisting pharmacists from locations in the immediate area, such as Madison County health centers and St. Claire. Advanced rotations can branch out as far as Mexico and South Dakota.

"(The locations) are prized throughout the country," Wuller said.

School of Pharmacy Dean Philip Medon said the P4 year is experimental.

"P4s work with pharmacists and learning new things," Medon said. "They're getting experience to give better patient care."

The P4 curriculum contains eight five-week rotations, with four required at community sites such as hospitals, clinics and pharmacies. The pharmacists who will work with the P4s, known as preceptors, will supervise the P4s.

"They serve as models for the students," Medon said.

After seven rotations, the P4s will take federal pharmacy tests necessary for licensure. Expected graduation for the current P3s will be in May 2009.

"The program has done extremely well," Medon said. "Even in the third year, we've won awards and are making accreditation."

Bratcher said the curriculum for the first three years of the pharmacy program might have been experimental, but ultimately beneficial.

"The small class size lets you get really close to the faculty," Bratcher said. "They strive to make sure everyone is doing well."

Medon said the pharmacy professors may seem young, but are experienced.

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## Police Reports

### 4-25

Police issued Krystal R. Kitchen a citation for speeding and no insurance on South University Drive.

Police issued Jeffrey L. Sucher a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Christopher P. Moore for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Heidi Gifford a citation for speeding and a written warning for expired registration at North University Drive.

Police issued Jared L. Sawyer citations for speeding, a stop sign violation and the operation of uninsured motor vehicle at North Circle Drive and Lot F.

Scott A. Jenkins was issued citations for disorderly conduct, being intoxicated in the roadway, illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and resisting a police officer. Jenkins was arrested after allegedly running toward an officer's moving vehicle in Cougar Lake Drive. Jenkins was arrested and transported to the SIUE Police Department, where officers reported Jenkins was being disruptive and caused damage to the booking room. Jenkins was later transported

to the Gateway Medical Center after police believed Jenkins had hurt himself. After evaluation, Jenkins was transported to the Madison County Jail where he was processed and placed on felony hold for charges of criminal damage to state supported property. A bond of \$10,000 was set, and the case is being reviewed by the Madison County State's Attorney's office.

An officer struck a pole in an attempt to avoid hitting a pedestrian in Lot 4A. Edwardsville Police Department responded for a crash report.

### 4-26

Police issued Brian A. Tebbe a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Molly F. Douglass a citation for expired registration on University Drive.

Police issued Mohammed A. Salisu a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle at the Commons entrance and Lot 5G.

### 4-27

Police issued Joseph R. Bassa a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Rodney E. Lewis citations for speeding, the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and no valid drivers license at South University Drive and Woodland Hall Lot.

Police issued Jianpeng Zhou a citation for disobeying a stop sign at South Circle Drive and South University Drive.

Police issued Joseph M. Weber citations for speeding and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North Circle near Lot F.

Police issued Benjamin J. McQuade a citation for disobeying a stop sign at Circle Drive and Whiteside Road.

Police issued Dana M. Berg citations for disobeying a stop sign and for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle at South Circle Drive and Whiteside Road.

Police issued Tiffany M. Avery a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

### 4-28

Police took a walk-in report of credit card fraud. The case is under investigation.

Police issued Christopher C. King a citation for speeding on University Drive and Lot 10.

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"Students and faculty have an entrepreneurial spirit," Medon said. "We've been learning together."

Bratcher said the pharmacy program allows students to work together and help each other.

"When you spend three years in the same room with 80 people, you become a really close group," Bratcher said.

Bratcher was the first class president of SOP and helped write its first constitution.

"Getting organized was a struggle at first, but now everything is starting to pick up."

Bratcher's past rotations include St. Louis Children's Hospital and SIUE's Pharmacy Information Center. She hopes to do her residency at the children's hospital for at least one year.

"Our students are doing very

good work," Medon said. "Students find good matches with their preceptors."

Medon said pharmacists are still in demand, with a shortage of pharmacists expected by 2020.

"As our population of citizens gets older, more medications are needed as well as pharmacists," Medon said. "We want capable pharmacists to monitor our medication and make sure patients are receiving necessary medication."

Wuller said he is excited to see the first group of P4s in the field.

"I look forward to working with the future P4s over this next year," Wuller said, "out in the field and in pharmacies."

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## FACULTY

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month to maintain.

"The new one is modern and easy to take care of," Neher said. "Any time you change systems there are changes in the way you do business."

Neher said the new system will be operating in its out of the box form, translating into the new bi-weekly pay periods.

"People will get their money sooner because basically we are holding on to half of their money for a month," Neher said.

The policy, according to Covington, was not something

the Faculty Senate had a chance to vote on, as the university introduced the new system.

"It is something that is really out of our control because it is all based on Banner," Covington said. "It's not as if anyone voted on this."

Faculty will now be paid on the 16th and final days of the month. If the payday falls on a weekend, paychecks will go out on the previous Friday.

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*Congratulations, graduates!*



*We wish you well.*





# Anti-sweatshop group urges SIUE to use ‘labor friendly’ suppliers

by Erika Helmerichs  
Alestle Reporter

United Students Against Sweatshops requests for SIUE’s formal affiliation with two workers’ rights organizations has been denied after months of petition and student investigation.

Senior Andy Lucker is the organizer for SIUE’s division of USAS, a student group that aims to keep all merchandise sold at SIUE sweatshop-free.

“We exist here on campus to raise awareness and make sure that sweatshop conditions do not exist at the university or in a place the university is buying from,” Lucker said. “As far as USAS goes, we see sweatshops as existing anyplace that doesn’t offer living wage.”

Lucker said USAS’s primary goal is to get SIUE involved in the Worker Rights Consortium and the Designated Supplies Program, two organizations working to research which manufacturers endorse sweatshop conditions and how universities can choose “labor-friendly” suppliers for things like logo T-shirts, sweatpants and all other items included in places like SIUE’s University Bookstore.

Lucker said he has gone through clothing tags in the University Bookstore and seen that a majority of the merchandise was produced in third world countries.

“We can’t conclusively know that the university is buying from sweatshops,” Lucker said, “but it’s probably likely.”

Senior Amber Robins said, “If the clothes are made in sweatshops, students at this university have a right to know about it.”

USAS first attempted to get SIUE involved with both the WRC and the DSP on March 5, when the group delivered packets of information about the organizations and a letter to SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift’s office. After no reply, USAS said they checked back on March 20 to confirm Vandegrift received the information.

“We were constantly handed off to different people,” Lucker said. “It was ridiculous.”

Lucker said both the WRC and the DSP are free organizations, requiring only a signature from SIUE to join.

“We had been working so hard to get this letter ready since January, and all the chancellor had to do was sign it,” Robins said.

Lucker said he then called Vandegrift’s office on March 24 and again April 7 and still received no reply. On April 15, USAS sent a “mass e-mail” to Vandegrift.

“It was then that our presence was finally acknowledged,” Lucker said.

USAS was informed their requests would be sent to the General Counsel’s Office, and they would receive a direct response from Vandegrift within one week, but did not hear back from him until April 25.

After receiving no response one week later, USAS began another mass e-mail on April 22, paired with a mass call-in to Vandegrift’s office.

Despite efforts from USAS to gain university affiliation with the WRC and DSP, Greg Conroy, director of Marketing and Public Relations at SIUE, said it does not look like SIUE will be joining anytime soon.

“We have sent a letter to Mr. Lucker stating that we agree with all of USAS stances, but as a state entity, SIUE prefers to maintain control and authority over our licensing agreements ourselves,” Conroy said.

Lucker received the response letter from Vandegrift on Friday.

“The letter stated “SIUE will stringently avoid purchasing goods and services from those vendors who participate in sweatshop manufacturing,” Lucker said.

Lucker said it seemed as if Vandegrift “never even read” the information sent to him, due to misconceptions in the response letter on what the function and cost of the WRC is.

“The reason the DSP requires WRC affiliation is because they base their statements on WRC

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presidents and chancellors of Illinois schools oppose the bill for three reasons: state funds already have been tight across Illinois, universities can already meet the capacity for students in specific programs and the Illinois Board of Higher Education is working on a master plan to restructure higher education in the state so “it doesn’t make sense to finalize this bill before the IBHE is done.”

The Harper College Web site offers answers to common points of opposition to the proposed bill. In response to funds already being tight throughout Illinois, the Web site states, “The pilot program will have no impact on the state funding pool for public universities.” The Web site also stated no funding is being requested from the state and the program would be paid for by tuition and corporate donations.

Rep. Paul Froehlich of the 56th Congressional District said the pilot is a “temporary and limited scope.” The program is not designed to turn the college into a four-year university, but he said some consider this bill the “first step down a slippery slope.”

The Harper College Web site also addresses that issue, stating:

“A four-year pilot program ... is a thoughtful and moderate way to study what 12 states are already doing in allowing community colleges to offer bachelor degrees in vocational areas.”

According to the Illinois General Assembly Web site the “Harper College” bill would be an amendment to the Public Community College Act, but requires several specific conditions to be met before the bill will be passed.

Froehlich said his district, which includes Harper College, is open to the idea of the bill. He said it is popular among the members in his district, even if the tuition is similar to a four-year university.

Althoff said other community colleges in the state have been interested in a similar program, but most of them are not able to go through the change. She said if the Harper College pilot program was successful, the opportunity could then be offered to other community colleges.

Harper College is requesting the opportunity to start the pilot program by the request of local businesses. People already have associate degrees, but often need

bachelor degrees to move upward in a company, and it is not feasible for people to drive to a university several hours away to earn a degree, Burdick said.

Burdick said the opposition to the bill could be coming from many places, but feels the disagreement lies in the community college mission to “meet the changing needs of the community.” Meanwhile, others believe the mission of a community college is to provide only a two-year degree.

“The point is that right now ... there is nobody who is serving this need for working adults,” Burdick said. “We don’t care if the universities or the community colleges do it. Somebody needs to step up to the plate and serve these needs.”

Vandegrift said he and other presidents and chancellors of universities and colleges around the state believe community colleges are fine the way they are.

“Community colleges are formulated to serve the state better the way they are structured,” Vandegrift said.

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# A little bit goes a long way

Campaign teaches morals, kindness on behalf of fallen family member

by Erika Helmerichs  
Alestle Reporter

The Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge was filled with emotion and reflection Monday evening as representatives of the Save a Life campaign spoke to students about the importance of moral courage.

The Save a Life campaign works as part of the Colin P. Fahrenkamp Foundation, a national campaign that teaches students from elementary school to university level about the strength of kindness and making good choices.

"Our campaign encourages people to act on their instincts and what they know in their hearts is right," Megan Fahrenkamp, the 25-year-old sister of Colin Fahrenkamp, said. "Everyone encounters a moment where they have a choice to make the right decision."

This foundation was created after Colin Fahrenkamp's father received a phone call "370 days ago today, at 3:20 in the morning," David Fahrenkamp said.

The call informed him that his son had been in an automobile accident. Colin was not under the influence when his car careened off of the side of the road that night.

"Nobody wants to tell you that your son is dead," David Fahrenkamp said.

Monday evening's presentation of the Save a Life campaign was a reflection from the Fahrenkamp's on their son's untimely passing and how students at SIUE can better themselves through the "moral courage" which Colin carried through his life.

David Fahrenkamp said after Colin's death, many friends and schoolmates came up to him and told him Colin had "saved their life."

Colin was the kind of person who often went out of his way to help others, David Fahrenkamp said. Colin even once "saved" a 13-year-old girl who was overdosing on drugs and another classmate who was contemplating suicide.

"Colin was one of my good friends and a good person," senior Pat Brazill, the organizer of the Student Government

event, said. "It's inspiring to see how many lives the family has changed through this campaign."

Brazill said he knows it is especially difficult for college students to make the right decisions when faced with drinking and driving, drugs and many moral issues.

"My favorite part is being able to get the story out there," Brazill said.

Junior Senator-elect Ryan Watson said he was "extremely glad" he could attend this event.

"It made me think about the mistakes I've made in the past and that I should be making more responsible choices in the future," Watson said. "It's the small things you do that can impact a person's life."

David Fahrenkamp told the group of nearly 50 students sitting in the thick silence of the Goshen Lounge that he was challenging them to make the right choices, even when the wrong ones seem easier.

"Kids everyday don't realize that they are empowered by their courage," David Fahrenkamp said. "I'm looking for a hero in every one of you."

Megan Fahrenkamp said the Save a Life campaign is not only about drinking and driving.

"My dad just spoke to some kindergarteners about what it means to be a good friend," Megan Fahrenkamp said. "It's the same kids that learn to be good friends that will be taking the keys from their friends later down the road ... Moral courage is different at every age. This campaign is about what it means to better yourself."

The Save a Life campaign gets its name from the last song Colin Fahrenkamp downloaded, The Fray's "How to Save a Life."

Since the accident, The Fray has dedicated their album to Colin Fahrenkamp and have become close friends with the family, David Fahrenkamp said.

"We've gotten a really warm reception everywhere we've gone," Megan Fahrenkamp said.

For more information on the Save a Life campaign, or to contact the Fahrenkamps, visit [savealifecampaign@gmail.com](mailto:savealifecampaign@gmail.com).

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"Everyone encounters a moment where they have a choice to make the right decision."

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reports," Lucker said.

Lucker spoke at Friday's Student Senate meeting and said he was "very well received."

The Senate did not take any votes for action on Friday because it was the final meeting of the semester, Lucker said.

Conroy said that, although the university will not affiliate with the organizations, they are examining the topic.

"We agree with the WRC that sweatshops are a problem," Conroy said. "Our new licensing agreements for our T-shirts and everything are checking for these conditions."

Conroy said it was never the intention of Vandegrift's office to ignore USAS. He said the General Counsel's Office "spent time researching all of the claims" and sent a letter to Lucker on April 23, nine days after direct contact was promised.

"There was a lapse of time since we got the first letters in March," Conroy said. "And this was not the only thing the chancellor had to do."

"When a university complies

with their USAS group and changes the company, their merchandise is coming from it looks really good for that university," Lucker said.

Robin's said it was up to students to change their university.

"It's important that we start caring about human rights," Robins said. "It's frustrating because even in our own economy the working poor are hardly treated like human beings, all for economic gain."

The SIUE division of USAS was created last August to protest any labor rights violations, Robins said. She added USAS has even forced Taco Bell to change their practices after student protests.

"Sweatshops are something that everyone knows about and doesn't like," Lucker said. "It is about finding out where they exist and stopping them."

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## State allocates \$3.5 million for scholarship program

by Lindsay Stuart  
Alestle Reporter

Students who find it hard to pay for tuition may be getting a break, thanks to a new state scholarship program.

Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias is placing \$3.5 million in college scholarships for Illinois students. The scholarship is a part of the Illinois State Treasurer's Bright Start Scholarship Program, which will provide money to needy college students and comes at no cost to Illinois taxpayers.

The awards will be funded entirely by OppenheimerFunds, the program manager for Illinois' 529 college savings plan.

"This is an unprecedented private-public partnership that will benefit needy Illinois students," Giannoulias said in a press release. "No other state and college savings fund manager are providing this much money with so few strings attached."

There are some requirements for the colleges the money will be given to, however. Schools must have an enrollment of at least 2,000 undergraduate students and must be a four-year college.

"This is so that the number of colleges that money will be given to is smaller," Sara Wojcicki, deputy communications director, said. "If you gave that money to every school in the state it would make the amount of money really small."

SIUE will be getting \$16,500 dollars annually from this scholarship program. Southern Illinois University Carbondale will be getting

\$17,500 and Northern Illinois University will receive \$19,000.

University of Illinois-Chicago will have the greatest amount of scholarship money with \$22,500.

The recipients of the scholarships will be chosen by the school's financial aid program, based on the students' need. By allowing each of the 36 schools to pick their own recipients, the state can assure that more money is given to students because they do not need to hire people to distribute the money.

"We also don't want people to think that we are giving money to our friends and family," Wojcicki said.

The first recipients of this award are expected to be announced this fall. The scholarship amounts will range from \$1,000 to \$2,500 and will be given out over the next seven years. The amount given to each college will be based on the school's tuition and room and board.

"Working together with Illinois universities and colleges to help our state's neediest students is a major priority for this office," Giannoulias said in a press release. "Every year it costs significantly more to attend college and this money will give thousands of students in Illinois a boost toward earning that degree."

As of Tuesday, SIUE's financial aid office did not have any information about the scholarship program.

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# Student Government 2007-2008

## Year-End Report

*Working on behalf of students to make SIUE a better place to live and learn*

### Goal 1: Support University-wide initiatives

- Objective 1: Build relations with alumni
- Objective 2: Host events focusing on diversity
- Objective 3: Increase faculty/staff involvement in student affairs

#### Accomplishments:

- Attended and participated in a Student Leader 50th Anniversary Reunion sponsored by the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. During this event, Student Government members interacted with students, alumni, staff, and administrators.
- Hosted a Non-traditional Student Award Ceremony to recognize the accomplishments of non-traditional students. External Affairs committee sought nominations from faculty, staff, and administrators.
- Participated in a diversity forum of students. Student Government representatives met with Deputy Director for Diversity of the Illinois Board of Higher Education Terry Nunn to discuss various diversity issues across campus.
- Attended New Freshman Convocation. President Estillette delivered a speech to incoming freshmen and their families. Members of Student Government interacted with the students while distributing wristbands and other items.
- Hosted the unveiling of the cougar statue "Taking Stalk." During this event Student Government members met with alumni. T-shirts were given out to current students.
- Gave a presentation to the Board of Trustees highlighting the design of the Student Success Center.
- Provided student representation on the Division I Reclassification Workgroup.
- Investigated allegations of plagiarism against SIUE President Poshard. Student Government issued a statement regarding the organization's stance on the matter.
- Played a role in convincing Director of Housing Mike Schultz to reverse his decision regarding barbeque grill use at Cougar Village.
- Attended meetings of both the faculty senate and staff senate. Student Government members offered opinions regarding the plagiarism allegations against Dr. Poshard at the faculty senate meeting. During the staff senate meeting, President Estillette voiced concerns regarding worker's compensation issues affecting student employees.
- Worked with administrators to provide additional opportunities for summer '09 graduates to participate in commencement activities.
- Met with representatives from NACDA Consulting, a consulting firm regarding reclassification to Division I.
- Participated in summer and fall commencement ceremonies.
- Attended a Board of Trustees meeting in order to offer comments regarding the plagiarism allegations against Dr. Poshard.
- Served on the Committee for Higher Administration and Performance Appraisal (CHAPA). External Affairs Chair Suggs and Senator Nicholas worked closely with faculty, staff, and administrators to seek feedback on the Chancellor's performance. The results of the evaluation have been sent to SIU President Poshard.
- Offered remarks at two memorial services in honor of the victims of university tragedies. President Estillette spoke at the Virginia Tech memorial service and the NIU memorial service hosted by SIUE administrators.
- Passed a measure that will block Student Government funding of programs that are planned during finals week. Student Government believes this action will promote academic success.
- Passed a Proclamation of Commitment to Integrity and Ethical Standards. This served as a way for Student Government to promote the mission and vision of the University by performing our duties according to the values of citizenship, excellence, integrity, openness, and wisdom.

### Goal 2: Strengthen interactions with students

- Objective 1: Seek student feedback on campus issues
- Objective 2: Sponsor recruitment activities
- Objective 3: Implement "Request a Student Government Representative" program

- Objective 4: Be visible on campus by attending various university and student organization events
- Objective 5: Update and enhance Student Government's website
- Objective 6: Increase travel funding for student organizations
- Objective 7: Connect with the East St. Louis and Alton campuses

#### Accomplishments:

- Hosted a table at Cougar Welcome. Student Government members distributed interest forms, committee applications, and other items while mingling with students.
- Finance Board hosted six student organization funding seminars during the fall semester and three seminars during the spring semester.
- Members of Student Government made appearances on student-produced Global Village television program.
- Participated in CAB's Casino Night. Members of Student Government volunteered as dealers and prize distributors during the event.
- Served as guest speakers at Student Leadership Development Program modules. President Estillette presented "Role Models and Risk Takers." Senator Medhurst was scheduled to present "Conflict Resolution in Organizations"; this module was canceled due to inclement weather.
- Participated in CAB's Goshen Ocean volleyball tournament.
- Hosted three candidate's forums which allowed students the opportunity to meet the candidates running for offices within Student Government during the 2008-2009 academic year.
- Senator Clabaugh has/will serve as a Student Government representative on the Cougar Welcome 2008-2009 planning committee.
- Finalized the design of a new Student Government brochure. External Affairs Chair Suggs arranged for pictures of the current Student Government administration in order to complete the brochure. The brochure is now awaiting printing.
- External Affairs Chair Suggs met with students from SIUE-Alton in order to strengthen their relationship with Student Government.
- External Affairs Chair Suggs updated Student Government on issues facing students at the SIUE-East St. Louis campus.
- Hosted five student feedback sessions where members of Student Government sought students' input regarding campus concerns. During these events, students were treated to various giveaways. All feedback received was forwarded to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. He forwarded all concerns to respective university departments. Student Government members have continually followed up with administrators regarding these issues.
- External Affairs committee invited three area high schools to participate in Shadow Day. Student Council members from Edwardsville High School and Alton High School met with SIUE Student Government members for lunch. The students also watched Student Government's pilot and senate meetings. The high school students were presented with SIUE backpacks filled with recruitment information.
- Partially updated Student Government's website. Due to web design training issues, this project has not been completed.
- Approved funding requests from student organizations. Finance Board and senate approved 21 program requests totaling \$ 89,982.85, 21; travel requests totaling \$ 7,995.71; and annual allocation requests for 45 student organizations totaling \$ 10,170.
- Finance Board revised and restructured Student Government's Funding Manual to make it more user-friendly.
- Finance Board redesigned the Funding Request forms to reflect updates that have been made over the years.
- Finance Board implemented a marketing plan for Annual Allocations. As a result, Annual Allocation requests increased from prior years.
- Finance Board recommended, and senate approved, an increase in the maximum amount available to student organizations for travel requests. The amount was increased from \$ 425 to \$ 550.
- School Spirit and Pride Committee hosted numerous

activities throughout the year. The goal was to increase school spirit on campus and to instill pride in students, faculty, and staff. A total of 13 events were held across campus in which students were given freebies, offered information about Student Government, and given the opportunity to apply for committee service on Student Government's internal and university-wide committees. Some of the events included hosting a bonfire during homecoming week, participating in a golf-cart parade, giving out t-shirts at the homecoming soccer game, hosting a Halloween costume contest, handing out freebies at basketball games and wrestling matches, sno cones and cotton candy at Springfest, recruitment at meetings held in the residence halls, and assisting the senate with feedback sessions.

- Student Organization Advisory Board recommended, and senate approved an increase in the amount awarded to programs of the year. The amount was increased from \$ 500 to \$ 750.
- Student Organization Advisory Board approved over 30 new student organization constitutions.
- Student Organization Advisory Board recommended revisions to Student Government's constitution.

### Goal 3: Build external partnerships with local, regional, and state government entities and businesses

- Objective 1: Host and participate in at least two community service activities
- Objective 2: Attend Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber meetings and events
- Objective 3: Plan and implement Lobby Day
- Objective 4: Plan and implement SIUE/Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Clean-Up Campaign
- Objective 5: Attend IBHE/SAC meetings

#### Accomplishments:

- External Affairs committee hosted Lobby Day where students had met legislators in Springfield. SIUE students lobbied for money for higher education issues and SIUE capital projects.
- Co-sponsored the 5th Annual Block Party with CAB. The event was canceled due to inclement weather.
- Supported Kimmel Leadership Center and Trinity Outreach Center's "Keep Kids Warm Clothing Drive." External Affairs Committee arranged for Student Government members to donate scarves, gloves, and hats to Tri-City Area Youth Program.
- Volunteered as tour guides for Tri-City's Campus Shadow Day. External Affairs arranged for Student Government members to participate.
- Attended three meetings of the Illinois Board of Higher Education-Student Advisory Committee (IBHE-SAC). Members of Student Government participated in dialogue regarding various higher education issues throughout the state.
- Worked with Edwardsville and Glen Carbon mayors to strengthen town/gown relationship. External Affairs Chair Suggs met with the mayors to lay the groundwork for a "Community Clean-Up Day."
- Invited Glen Carbon Mayor Jackstadt and Edwardsville Mayor Neibur as guest speakers during Student Government meetings.

### Goal 4: Enhance campus safety and security

- Objective 1: Work with administrators to install video cameras in parking lots
- Objective 2: Host informational programs on date rape/domestic violence and alcohol/drug abuse

#### Accomplishments:

- Vice President Majors and Senator Brazill planned and executed a program titled "How To Save A Life" to bring awareness regarding the dangers of driving drunk.
- President Estillette requested and received data on vehicle burglaries across campus. Administrators provided statistics from SIUE Campus Police and cost estimates for installation of a surveillance system. The student senate and campus administrators are currently researching funding opportunities in the University's budget.



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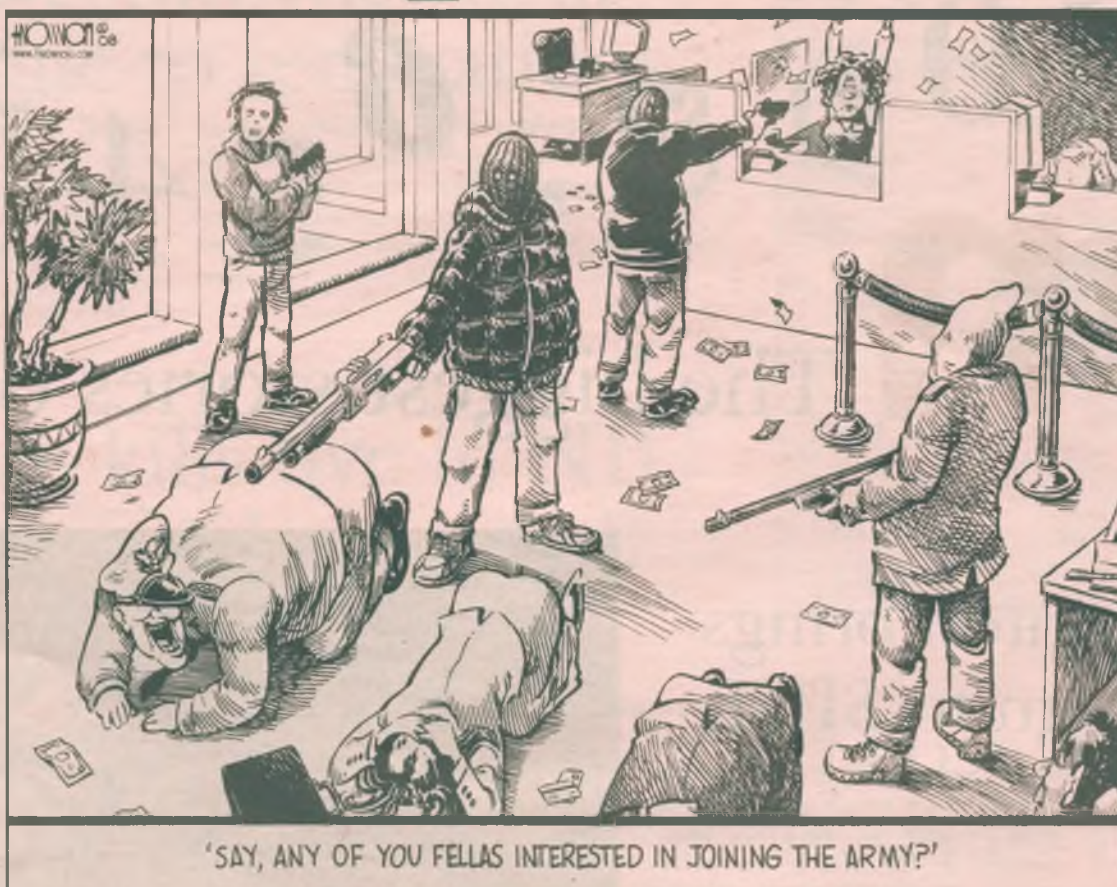
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## Have an opinion?

## Write a letter to the editor

# The times, they are a-changin'

All year, we've heard the same word over and over again: change. Change, change, change.

In this election year, politicians keep talking about change. Changes in our climate have everyone "going green." Thanks to gas prices and the cost of living, none of us have any change to spare.

The university itself is experiencing serious changes. Our generation's time at SIUE has been defined by the 50th anniversary and upcoming transition to Division I athletics. Facilities Management's 25-year plan calls for significant changes in the years ahead, as the university continues to develop into a residential campus. The SIUE School of Pharmacy will soon graduate its first-ever class of pharmacists. The list of changes goes on.



**Megan McClure**

For me personally, 2008 is a year of serious changes. After this semester is through, I'm out. In fact, thanks to an internship and a semester abroad, I won't even be back on the Edwardsville campus until next spring. This is a big switch, since I haven't been away from SIUE for more than a few weeks since 2005.

What feels even stranger, from a personal standpoint, is that this is my last regular edition of the Alestle. After one year on copy desk and two years as editor in chief, it's time for me to pass the torch – or the paper, as the case may be.

Farewell columns are, by nature, predictable and sappy. For your sake and mine, I'll save the "thank-you's" for the staff meeting and keep the clichés to a minimum. (Figured I'd put the torch-passing reference out there before swearing off clichés for the rest of the column.)

I have spent nearly every Monday and Wednesday of the past three years in the newsroom, working in some capacity on the next issue of the paper. After 170 or so

production days – plus a countless number of off-days – it's safe to say the Alestle has defined my college experience.

As a student journalist, I've had an opportunity to experience a side of the university that typically goes unseen by most students. Seemingly ordinary evenings have gone into a tailspin thanks to cookie torture incidents and runaway gunmen. I have spoken with geophysicists at five in the morning and have nearly been locked in the Morris University Center on multiple occasions. Not every day is characterized by a breaking news item, but with coworkers like these, even the most mundane of days are a memorable experience.

In short, it's been fun.

This isn't so much of a "goodbye" as it is a "see you later." The paper isn't going anywhere; the faces are just changing a bit.

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# Ladies Night: Not about the ladies

It's ladies night.

A vodka and cranberry, gin and tonic, dry or on the rocks – it doesn't matter how much it is – if you are female, you can have whatever you want because your drinks are on the house.

On the surface, free drinks for females seems like a relatively benign idea with women coming out ahead. Buying alcohol can rack up a hefty bar tab and drain a paycheck pretty quickly. The bar owners are being courteous hosts – besides, it's about time women got something men didn't.

In an activism campaign for a class project, a Women, Gender and Society student – coincidentally, our photo editor, June Farley – has posted fliers questioning the

intent of ladies nights. The posters are right. These promotional nights *should* be questioned.

The poster asks "Ladies: What are you actually paying for those drinks?"

The idea does not really seem like profitable business practice. The bar is giving away their number one money making product to about half of the population. But, the popularity of "ladies drink for free" nights seems to say otherwise. The clever marketing of a common bar practice just begs to look at what really is for sale – alcohol or women.

"Maybe it is a way to pimp out women for a marketing scheme," the poster says, offering a plausible answer to its main question.

The marketing hinges on the idea that the promise of an abundance of females will attract men to the bar who, in turn, will buy alcohol. Also, free alcohol for women equals intoxicated women. It turns the promise of

free drinks into the promise of drunken females with low inhibitions.

Not all drunk people are horrible people, but according to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Women's Program Web site, about half of rapes are committed by males who were drinking and about the same amount of women raped are under the influence of alcohol.

Ladies Nights masquerade as goodwill and favor toward women, but as the poster suggests, "see past the words and do something."

The free drinks are sexist and the marketing campaign objectifies women.

Consider the text on the poster and "think about it."

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## Top Ten

### The biggest stories of the year

#### 10 Bill Clinton brings wife's campaign to SIUE

With the upcoming election this November, SIUE played host to former President Bill Clinton while he traveled the country speaking on his wife's behalf. In January, Clinton arrived at the Katherine Dunham Hall Theater to a packed house. Clinton spoke on topics relating to national healthcare, the mortgage crisis, tuition rates for college students and

more. Some students were turned away from the speech after spending hours waiting in line. They were directed to the Morris University Center Meridian Ballroom for a newsfeed on two large screens. Some students had been waiting in line since 4:30 a.m. to see the 8 a.m. speech.

#### 9 SIUE debuts e-Lerts

With the school shootings at Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University, SIUE implemented the use of e-Lerts, a text-messaging system put in place to alert students of any troubles on campus. Students on campus were asked to register their cell phones, and within 24-hours they would be able to receive the texts

alerting them to issues on campus. The system was first used in March to alert students of a snow day due to inclement weather. E-Lert works in conjunction with the SIUE Police Department. As soon as an emergency call is placed to the Police Department a text is sent to all phones registered.



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The SIUE 50th anniversary celebration concluded this month. One of the final events, the Town Gown Gala, featured a fireworks show over University Park.

#### 8 50th anniversary events characterize school year

The 2007 - 2008 academic year marked the 50th birthday for SIUE. The year was celebrated with remembrances of the Mississippi River Festival, the opening of a time capsule, sealing of a new one and

a fireworks display at the end of the year. Alumni were invited to SIUE to celebrate a "Flashback to the MRF" in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom in October. In February, the Goshen Lounge

was turned into a beach for the day so everyone could enjoy sand volleyball and tropical drinks. Many other events took place throughout the year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of SIUE, and by April

fireworks glittered the sky as the end of the year approached. One of the final stepping-stones to SIUE's celebration was a new time capsule created to replace the one opened earlier in the school year.

#### 7 Students arrested in cookie assault

Two SIUE students were arrested in November for kidnapping and allegedly torturing an individual with, among other items, freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. According to the police report, junior Rosario A. James, 23, and sophomore Jordan E. Sallis, 20, held the victim against his will at a house in Edwardsville after he and two others went to the house to buy illegal drugs. James and Sallis were charged with aggravated battery, robbery and two counts of aggravated kidnapping. SIUE Police also issued a persona non grata order against the two, banning them from campus.

#### 6 I-64 wreck with trooper kills freshman

Freshman Jessica E. Uhl, 18, was killed in an automobile accident involving a state trooper in November during the fall semester break. Jessica and her sister, 13-year-old Kelli were driving on Interstate 64 near Scott Air Force Base when Illinois State Police Trooper Matt Mitchell, driving at 126 mph, lost control of his police cruiser and crashed into Jessica's car, killing the sisters instantly. In March, Mitchell was indicted with two counts of reckless homicide and two counts of aggravated reckless driving for the injury of two other motorists involved in the accident.

#### 5 Alleged threats make national news

In 2007, then-SIUE student Olutosin O. Oduwale, former Iota Phi Theta president, was arrested after SIUE Police found a handwritten note that included threats of violence against a university and rap lyrics in a vehicle registered to him on North University Drive. No specific university was named, but SIUE Police regarded it as a serious threat and arrested Oduwale at his Cougar Village apartment. At the time, Oduwale was also under investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives for firearms sales and purchases. He was held on \$1.1 million bond and made persona non grata at SIUE.



## 4 August commencement canceled due to renovations

Those wishing to graduate this summer were forced to make other arrangements earlier this year. Announcements were made in November stating the summer commencement would be canceled due to renovations being made to the Vadalabene Center after May's commencement ceremony. Options for a

summer ceremony were explored, but the administration said there was no place to hold the ceremony that would be large enough. Summer graduates were ultimately given the choice to walk in the spring ceremony, the winter ceremony or to not walk at all.

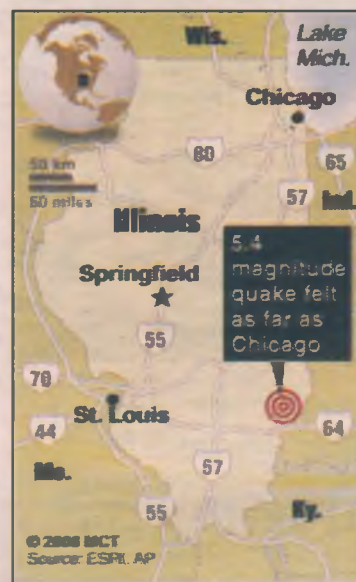
## 3 Gunman kills five in NIU lecture hall rampage



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On February 14, a gunman opened fire in a Northern Illinois University lecture hall, killing five students and injuring 16 others before turning the gun on himself. The gunman was identified as former NIU graduate student Steven Kazmierczak, 27. SIUE held a memorial service in Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge, as well as safety panels regarding the university's own campus security. Along with many members of the Illinois College Press Association, the Alestle ran coverage of the tragedy from the NIU newspaper, the Northern Star.

## 2 Quake shakes Midwest



At 4:37 a.m. Friday, April 18, an earthquake registering on the Richter Scale at a magnitude of 5.2 shook the Midwest. The epicenter of the quake was in West Salem, about 120 miles east of Edwardsville. Several aftershocks followed the quake throughout the morning, the largest registering a magnitude of 4.6 occurred around 10:15 a.m. Many students, faculty and staff of SIUE did not realize at first that an earthquake had occurred. The quake shook areas as far from Illinois as Michigan and Georgia in the largest quake to hit the Midwest since the early 1800s.

## 1 Poshard plagiarism leads to controversy

In late August, Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard was accused of plagiarizing parts of his 1984 doctoral dissertation and 1975 master's thesis, sparking much debate at SIUE and in the national academic community. A committee made up of SIUC administration and faculty

reviewed the dissertation and declared the incident "inadvertent plagiarism," requiring Poshard to revise his dissertation to correct the errors. At SIUE, the Faculty Senate opposed this ruling and called for Poshard's resignation in November, but Poshard did not step down.

### A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to re-direct her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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## Sports mirror life, not the opposite

It's overtime. Sudden death. Last chance. The clock winds down. Three. The sweat on your brow is now slowly dripping into your eyes. Last shot. Last swing. Last run. Two. Your knees begin to shake. The crowd begins to yell. Everyone around you has their eyes on you. One. The buzzer. Loud as a speeding train. Then silence. Game over. For now...

Each week I have attempted to give readers a look at SIUE sports and truly examined what it is like to exemplify being a Cougar. Today, in my final edition of Tony's Time Out, I would like to give you some advice on how to live like a Cougar inside and outside of the university.

For students, some of the greatest events of their college career may be spent celebrating a championship for their friends and family members who are on a SIUE athletic team. But the same goes for the people who watch those athletes walk across the stage during graduation. Sports mirror life, not the other way around. Congratulations to the 2007 women's softball national champions.

A retiring coach teaches all of his or her athletes everything they knew about the game. They've taught them through life experiences and personal examples throughout their careers. Sports mirror life, not the other way around. Congratulations Head Coach Ed Hunke and Head Coach Wendy Hedberg.

Teams look ahead to facing bigger, stronger, faster opponents as the reclassification of Division I comes closer to completion. While competition in Division II hasn't always been smooth sailing, the Cougars are now more than ready to make the leap into Division I.

Students, who have worked

hard to receive a degree from the university, now make the leap into the work force, where the deadlines are more demanding, the competition for success is tough and life doesn't slow down because we don't get up for our 9 a.m. meeting. Sports mirror life, not the other way around.

A bitter rival on the field could make a bitter rival off the field. However, becoming the bigger man and extending your hand out in friendship after the battle is concluded makes the sportsmanship shine through the athlete.

"So while the clock winds down and the buzzer sounds, now is the time you have to think."

As students compete for success, whether through projects or personal gain, a feud with a classmate or a person in a similar line of work can lead to additional stress. Sports mirror life, not the other way around.

And finally, as a student steps off the field for the last time, they hang their head. If they win, their head is held high, until the realization that this may be the last time they walk off the field to play the game they love. If they lose, they will now forever remember their career with that final loss. As a student leaves the university, they can raise their head knowing they have succeeded in whatever it was they desired. Whether the 4.0 GPA or the 40 friends they met on campus. They can celebrate their joys and wallow in their letdowns. Sports mirror life, not the other way around.

So while the clock winds down, and the buzzer sounds, now is the time you have to think. Do you want to walk off the field (or stage) with your head raised with pride, or would you rather it be the other way around? It's time for life to mirror sports.

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Junior Shelinda Brackett competes in a women's heat during the SIUE Twilight Classic Saturday.

## Top of the Twilight Track teams win in home opener

by Jacob Boone  
Alestle Reporter

The SIUE men's and women's track and field teams had the opportunity to run in front of their home fans Saturday in the SIUE Twilight Classic and made the most of it as each team won the meet.

The SIUE men won the meet with 150 points and the SIUE women won with 164 points.

"We had a lot of good performances," SIUE Head Coach David Astrauskas said. "It's always nice to have good performances on your own

track."

The closest team to the men was Eastern Illinois University with 112.5 points.

Senior Kyle Rose said the team stuck to what it has done all season.

"We were excited about finally getting the chance to perform in front of our home crowd," Rose said, "and I think pretty much everybody across the board did what we've been doing all year and that's coming up with big performances when we needed to."

Rose turned in another strong performance in the 400-meter dash. Rose won the event

with a time of 46.38 seconds, just missing his career best.

"To run 46.38 in April, it's showing where my fitness level is ... I'm ahead of schedule I think," Rose said.

The Cougars also took second and third place in the event as senior Chris Wright and junior Chris Littleton turned in times of 48.02 and 48.88 respectively.

"We're all very competitive," Rose said. "We're all good friends so there's a lot of trash talking about who's going to beat who when it comes down to

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Senior Kyle Rose, junior Chris Littleton and freshman Andrew Thierry compete at the SIUE Twilight meet where the men finished first out of 16 teams and the women finished on top of a 20 deep field.



# Cougar Diaries

## Soccer players prepare for fast-track transition to NCAA Division I

by Mike Jones and Nick Frasca  
as told to Tony Patrico Alestle  
Sports Editor

### Mike Jones

The transition from high school to college was the thing I was always excited for. Thank God, my excellent senior year at Fort Zumwalt South High led in the direction of getting many offers from schools all over the region.

I always dreamed about playing for a top D-I school, but the colleges I had gotten the better offers from were all out of town. From the beginning, I wasn't sure about going far away from my home. I had many doubts about leaving my family behind, being the only man around to help out since my parents are divorced. My mom was taking care of my 78-year-old grandpa as well as herself and my older sister.

Deciding to attend SIUE, I was nervous playing for a top D-II school, but I was ready for the challenge. When I first came for my visit, the coaches told me this division would be one where I had to work hard and focus on my mental game.

Being a forward all four

years of my high school career changed when my coaches decided to make me into a centerback. Being a centerback, or even playing defense, came with great responsibilities. The defense was the team. The defense started the offense and shut down others.

While playing against different types players in the league was challenging, it was also a cool experience being able to see all sorts of talent on and off the field. As a player, much was expected of me and from my teammates. In D-II, soccer programs focused on systems and formations of play.

D-II was just my first experience of challenging soccer. The team before me was used to being on top, and as my year's team went along, we were used to being the top dogs every game. Everyone wanted to beat us. Every team that played us played like it was their last game of the season, as if they wanted to end their season hard and strong. That's what made every game the game of our lives. The competition was challenging.

When talk of a transition back to D-I was going around, I was more than flabbergasted. The

thought of competing with all the great D-I schools is an awesome feeling. At least for a little while, we know what type of talent we have and how much we can take from D-I styles after beating Eastern Illinois, Creighton and Tulsa. Each team gave us a fight, but we took it upon ourselves to fight that much harder.

For me, this D-I transition is going to take some getting used to. The players in Division I are much bigger, more skilled, more fit and have a great mental game preparation.

Being a top dog from D-II, SIUE has much to learn and much to prove in order to hang with the best. I know my coach is going to expect much more out of me as a player on and off the field.

My game is going to need more intensity, work ethic and dedication. The fight in me is going to have to increase tremendously. Each bit of my level of play has to be superior in order for me to make it tough for other players to get around me. My mental game preparation, my focus and my drive are all I'm going to need to succeed at this high of a level. I'm more than



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Seniors Nick Frasca and Mike Jones enter their senior year on the SIUE men's soccer team, one of the Division I fast-tracked teams.

excited to take everything a step up. I know what I must do in order to become the player that I know I can be in order to compete with the best.

### Nick Frasca

During my time as an SIUE Cougar I have experienced many ups and downs. During my first year as a Cougar, I experienced many ups, and the one that sits atop of them all is starting as a freshman and leading the team to the national finals. Another up during that season was being ranked nationally in the top five in goals against average.

After losing in the national final, my team and I had set high expectations for the up coming season with a No. 1 ranking in the country helping to supplement the high expectations as well. One of the downs of my second season was that I was no longer considered the number goalkeeper. The other goalkeeper and I each had a fair share of the games until he was injured. The injury, while being unfortunate, gave me 11 straight starts, and I was ranked in the top two in goals against average in the

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## Senior golfers end on fifth-place finish in GLVC tournament

by **Joshua McCarty**  
 Alestle Reporter

As the conference tournament began, several SIUE golfers' careers were coming to an end. The last tournament of the year was important to the team for conference standing, but for one Cougar, it offered an opportunity to leave a lasting impression.

SIUE senior Julie Cline finished the two-day Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament in fifth place with a score of 164, four strokes behind the leader. Her performance earned Cline all-conference recognition.

"This is my senior year, and it was just a really nice way to end my college golf career," Cline said. "It was really special that my family was able to attend and share the experience with me. They have been watching me golf since I was seven years old."

Cline started off with a round of 79 on Saturday and followed up Sunday, shooting 85.

"I made the goal for myself to break 80 (in both rounds)," Cline said. "Even though I didn't quite reach my goal, I think having that goal really helped to keep me focused."

Overall, SIUE finished in fifth place out of 12 teams. The Cougars shot a first-round 348 and second-round 347, finishing 35 strokes behind first-place Northern Kentucky.

"We placed ahead of UMSL and Lewis, two teams in which we played close with all year, which was one of our goals for the tournament," SIUE Head Coach Jennifer Jakel said.

For SIUE, senior Natalie Connaway, sophomore Kelsey Atteberry and junior Kirstin Fischer combined to shoot 27 strokes better Sunday than they did Saturday. Fischer had the largest turnaround, taking 15 strokes off of her first-day effort of 102 to come back with an 87 on Sunday.

"The fact that the course dried up a little for the second round helped the girls' scores improve on the second day," Jakel said. They all came out with a better feeling for the greens and knew that they could do nothing but improve upon their scores from the first round."

Sophomore Sheena Collins shot a 172 on the weekend to earn herself a tie for 17th overall. Collins shot an 82 on Saturday and followed up with a 90 on

Sunday.

"I should be happy with my score, but honestly I am not," Collins said. "My drives were pretty good as well as my putting. I really couldn't get the irons shot up to par. I just know what I need to work on for next year."

While Collins can focus on next season, seniors Connaway, Cline and Kelly Morris will say goodbye. For Connaway, this weekend had a different feel than the rest.

"This tournament was much more emotional," Connaway said. "Golf has been huge part of all the senior girls' lives since we were kids, and now it is over. I will definitely miss the weekends full of nothing but golf with my best friends."

The GLVC tournament marked the fifth time this season SIUE finished in the top half of the field. They won one tournament on the season, taking first-place in the St. Louis Area Intercollegiate earlier this month.

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## SIUE softball prepares for first round GLVC tournament action on Thursday

by **Zach Groves**  
 Alestle Reporter

The accolades are rolling for the SIUE softball team as it looks to defend its NCAA Division II national title, starting with the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament.

The Cougars are on a 14-game winning streak, while they own a No. 1 ranking in fielding percentage and a No. 22 team ranking nationally. Additionally, senior first baseman Mallory Ruggles and junior lefty Kaitlin Colosimo swept the GLVC weekly honors for top player and pitcher, respectively.

"We're starting to head in the right direction," Ruggles said. "We had a roller coaster (season) last season. All I can hope for at conference tournament time ... we can make excellent plays and get timely hits so we can score the runs."

As for the winning streak, the 41-9 Cougars needed extra innings to beat Bellarmine University 6-5 Sunday for win No. 14 and the doubleheader

sweep in Louisville, Ky. SIUE trailed by one in the top of the seventh inning when junior second baseman Lindsay Longfellow drove in a sac fly RBI to tie the game 2-2. The Cougars then rallied for four runs in the ninth, led by Ruggles' three-run homer, only to get a scare when the Knights responded with three runs with two outs in the bottom of the inning on four hits and an error.

However, Colosimo forced a groundout to end the game.

"We're told never to be complacent," freshman pitcher Erika Taylor said. "We short gamed them the first game then we thought that it was going to be just as easy the second game, and Bellarmine played the opposite."

Taylor referred to the Cougars' 9-1 rout of the Knights in the first game. The contest ended after five innings because of the eight-run mercy rule. SIUE also pummeled the Northern Kentucky University Norse Saturday in a doubleheader for 8-0 and 9-1

victories. Ruggles drove in six runs during the weekend. "We're hitting pretty well (right now)," SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said. SIUE, the conference No. 2 seed, will face the University of Missouri-St. Louis in East Peoria Thursday for a rematch of last week's doubleheader sweep. The Cougars pulled out consecutive 1-0 victories against the Tritons.

"I know that if I was them, I'd be ready to play," Ruggles said of UMSL. "I'd be excited to get to do something like that, knowing that they beat us 1-0 (both games). It's normally the teams that are up to play against us it gives us a fire. I think it's going to help us."

Montgomery said the Cougars have not peaked yet, so the tournament could bring out their best.

"I have no doubt we'll score," Montgomery said. "We'll make adjustments."

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## COUGAR DIARIES

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country. Now a lot of this has to do with my team and the defense around me, but we were still on the verge of breaking a thirty year old shut out record. The other goalie came back from injury, and as it should be, was given another chance to play. Unfortunately for me, the game was decided by a penalty shoot out in which the other goalie was (crucial) to the win. This essentially put me on the bench for the rest of the postseason. I finished the season with eight shut outs and a record of 11-1. The final "up" for that season was when we broke the school shut out record. The new record is now 13 shut outs in one season.

My third season as a Cougar was once again filled by an extremely competitive battle, and we were splitting games all season long. Once again it came down to the coaches making the decision on who should play in the post season. Unfortunately for me, the coaches felt like I had a shaky game in the GLVC semifinals, and the coaches made the decision to go with the other

goalie for the NCAA playoffs.

The next season the coaches made the decision to red shirt me because of the on going battle and also the speculation of the SIUE Athletic Program moving up to Division I.

As we are transitioning into Division I, our team can't compete in any post-season affairs. Some pessimistic people have said that our team has nothing to play for. I like to think in an optimistic way in that we can set team and personal goals. Since this will be my last season as a Cougar, I once again have set the bar very high. I would like our team to lose less than three games out of 15 and a personal goal of getting four or more shut outs, which would give me the all time shut out record.

I hope I am not jinxing my team or myself, but with the proper preparation, we can make a very smooth transition into Division I.

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## TWILIGHT

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a meet so we all are running out there trying to beat each other and honestly trying to beat the other schools too."

Astrauskas said he was also pleased with freshman Brian Bishop in the discus. Bishop placed second in the event with a throw of 168 feet, 7 inches. Astrauskas said Bishop has also qualified for the 2008 Junior National Meet in Columbus in June.

"He's one of the top juniors in the country and that was really an impressive performance," Astrauskas said.

The men's team also received wins from junior Nick Schaecher in the high jump, junior Scott Block in the discus, the 400-meter relay, sophomore Jeremy Puckett in the 400-meter hurdles and in the 1,600-meter relay.

On the women's side, junior Deserea Brown continued her strong season with a second-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.22 seconds. Brown also won by almost a full four seconds in the 400 hurdles

with a time of 58.53.

"Deserea ran incredible in the hurdle races ... we're happy with the way she's progressed this year, and we look forward to faster times remaining this season," Astrauskas said.

Astrauskas also said he was happy with sophomore Megan Dennis, who placed second in the triple jump, and sophomore Juliet Alrich in the 400. Alrich won the 400 with a time of 55.30.

"All the girls are competing well right now," Astrauskas said.

Other winners for the women's team included senior Christine Butler in the triple jump, Shelinda Brackett in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.28 and the 1,600 relay team.

The Cougars compete again Friday and Saturday in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Outdoor Championships at SIUE's Ralph Korte Stadium.

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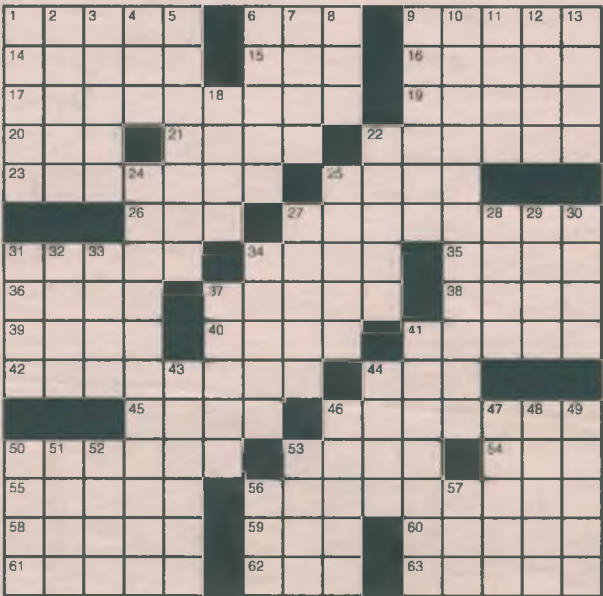
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  - 44 Catch red-handed
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Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope By Lasha Seniuk

**ARIES (March 21-April 20)** Social invitations will bring unexpected flirtations this week. Friends and lovers are now highly focused on romantic fulfillment and serious promises. After Tuesday watch for key relationships to progress rapidly and expect loved ones to need a faster pace, new home rules or revised long-term goals. Late this weekend a powerful wave of nostalgia and sentimentality may arrive. Key issues may involve family history, repeated social patterns, past friends or distant relatives.

**TAURUS (April 21-May 20)** Financial permissions and new proposals will bring fast breakthroughs over the next few days. Career luck is now extremely high: use this time to foster trust between colleagues or further your ideas with authority figures. Your expertise and foresight will be proven worthwhile. Thursday through Saturday pay special attention to the needs and comments of younger friends or relatives. Someone close may require kind words and gentle guidance: stay focused.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** Watch fast impressions and group insights this week: after Tuesday a close friend may reveal an unexpected attraction, social dilemma or triangle. New relationships are now unpredictable. Remain philosophic and avoid offering advice or acting as mediator. Later this week career discussions with relatives will inspire profitable new ideas. Business partnerships, creative employment ventures and property investments may soon trigger a secondary source of income.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** Romantic partners will ask for greater access to your personal or family life this week. At present loved ones may need extra encouragement to feel welcomed or

appreciated. Don't disappoint: long-term promises will soon provide the needed security. After Thursday some Cancerians may experience a sudden increase in creativity, artistic awareness and sensuality. Take time to examine all new ideas: this is a powerful time for flashes of wisdom and vital breakthroughs.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Before mid-week key officials will be moody and unresponsive. Don't, however, press for final answers or new assignments. Over the next 4 days unexpected disagreements and complex power struggles may be in operation. After Friday unusual messages from distant relatives or forgotten friends may arrive. If so, pay close attention to revised plans or quick family changes. New goals, financial schemes and rare business announcements may soon trigger discussion.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Long-term promises now need to be publicly debated. Over the next few days lovers or close relatives may doubt their importance in your life. Provide obvious statements of support and affection: this is not the right time to avoid delicate family or romantic differences. After Wednesday some Virgos may be offered job promotions or asked to take responsibility for a colleague's mistakes. Pace yourself and wait for clear instructions: minor errors are likely.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** After several weeks of restlessness or lost interest, loved ones will now participate in home events and social gatherings. Welcome all new attitudes and suggestions: friends, relatives and romantic partners will respond with warmth and affection. Later this week an unexpected business proposal may demand a quick decision. Job changes and career advancements will be fast and meaningful: thoroughly study all financial documents and ask probing

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social suggestions or invitations. Remain cautiously optimistic: for many Aquarians self-reflection is now necessary for emotional and spiritual growth. Late Friday a controversial business or financial proposal should be carefully considered: new career strategies and revised job assignments will soon bring lasting rewards.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** planning will be challenging but successful this week. Older colleagues will now opt for increased team awareness and extra social involvement. Use this time to encourage understanding between co-workers: your emotional guidance will be appreciated. Thursday through Saturday some Pisceans will experience a sudden glimpse of future events. Areas affected may involve family relationships, relocation or long-term business partnerships.

If your birthday is this week: Revised career goals are positive but may be delayed for approximately seven weeks. Before mid-June key officials will be slow to adopt new ideas. If so, be patient and gather information, applications or paperwork. Early in July a new era of workplace advancement arrives: expect fast promotions and steady gains throughout the summer months. After Oct. 18 watch also for surprising social changes. Romantic announcements, unique celebrations or family events are accented. Between Oct. 21 and Dec. 11 new love affairs will quickly blossom into long-term commitment: stay open to new proposals and bold romantic overtures.

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