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## New IFC fraternity could come to SIUE

By Rosie Githinji  
Alestle Reporter

SIUE has extended invitations to Interfraternity Council organizations Delta Sigma Phi and Sigma Tau Gamma to showcase their fraternities, but only one will be chosen to join the Greek organizations on campus.

According to John Davenport, coordinator of Greek Life, there has been a growing demand for a new Greek organization on the SIUE campus, and the timing is right to bring on one that will attract new students.

"It was voted a while ago to bring a new organization on campus," Davenport said.

Both fraternities were invited to come to SIUE to meet with the student body, staff members, the dean of students and the vice chancellor to learn more about SIUE and its students.

A council will review the presentations and agendas from both fraternities and decide which one will be the new organization on campus in the fall of 2010.

The fraternity will have a number of criteria it will have to meet, including recruiting members and showing they are able to maintain good grades and provide community

service. The fraternity chosen will also have to find advisers and staff members for its chapter on campus. It will take about a year and a half before the new fraternity will be fully chartered on campus, according to Davenport.

"The year and a half is kind of like a probationary period for any organization who wants to be recognized on campus," Davenport said.

Paul Lawson, assistant executive director for Delta Sigma Phi, said one of the reasons the fraternity is interested in SIUE is because they would like to expand their base in the Midwest.

Delta Sigma Phi, established in 1899, has its headquarters in Indianapolis. The fraternity is looking forward to the opportunity to give students on campus a chance to give back to the community and become better citizens and leaders, according to Lawson.

"We know there are good students on campus and want to give students leadership and service experience," Lawson said. "They seem smart and friendly and like they want to give."

According to Lawson, the process for establishing a chapter is different on each

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## Court dates set in 'cookie torture' case

Alestle Staff Report

Court dates have been set for two former SIUE students charged with an alleged "cookie torture" incident that made national headlines in 2007.

According to court dockets, Rosario A. James is scheduled to go to court May 4, while Jordan E. Sallis' date is May 18. It is not yet certain whether either defendant will immediately face a jury.

"I couldn't tell you until closer to the time if those are actually going to trial," Stephanie Smith, Madison County State's Attorney communications director, said.

Authorities allege Sallis and James held an individual against his will in a drug deal

gone bad. On Nov. 2, 2007, the pair allegedly beat the victim with a wooden paddle and burned his skin with freshly baked cookies. Police also say Sallis and James shaved part of the victim's head, poured urine on him and took money from him as they demanded payment for stolen illegal drugs.

Each faces two counts of aggravated kidnapping, one count of robbery and one count of aggravated battery.

According to SIUE Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy, both James and Sallis were last enrolled in 2007, when Sallis was a sophomore and James was a junior.

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A group of SIUE students smoke outside the Morris University Center. Tobacco bans, like the one Washington University will adopt in 2010, could prevent tobacco use on campus.

## Smoke out

### More universities push for tobacco-free campuses

By Neal Gough  
Alestle Reporter

Washington University in St. Louis announced Monday that it will go tobacco-free by 2010, joining a growing number of college campuses banning the use of tobacco products on college-owned property.

This tobacco-free move is something health education professor Malcolm Goldsmith would like to see happen at SIUE. Goldsmith, who is the chair for the Tobacco Policy Control Taskforce at SIUE, said his organization is still pushing to take SIUE in the tobacco-free direction.

"We are still actively putting together a proposal and documentation to make SIUE tobacco free," Goldsmith said.

Goldsmith said at this point, the committee is still discussing whether chewing tobacco would be included in their proposal.

Goldsmith and his organization hope to present this evidence in the fall as a part of a push to add SIUE to the growing list of tobacco-free campuses around the country. He said he expects this move to increase in frequency over the next few years.

According to a report by the Americans for NonSmokers' Rights Organization, as of December there are currently over 160 college campuses nationwide that have gone tobacco free.

According to the press release from Washington University "smoking and tobacco use will be prohibited on university-owned and -managed properties." The press release cites "an effort to provide a healthy, comfortable and productive work

and learning environment for students, faculty and staff" as the reasons for making this change.

However, Goldsmith said helping people quit smoking is a part of this program.

"Smoking-cessation classes are absolutely crucial," Goldsmith said.

According to the press release, Washington University will also offer smoking-cessation classes and medications for little or no cost to help smokers kick the habit.

Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said at the moment SIUE is focusing on enforcing the state law that prohibits people to smoke within 15 feet of an entrance into a building.

"We have no move afoot to ban smoking on campus," Conroy said.

According to Goldsmith, the current law is not enough because there is strong data on the negative effects of side-stream smoke.

Junior finance and accounting major Hannah Marks from Troy said she thought it was unfair for students attending college to make the switch to tobacco-free.

"It could definitely make a difference in people's decision to attend both ways," Marks said.

Marks said that while a tobacco-free campus could be deterring to smoking students looking to attend, it may also make a positive impression on some students that are considering enrollment.

"It possibly would have affected my opinion," Marks said.

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## Police Reports

### 4-7

Police took a report about a cash drawer missing from Alumni Hall with an undetermined amount of cash.

### 4-8

Police met with a student whose temporary license plate was stolen from Lot 4C.

Police met with a male student who had received three calls within four minutes threatening his family.

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

### 4-9

Police issued Carly A. Haertling a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North Circle Drive.

Police issued Edmonn L. Maul a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

Police issued Paul D. Dickerson citations for speeding and for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Brittney A. Banks a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Stephanie A. Loehr a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

### 4-11

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

### 4-12

An individual was arrested in connection with aggravated assault after police received a 911 call. The individual was processed, posted bond and was released.

Police issued Brittany Hogue a citation for speeding on Cougar Lake Drive.

### 4-13

Police issued Jennifer L. Rensing a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on East University Drive.

Police issued Richard O. Harper a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Amanda Young a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

Police issued Kathryn Bartee a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

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campus. The fraternity will send staff members on campus to immerse themselves on campus, to interact with students and network across the campus. Lawson said any man is invited to join.

"If you believe in the same core values, it doesn't matter what you look like or who you pray to," Lawson said.

Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity was established in 1920 by veterans of World War I, and its headquarters are located in Warrensburg, Mo. Doug Haman, general counsel and chief operations officer to Sigma Tau Gamma. SIUE's location was close in proximity to its headquarters, and the size of the school was ideal, according to Haman. The fraternity will send staff members to the campus to meet people and make friends before inviting them to join their fraternity.

"We are really interested in what kind of organizations students join," Haman said. "We encourage them to participate in national and local philanthropies and get involved in the community."

If Sigma Tau Gamma is chosen to join Greek organizations on campus, it hopes to establish its chapter within two years, Haman said.

The fraternity is also searching for a new philanthropy to devote its efforts to.

"Students want community service opportunities," Haman said. "But they also want activities that are fun and productive."

Davenport said new Greek organizations could increase activities in other fraternities on campus.

"Having a new organization come to campus will force existing groups to kind of up their game," Davenport said. "It forces them to become more competitive."

Junior mechanical engineering major Colin Byrne of Chicago said more Greeks at SIUE would be a positive step for the university.

"Adding another fraternity to the campus would be another group of friends to have, I guess," Byrne said. "It would be good for everyone because there would be a bigger Greek life."

Junior biology major Thanh Pham said there are 19 Greek organizations on campus at this time, which is a very low number compared to other college campuses.

"It means more competition, but any organization trying to be on campus will make Greek life better," Pham said. "Greek numbers are really low, so more organizations would benefit the campus."

Freshman Hannah Litzau is part of co-ed fraternity Alpha Phi Omega and said she would like to see more groups on campus.

"Greek life is a good way to get students involved on campus," Litzau said. "Any way to get more organizations on campus is always a good thing."

However, senior engineering major Caleb Gerber of Olney said another fraternity isn't necessary.


"I probably won't ever join a fraternity. They are not worth the benefits they talk about having," Gerber said. "It seems like there are already enough of them on campus."

For more information on Delta Sigma Phi, go to [www.deltasig.org](http://www.deltasig.org), and for more information on Sigma Tau Gamma, go to [www.sigmataugamma.org](http://www.sigmataugamma.org).

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**"Greek numbers are really low, so more organizations would benefit the campus."**

**-Thanh Pham  
junior biology major**



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cougar karaoke  
11 am - 1 pm  
Stratton Quad

house of cards  
2 pm - 3 pm  
Goshen Lounge

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# Islam Awareness Week teaches tolerance and acceptance

By Rachel Carlson  
Alestle Reporter

Writer Julal Abualrub, author of "Muhammad's Role in Islam," set out to explain the basic ideas of the Quran, the holy book of Islam, Tuesday night as part of Islam Awareness Week at SIUE.

Junior math major Magsood Alnoor from Karachi, Pakistan is president of the Muslim Student Association. Alnoor said they organized three lectures to give students the chance to learn about and better understand other religions and diversity.

"Our purpose here is to teach Islamic values," Alnoor said. "We're meant to teach rather than preach."

Abualrub was one of three speakers for the Islam Awareness Week. Abualrub grew up in Kuwait and is a devout follower of Islam.

Abualrub said Islam is based on the teachings of the prophet Muhammad, and Muslims believe God, or Allah, gave the Quran to Muhammad, who brought it to the Islamic faith.

According to Abualrub, before the Quran, the teachings of Islam were originally passed on by word of mouth because not everyone could write or read Arabic.

"The textbook was in the form of speech," Abualrub said.

Abualrub said the Quran is made up of three topics and over 6,000 verses. The first topic describes the monotheistic approach of Islam. Monotheism, in this

case, means Muslims see Allah as the one and only god.

"Allah is the only creator and sustainer ... who has the most perfect qualities, attributes and names and actions," Abualrub said. "Therefore there is nobody else who deserves worship except him."

The second topic discussed in the Quran is how Allah wants to be worshiped, which is usually through prayer. The third topic is dealings, as in how to deal with the creation of yourself and business transactions.

Abualrub said people should properly educate themselves before judging someone else's religion or beliefs.

"Don't take the Quran and knowledge about Islam from non-Muslims. They don't know," Abualrub said. "You want to know about Islam? Ask Muslims about Islam."

Abualrub also addressed questions concerning Muslim dress and how the Muslim world and Western world interact. Abualrub said Islamic men and women wear a head covering and a "thobe," or a loose dress, to cover their bodies in modesty and to show respect to their creator. Both men and women are usually completely covered except for parts of their face and hands.

"We can adapt to doing any kind of job you may think of with this attire," Abualrub said. "This is a tradition that's been kept alive for 1,500 years."

Junior Spanish major Jamar Gaddis from South Holland said he came to the lecture because he has been studying



Sean Roberts/Alestle

Writer Julal Abualrub speaks in the Maple and Dogwood rooms in the Morris University Center Tuesday night for Islam Awareness Week. Abualrub lectured on the origins of the Quran.

different religions in his world religions class and wanted to learn more about Islam and the Quran. The extra credit offered by his professor if he attended served as another incentive.

"I would've come regardless of the extra credit because I'm getting interested in different multicultural events on campus," Gaddis said.

While this was Gaddis' first event for Islam Awareness Week, he said it answered many of his questions and helped him see the importance in awareness.

"It's good to be aware of different

cultures in the world and SIUE," Gaddis said. "It shows a sense of respect. It shows you aren't the only culture represented."

Alnoor said it was important for students to attend specialized events like Islam Awareness Week in order to gain the best understanding of a certain culture.

"You can get a true image about it," Alnoor said. "If you go to the right source, they can give you the right direction and guidance and understanding of Islam."

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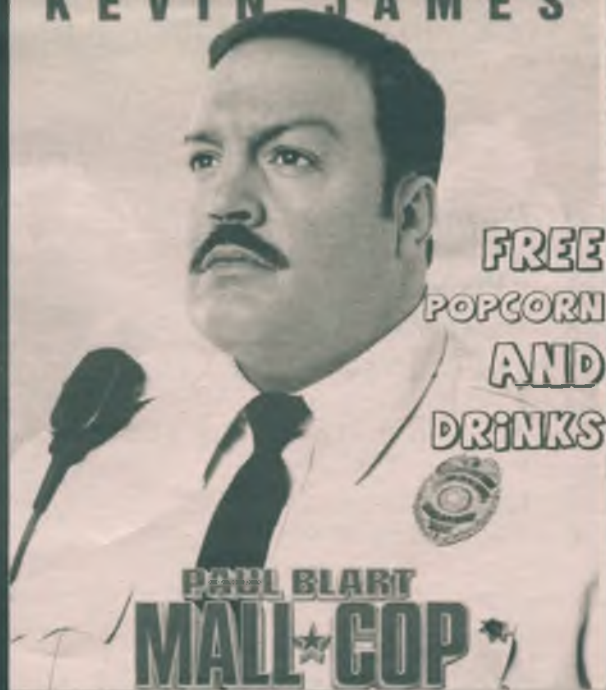
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SIUE professor Debbie Mann (center) and professor Yannick Le Boulicaut (left) from the Université Catholique de l'Ouest study with senior Spanish and French major Emily Whatley (right) from O'Fallon. Mann and Yannick traded classrooms temporarily this year to experience teaching in a different culture.

## Trading places: two professors switch classrooms, countries for two weeks

By Aren Dow  
 Alestle Reporter

In 1994, professor Yannick Le Boulicaut and Debbie Mann, an SIUE French language and literature professor, pulled a switcheroo, taking each other's places in France and America as part of a teaching exchange program.

Fifteen years later, the two repeated the experience again this year, and Le Boulicaut, who teaches at Université Catholique de l'Ouest in Angers, France, is currently teaching at SIUE for two weeks.

The two professors switched schools this spring to experience teaching in a different culture. Mann taught at UCO for two weeks in March.

When Le Boulicaut first taught at SIUE, he said one of the biggest adjustments he had to make from the French system to the American system was evaluating students' work. The grading scale in France is different than in the United States.

"One problem for me here was the grading," Le Boulicaut said. "In France, if you get 10 out of 20, that's a good grade. Here, it's not. A good grade for me is 14 out of 20, and I would very rarely give more than that."

Conversely, Mann said when she was grading papers at UCO 15 years ago she gave marks exceedingly higher than what students were used to.

"I certainly gave grades in France that were inflated," Mann said. "I gave 16s, 17s and 18s all over the place. You grade in the way you've been used to."

Another difference the professors encountered was class size. Le Boulicaut said he had to adjust because the sizes of classes were smaller than what he was used to. There were also small cultural differences, such as Le Boulicaut closing doors to classrooms and offices, while Mann would leave hers open.

Despite the various cultural adjustments, both Mann and Le Boulicaut agreed many of the day-to-day activities were the same. Mann said it was

reassuring that the general structure was similar.

"Even if teaching in a large group was different, once you had a student who came in individually, interacting with that student was normal," Mann said. "It felt just the same as it would here."

After observing and teaching in different cultures, the professors have found elements they prefer over their own method.

Le Boulicaut said he wishes French schools would not limit students to only studying courses pertaining to their major. French universities do not have general education classes. Le Boulicaut said he likes how SIUE and American universities allow their students to branch out in taking different classes along with those required for their major.

"I think in France we have a tendency to put people into tubes, and it's very hard to get out of that tube," Le Boulicaut said. "If you're 17, 18 years old, do you really know what you what to become? Sometimes, no."

Mann said she likes how the French school system places an emphasis on learning multiple languages early in students' education.

"I thought the students were very well prepared," Mann said. "I thought when you called on students, they always had a reasonably good

answer. I was impressed by the level of English they had."

Le Boulicaut said he believes students benefit from having a French teacher show American students some of the intricacies of French culture perhaps not found in textbooks.

"When you learn a language, that's one thing," Le Boulicaut said. "But you have to learn the culture behind the language. It shows the students that I teach in my country a different way, and if you go to France that's the way it works. It shows how differences are not necessarily just linguistics, but are more cultural."

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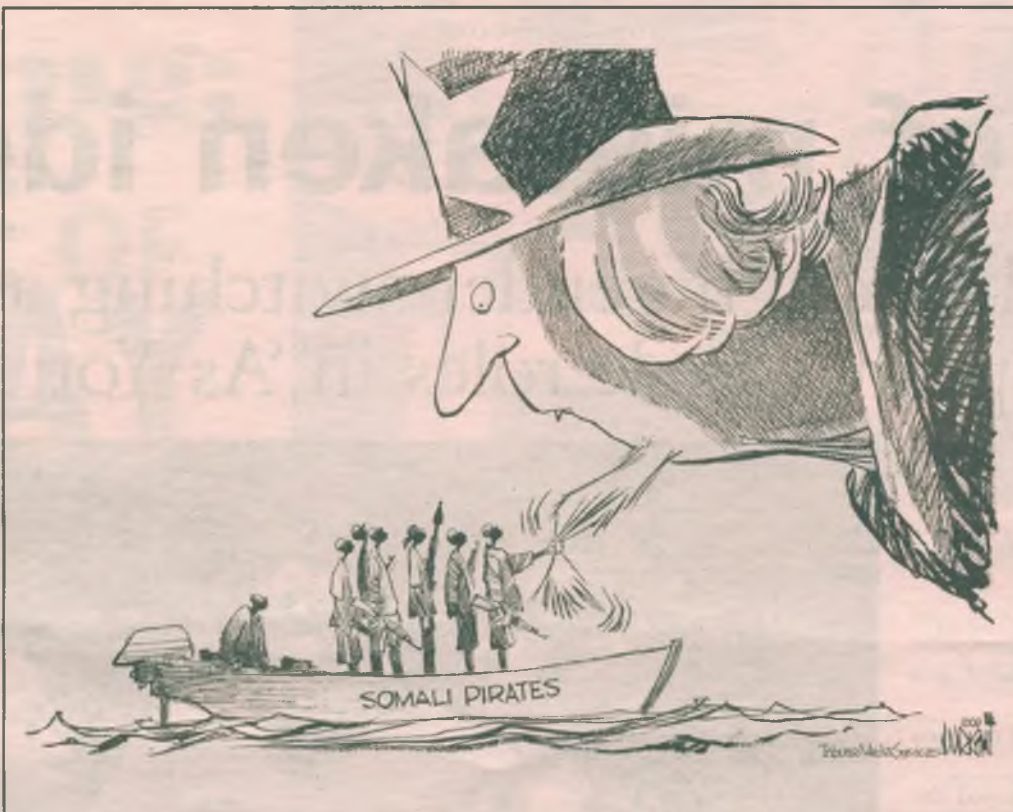
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## School Spirit and Pride Committee needs pep talk

Student Government began talks at their last meeting involving the School Spirit and Pride Committee and its future.

The School Spirit and Pride Committee started as an ad hoc committee for promoting the "Taking Stalk" cougar statue, located outside of the Morris University Center. Being ad hoc meant that after the statue was established, the committee would be disbanded. However, it was voted into a standing committee with a paid executive board member chair on April 20, 2007.

Ever since then, the committee has been involved with everything from Homecoming activities to giving out SIUE memorabilia at sporting events. While everyone enjoys a free T-shirt with a lower-case "e" and a beaver on it, school spirit and can't be fired out of a gun.

The Student Government Constitution states: "The School Spirit and Pride Committee shall be responsible for organizing and planning events and activities to promote school spirit and pride on campus." It also says the committee is responsible for promoting Student Government at all events and functions the committee sponsors.

Unfortunately, this committee hasn't

instilled as much spirit and pride as it's supposed to.

While school spirit and pride are two issues SIUE has grappled with while we transition from a commuter campus, the committee's work hasn't done anything original or revolutionary to inspire this. If anything, the SSPC are general organizers for anything CAB or Student Government puts on, without any real cultivation of their reasons for existence.

Nothing the SSPC has been involved in has been earth shattering or unique, and other group's actions have overshadowed those of the committee.

For example, look at activities during Stress-Free Week. While the SSPC was involved with it last year during finals, the event is put on by the Campus Activities Board and is well within its territory. While de-stressing might be good for school spirit, there's nothing that CAB can't handle with organizing and putting on the event.

Spirit and pride are also usually synonymous with sporting events, and while the SSP does help distribute SIUE memorabilia, the student-organized Red Storm overshadows any attempt to rally spirit and pride done, especially at basketball games.



**Kenneth Long**

## Tax money wasted on suspended officer's salary

Matt Mitchell, the Illinois State Trooper who was charged with reckless homicide in the Nov. 23, 2007 deaths of SIUE student Jessica Uhl, 18, and Kelli Uhl, 13, from Collinsville is still getting paid.

According to an article in Sunday's Belleville News-Democrat, Mitchell is still receiving his full salary of \$68,316, despite being out of work since the accident.

According to Alestle archives, Mitchell was driving at 126 mph to report to an accident that already had an officer on the scene when he lost control, crossed the median and struck the car containing the sisters, killing them both. Mitchell said he was cut-off by another motorist; however, his dashboard camera was manually turned off at the time of the accident. This claim was later

found to be untrue by witnesses.

The Belleville-News Democrat article stated Mitchell received workman's compensation because of leg injuries sustained during the accident until August when he was physically cleared to return to work, but he is still on suspension and is receiving his entire salary because the Illinois State Police cannot proceed with disciplinary action until after his criminal case.

The fact that Mitchell is currently being paid to not work, on top the allegations against him, is absolutely ludicrous. The community should not pay for a man who is charged with such a serious criminal offense.

This is not a judgment call or a case based on eyewitness account. The little tell-all black box in Mitchell's car said that he was traveling



**Neal Gough**

## On The Blog

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**Sydney Elliot**



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Maybe the committee should take notice and see what actually instills school spirit.

While talks at the last Student Government meeting suggested the committee be dissolved, it is worth keeping if it works more toward accomplishing its real goals. Instead of being a part of activities that already exist, it should try and organize its own spirit and pride events. Homecoming is usually a good way to instill spirit and pride, so the SSPC should use this as an opportunity to prove itself. If the committee members really want to stay a full-fledged standing board, they should dig down deep and find some spirit and pride in their committee to come up with something more noteworthy than being the Give Away Free Stuff Committee.

If the student body isn't able to see a difference in school spirit and pride, Student Government should scale back on the board, possibly eliminating its paid executive board position and regard SSPC as a reviewing committee for ways to brainstorm how to incorporate school spirit and pride into its current activities.

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at 126 mph before the accident, and the dashboard camera was "turned off to save power."

Mitchell was involved in two previous accidents during his six-year career with the state police. One of these accidents resulted in a \$1.7 million judgment against the state. Mitchell is unable to handle the responsibilities granted to him by the state police.

It is appalling that our tax dollars are giving this man a full salary, and a nice one at that, and I don't think I am the one that should finance his life while he waits for the state to decide his fate.

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## A case of mistaken identity

### Comedy found through gender-switching as women take on Shakespeare's male roles in 'As You Like It'

by Rosie Githinji  
Alestle Reporter

Junior Maggie Conroy spends half of Shakespeare's "As You Like It" as a man.

The theater performance major from St. Louis said she loves playing the lead female character Rosalind, who spends part of the time during the show disguised as a man.

"I got to make up my own man walk and my own man voice," Conroy said.

In Shakespeare's time men traditionally played the role of women, so a women on stage would have shocked the people of the era.

"Rosalind is a different kind of female character," Conroy said. "She has more freedom because she is safe under her disguise as a man and can speak her mind."

"As You Like It" tells the love story of Rosalind and Orlando. After Rosalind's father was banished by his brother Duke Frederick, Rosalind and her cousin Celia run away into the forest of Arden. During her time in the forest, Rosalind and Celia disguise themselves as men. They meet Orlando, who had fallen in love with Rosalind before she fled, and as men, counsel him in matters of love, according to cast members.

Theater and dance professor Chuck Harper is the director of "As You Like It," and said the relationship between Rosalind and Orlando is believable because it is not only love at first sight.

"What's lovely about this play is Rosalind and Orlando become friends rather than just strictly lovers," Harper said.

Harper said he and the cast began rehearsing for the play about eight weeks ago because the language and poetry of the play is more difficult to understand.

Harper said the theater and dance department likes to produce classical works, as well as modern works.

"Part of education is not just in the classroom," Harper said. "Shakespeare is like working on a puzzle. Once you get it done, it is very satisfying."

When Shakespeare wrote "As You Like It," it was in a period where people did not have as many entertainment options as in modern day. Plays would take all day because people did not have anything else to do, Harper said.

In order to make the play appealing to a modern audience, Harper made a few adjustments to the script. Harper said he removed some of the material so the play runs about two and a half hours, instead of the original three and a half hours. Harper also changed the wording in the play so some of the jokes would make sense.

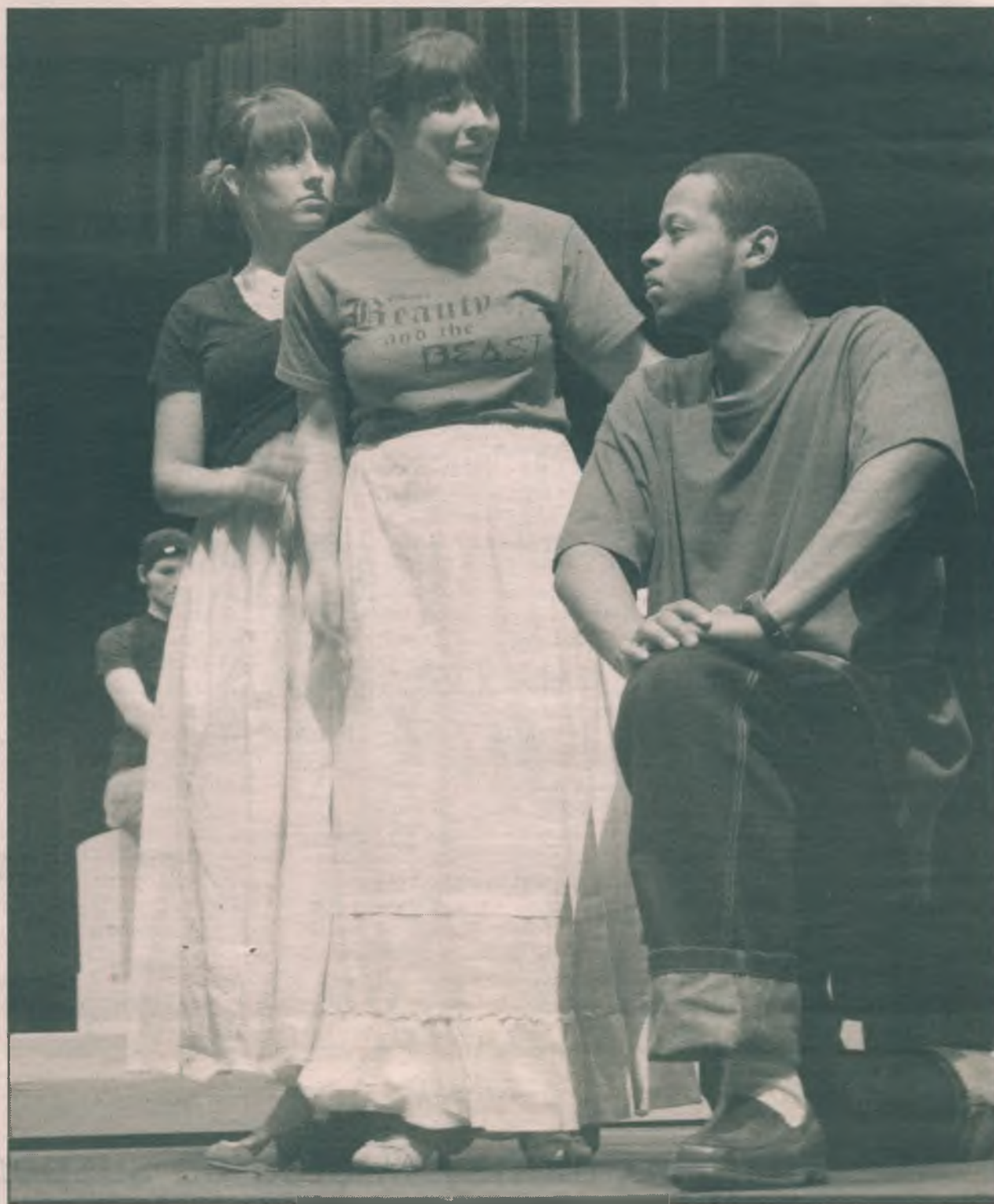
"It's a hell of a lot more work," Harper said. "But I love it."

Harper said the character of Rosalind is both engaging and funny because she spends time talking to the audience during the show and they know what she is thinking throughout the play.

Junior theater major Sarah McKenney of Bad Aibling, Germany, plays Celia. McKenney said her part involves vocal clarity and lots of jumping around.

"I've never had a more fulfilling experience in a play," McKenney said. "It is physically and vocally challenging."

Senior theater major Greg Fenner of St. Louis plays



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**Junior theater performance major Maggie Conroy, junior theater performance major Sarah McKenney and senior theater performance major Greg Fenner rehearse a scene from Shakespeare's "As You Like It," Tuesday night. In this scene Conroy, as Rosalind, and McKenney, as Celia, meet Fenner, as Orlando, in the first act. Performances begin April 22 in the Dunham Hall Theater.**

the lead role of Orlando. This is his first lead role in a Shakespeare play.

"This play is definitely different from the other stuff I've done," Fenner said. "It helps getting different acting styles under my belt."

"As You Like It" will run at 7:30 p.m. April 22 to 25 and at 2 p.m. April 26 in the Dunham Hall Theater.

Tickets are free for students with a Cougar Card. Other student tickets are \$6, tickets for senior citizens are \$8 and general admission tickets are \$10. For more information call the Fine Arts Box Office at 650-2774.

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**-Chuck Harper, theater and dance professor**



# Now Rating: STATE OF PLAY

by Jeff Mason  
Alestle Reporter

Working for a newspaper, it might seem there's an obvious bias in favor of a movie that follows reporters. There's a certain additional level of understanding of the movie, but "State of Play" is so much more than just a newspaper flick.

"State of Play" dives into the world of investigative reporting, following veteran reporter Cal McAffrey (Russel Crowe) as he uncovers a story of corporate and political espionage, tying the murder of two men in with the death of one of Congressman Stephen Collins' aides. Making things worse is the fact that Collins (Ben Affleck) was having an affair with the aide, and that he and McAffrey were roommates in college.

Crowe's character is every bit of an old-fashioned newsman. He's unmarried, his apartment is a mess and he drives a Saab P.O.S. As dedicated as he is to the print edition, he loathes the online edition, especially the blog which political reporter Della Frye (Rachel McAdams) heads. But as is always the case, the two have to work



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together to put out the story.

The movie uses most of its newsroom humor early on and relies on a strong plot to drive it once the pieces are moved into position. The story never goes too far in its attempts to cover up the conspiracy, but also makes its two reporters work for every bit of ground.

All of this comes thanks to the overqualified writing team of Matthew Michael Carnahan, Billy Ray and Tony Gilroy. Carnahan's experience writing the political thriller "Lions for Lambs," Ray's familiarity with the world of newspapers after writing "Shattered Glass" and Gilroy's flat-out ability to write thrillers such as "Michael Clayton," "Duplicity" and the "Bourne" franchise, prove to be a killer mix.

Oscar-winning documentarian-turned-director Kevin Macdonald takes advantage of the script and lets the reporters do the work. Lucky for him, the people playing the reporters are all more than capable, with a handful of Oscars between them. Helen Mirren, Jeff Bridges, Jason Bateman and Robin Wright Penn all chip in their two cents without overpowering the movie or interrupting its natural flow.

Crowe, McAdams and Affleck serve well as the leads. Crowe isn't using his best cards in this one since he's one of the good guys, but is still able to handle the complexities of his character. McAdams' character is extremely capable but equally doe-eyed at times, something McAdams doesn't seem to have to even try to get across.

But the biggest surprise is Affleck, who takes to the screen again after a brief stint in the director's chair. His character is given the most conflict, having to balance his wife's disappointment with the murder of his mistress and the press coverage that comes with it. Affleck hits the tone precisely each time, being distant when his character can't seem to connect and simultaneously clean-cut and rugged when he's taking his seat in Congress.

It's not every month a movie like this comes along, let alone in April when the studios are scrambling to put up their last movies before the summer blockbusters come. "State of Play" is a fantastic dive into the world of beat reporters and is flawlessly written by three writers hitting their stride. Take advantage of this movie, it might be awhile until another one like it comes.

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## SIUE to host Illinois clubs



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Senior nursing major Frank Caines (left) and senior business administration major Josh Jones (right) shoots hoops in the Vadalabene Center on Wednesday.



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Sophomore mass communications major Jessie Fouton locks down on defense against sophomore accounting major Adam Sims in the Student Fitness Center.

## Unfinished Student Fitness Center already gaining exposure

by Ashlee Brockenbrough  
Alestle Sports Reporter

SIUE, along with its new Student Fitness Center expansion project, was chosen for the opportunity to host next year's annual State of Illinois Extramural Tournament for collegiate club basketball teams.

The tournament will take place in the renovated Vadalabene Center sometime in February 2010, an exact date for the tournament has not been set.

Assistant Director of Club Sports Keith Becherer said the tournament seems to be one of the many benefits the

Vadalabene Center additions will bring.

"The chance to host this tournament is a benefit that (SIUE) is seeing from a facility that is not even opened yet," Becherer said.

The VC's current annexation in the Student Fitness Center will make it the perfect setting for such a tournament, Becherer said.

"This is the perfect chance to show students and visitors what SIUE's facilities are capable of," Becherer said. "We are going to be able to host this tournament with ample court space and seating in a way that will not displace our student

users."

Freshman Women's Club Basketball player Jenny Bealmear said the enhanced facilities will bring additional opportunities beyond the tournament itself. The exposure alone will continue to amplify SIUE's name as a credible university.

"People from all over Illinois are going to come here for (the tournament) and see what SIUE has to offer," Bealmear said. "I think it's going to impress a lot of people."

Each year the tournament site travels to a different school in Illinois. Made

possible by the Illinois Intramural-Recreational Sports Association, the tournament is open invitation. This means schools from all over the state have a chance to enter, which brings in many different levels of competition.

"Mostly state schools take a part in this event," Becherer said. "This is an exciting thing. Campus (intramural) champions are coming together for a competition that will be held at our school."

The tournament hosts winners of intramural tournaments from universities

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## Club Baseball's first time on campus

by T.J. Cowell  
Alestle Sports Reporter

SIUE Club Baseball will have its first chance since the creation of the club to play on the SimmonsCooper Baseball Complex this year when Missouri State University comes to town on May 2 and 3 to play in a three-game series against the Cougars.

Club Baseball co-president and senior infielder Heath Hargan said Saturday's game will feature a doubleheader between the two teams. The exact times for the three games are still to be determined.

The chance to play at the SimmonsCooper Complex will come as a privilege for the Cougars, who play most of their home games at Glik Park in Highland, a 30-minute drive away from campus.

A Springfield native, Hargan is in his fifth year of Club Baseball. For Hargan the opportunity to play on campus is something the program has been working toward for the past few years.

"Club Baseball is competitive, but we still have fun doing it," Hargan said.

Senior Mike Strok, Club Baseball's other co-president and first baseman, said last season's home games were

played at Sauget Field in Sauget.

"It is nice to get to play on campus," Strok, a kinesiology major from Chicago, said. "It is a step in the right direction for the club."

Hargan said there were several budgeting and scheduling obstacles he and Strok faced throughout the year while trying to get the thumbs up for Club Baseball to play their home games on campus.

"We have been working on this since the beginning of the school year,"

-Heath Hargan,

Club Baseball co-president and senior infielder

"We have been working on this since the beginning of the school year," Hargan said. "We had a lot of difficulties to get here. Playing on campus is a good thing for the club to do."

Both Hargan and Strok said the efforts of Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel and Keith Becherer, assistant director for recreational programs, helped make the opportunity possible for the

club to play on campus.

"As a club, we are thankful to have them," Hargan said.

Becherer said the opportunity for the team to play on campus in front of a home crowd is a great way to send out the seniors on the team.

"(Hargan and Strok) have done a great job over the last couple of years. They deserve to (play) on campus and hopefully get a couple hundred people out," Becherer said.

Hargan said he stumbled upon Club Baseball when he first came into contact with the program five years ago. After playing baseball at Springfield High School, Hargan said he wanted the opportunity to play at a competitive level after coming to SIUE.

Since first joining the team, Hargan said he has witnessed the evolution of the Club Baseball program firsthand.

"My freshman year, we barely had enough players to field a team," Hargan said. "Every year we have gradually had more people come out. This year we have about 20 players, our biggest number ever."

With several games canceled due to unfavorable

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and colleges all across the state, but it is also open to club teams in universities where intramural programs are not developed as well, Becherer said.

Graduate student Heather Olsen said the women's club team, which she co-founded more than one year ago, will benefit from the opportunity of being the host school in many ways.

Olsen said she is happy the tournament site changes every year.

"The last couple of years it has been held at schools near Chicago," Olsen said. "That meant most of the teams in the tourney were from up north. Now that the teams will come here, we will get a chance to face the other southern teams that

did not travel to (Chicago). It opens up a whole different level of competition for us."

Bealmear said playing at home gives the Cougars' team an opportunity to have some hometown support.

"Our team has made a point to go to other club teams' competitions and cheer them on," Bealmear said. "Hopefully when the time comes, they'll come to some of our games and support us in return."

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-Keith Becherer,  
assistant director of club sports

Game Cancellations

The SIUE home baseball game scheduled for Tuesday against the University of Missouri-St. Louis was pushed back to Wednesday at 4 p.m. For results see Tuesday's edition of the Alestle. Due to the push back of Tuesday's game, the Cougars away game at Butler University has been moved to Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

SIUE softball scheduled a makeup game against Missouri State University on Monday, but was canceled due to rain, and there are no plans to reschedule as of now. SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery also said the Cougars' game on April 19 against the University of Tennessee-Martin has been canceled.

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weather conditions, SIUE is still young in their spring season. In the first weekend of April, the club split a two-game series against Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The Cougars also made a trip to Tampa, Fla., over spring break where they played three games.

Last season, the Cougars reached the National Club Baseball Association (NCBA) World Series. Four of those players returned to the team this year. Strok said with the number of young players joining, Club Baseball holds a bright future for the program.

SIUE sophomore physical education major Alex Seel is one of those young players and is in his first year of playing for Club Baseball as center field and pitcher. A graduate of Belleville East High School, Seel said he and teammate Tyler Niermann will take the reigns of running Club Baseball next season.

Seel joined Club Baseball for similar reasons as his teammates Hargan and Strok.

"I like the atmosphere of going out and competing," Seel said. "Baseball was a lot more

stressful in high school. In Club Baseball we know what's right and what's wrong."

Seel said the senior leadership of Hargan and Strok will make the transition to his presidency smoother next year.

"Mike (Strok) and Heath (Hagan) have done a lot of work being good leaders," Seel said. "They are the two most responsible guys on the team."

Seel added the benefits of Club Baseball being able to play on campus will reflect not only in the program, but throughout the university.

"It is a lot easier for us to tell other teams where to travel if we are playing on campus," Seel said. "Teams know where SIUE is. Being on campus gives our supporters a chance to watch us play. If we can field the best team possible, we will have more donations and a better atmosphere."

For more information about SIUE Club Baseball, go to [www.leaguelineup.com/siueclubbaseball](http://www.leaguelineup.com/siueclubbaseball).

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