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# Server failure creates e-ID access issue

By Aren Dow  
Alestle Reporter

Students experienced problems with their e-ID's Tuesday after servers failed, according to an e-mail sent out to students from ITS.

The failed servers forced many students to update their e-ID password before they were able to access the SIUE's wireless Internet.

The Chief Information Officer of ITS, Jennifer Vandever, said a script on newly-installed servers failed, causing a problem with their authentication service.

"All faculty, staff and students are

affected because this authentication issue caused access problems with several campus network systems," Vandever said.

Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said if students had left their computer on all night, the issue did not affect them.

The server crash not only affected students, but entire class sessions as well.

Sophomore special education major Kaitlyn Kramer said not only did she have to wait a lengthy time to get online herself, but her human sexuality class was unable to review any notes because the resources were online.

"The teacher couldn't teach for the

entire class, and it took myself about 30 to 40 minutes to get back online," Kramer said.

Sophomore psychology major Sarah Crowell said she figured out she had login problems around 1 p.m., and it took her about 20 minutes to fix it.

"It was really irritating," Crowell said.

Senior biology major Korderick Toney said he needed to use the printer in the Cougar Village Commons but needed to make an extra trip after he realized the password wasn't working.

"I had trouble printing something out, and I had to go home to fix it," Toney said. "It only took a couple of minutes (to

change it)."

Vandever said ITS noticed the problem with their authentication service Tuesday morning. ITS sent an e-mail to students around 5:16 p.m. informing them they needed to change their e-ID password to regain access to computing services.

Vandever said the server crash had not happened at SIUE before, and the problem was the result of an unanticipated malfunction.

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## Formula Society of Automotive Engineers makes a comeback

By Rosie Githinji  
Alestle Reporter

Three years ago they fell off the map, but SIUE's Formula Society of Automotive Engineers team is working hard to put their name and their cars back on track.

Each year SAE members raise funds, design a formula car and race the car in annual competitions held in Virginia, Michigan or California.

The team placed 25th out of 43 schools in the 2008 national Formula SAE competition at the Virginia International Raceway. The team did well in several categories, but in the toughest event, auto-racing, the SIUE car broke down due to a failed chain, according to the team's faculty adviser, Terry Yan.

Yan said "As future engineers, they practice the knowledge they learn in classrooms."

-Terry Yan,  
SAE faculty adviser

as structure, dynamics and heat transfer. Some of the designs for current cars and future cars are incorporated into the mechanical engineering curriculum for senior design projects.

"The experience they learn in building the car and entering for competition is invaluable to their overall educational experience in SIUE," Yan said. "As future engineers, they practice the

knowledge they learn in classrooms."

Junior civil engineering major Garret Long of Peoria is co-captain of the Formula SAE team. He and his teammates are looking forward to this year's competition, which will take place in Michigan.

Long said there are about 120 schools participating in this year's competition from around the United States and some international schools.

"The whole competition is put on by SAE," Long said. "Every year we are supposed to design a formula-style car like we are going to sell it."

Senior electrical engineering major Mark Corcoran of Rockford said eight students will travel to the competition this year. Corcoran is co-captain of the SAE team.

Corcoran said there are currently 23 team members on the team, and they do not receive credit hours for their work building the cars, but it is helpful to get hands-on experience.

Long said the team hopes to come back new and improved this year.

"There is some money, but it's mostly just for bragging rights," Long said.

The completion provides teams with a chance to compare notes and talk to companies such

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## Taking a ride



Sean Roberts/Alestle

Sophomore nursing major Natasha House from Bloomington rides a mechanical bull at Springfest's Student Organization Fair on Wednesday. Campus Activities Board hosted a week of events for this year's Springfest including chalk mural and karaoke contests.

## Easing Fears

SIUE Police escort service offers students safe ride, walk

By Rachel Carlson  
Alestle Reporter

It is late at night and a student is getting ready to leave the library alone. They can choose to brave the dark and walk alone or another alternative.

According to SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll, the SIUE Police have a 24-hour police escort service to keep students safe, which has been a provided service since the department first came to campus.

Students can call the SIUE Police Station from anywhere on campus to request an escort to another on-campus location and an officer will arrive to walk or drive the student to their destination depending on the distance to the pickup location.

Schmoll said the majority of escort requests occur at night. There are occasional daytime requests for a police escort, in cases of threats or people involved in relationship problems. The

service is not only used by students, but also by faculty members working late hours or who need protection during a money transport.

"It's for everybody at the university," Schmoll said.

Schmoll said while the number of escorts requested in a given time period can vary, after crime alerts the numbers tend to increase. One such case being in August 2008 after an armed robbery in the Woodland Hall parking lot caused the number of requests to increase from 22 in August to 40 in October. The total number of escort requests for fall 2008 was 130, which was higher than the 41 requests from fall 2007.

Officer Michael Klutho has been with the SIUE Police for eight years and has taken part in his share of escorts. Klutho said although parts of campus such as the hairpin are well lit and areas like

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## Police Reports

### 4-20

Shelitha J. Haskell was issued a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Eric D. Yurcisin was issued a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Adam Shasteen was issued a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Jeffrey Ashcraft was issued a citation for driving with an expired license.

### 4-21

An officer met with a professor who reported a Mac laptop was stolen from her Peck Hall office.

**Correction:** In the Tuesday edition of the Alestle, Nathan B. Hovatter was mistakenly left out of a police report. On April 19, Hovatter was arrested in connection with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor after housing staff requested assistance with residents who refused to break up a party at Cougar Village Apartment 504. Hovatter was processed, given notice to appear and released. The Alestle regrets the error.

# Final countdown: Senior assignments allow students to showcase four years of hardwork

By Neal Gough  
Alestle Reporter

Seniors had one last hurdle to jump before graduation, and the best of the best displayed their senior assignment projects Tuesday, ranging from raising awareness to driving an off-road buggy.

According to Director of Assessment Victoria Scott, there are 44 major programs at SIUE, and each of them has some variation of a senior assignment. The senior projects on display at the senior showcase were chosen by faculty as the best of the senior projects from the summer and fall 2008 semesters and the spring 2009 semesters.

"For four straight years, SIUE has been recognized by U.S. News and World report for having an outstanding capstone experience," Scott said.

According to the Office of Assessments Web site, in "America's Best Colleges 2009," SIUE joined 17 other institutions of higher learning, including Yale, Princeton, Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in the "Programs to Look for: Senior Capstone" category.

"It is a culminating experience that pulls together everything," Scott said.

According to Scott, there were 70 projects in various forms including presentations, posters, performances and even a Baja car.

The Baja car that Scott spoke of was built by senior mechanical engineering majors Scott Brinkmann from Argenta, Donald

Owens from Baylis, Ryan Jozwiak from Dalton City and Eric Lamczyk from Nashville, Ill.

According to Owens, the senior mechanical engineering projects are chosen by the students, but must be approved by a mechanical engineering professor.

"The senior design project gives us, as students, a chance to take the theories and

car," Jozwiak said.

However, according to Donald, the analysis and design of the frame began back in the fall semester.

"(The senior project) gives us a chance to use what we have learned and studied over for hours in class in a real world setting," Brinkmann said. "It will be beneficial in future projects at companies, and it improved leadership skills."

Senior nursing major Tarryn Ellis from Chicago took a more personal approach to her senior assignment.

"I have sickle cell disease," Ellis said. "I just wanted to give people an awareness of the disease."

Ellis' project focused on raising the awareness of the disease among everyone, including health care professionals.

"I learned about how health care professionals can improve treatment," Ellis said.

According to Ellis, the increased awareness can help nurses to be more sympathetic to their patients' pain and can help other people not to stigmatize those with the disease.

Ellis found the completion of the project to be educational not only for others, but also for her.

"(The senior project) takes a lot of work, but I think it is a good thing," Ellis said.

**"It's a culminating experience that pulls together everything."**

**-Victoria Scott,  
director of assessment**

principles we learn in class and apply them to a physical project," Owens said. "It helps to bridge the gap between the classroom and real world situations that we will encounter in our careers upon completion of our degree."

According to Jozwiak, the frame of the car was built and designed completely by the senior design team. They used a program called SolidWorks to cut, bend and drill the bars so they could be welded together.

"Not including design time calculations, the basic frame took about six weeks to build and another five weeks to compile all of the mounting tabs for vital components of the

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# Mass communications alumni give students advice on job hunting skills

By Aren Dow  
Alestle Reporter

In a tough job market where recent graduates compete against applicants with years of experience, so finding a job can prove daunting, but mass communications alumni Susan Luke and Mark Motley offered advice Tuesday for ways graduates can step up their game when stepping into a job interview.

Luke and Motley spoke as part of Mass Communications Week about how to adjust to communication technology in a changing world.

Luke, a veteran journalist, has worked for CNN and currently works for v-Fluence, an online public relations company that has clients such as AT&T, Pfizer and Anheuser-Busch. She has also worked overseas, including Australia and Prague.

Motley graduated from SIUE in 2001 and now is the communications director for the SimmonsCooper law firm, which is trying to educate others about the dangers of asbestos and mesothelioma, according to their Web site.

Luke said the main obstacle students have to worry about is not the current recession, but the changes made to media because of the Internet. However, those changes have also made mass communications much more dynamic and multifaceted.

"The recession, that's going to go away," Luke said. "This is the most exciting time in the last 40 years, whether you are entering advertising, journalism or public relations."

With the rise of the Internet, Luke and Motley both said a clear direction after college is often unattainable. There are many more possibilities and directions to take than in the past.

## ESCORT

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the fan lots are routinely patrolled, students and faculty members do sometimes feel safer when escorted by a police officer.

Klutho said as long as an emergency does not arise before police can escort someone, students and faculty will not have to wait long.

"If we have more urgent calls, you may be put back," Klutho said. "Typically, it's going to be about five minutes."

Officer Trisha Kamphuis is new to the campus police, but has also taken part in escorting. Kamphuis said the escort service is for safety purposes only and should not be abused.

"It's meant for keeping people safe, not necessarily 'I don't feel like walking to class,'" Kamphuis said.

While police escorts provide a safe option for students and faculty, some students either do not know it exists or choose not to utilize the service. Kamphuis said students most likely do not use it because they do not feel like they are in danger.

"If they feel safe on campus, they may not need it," Kamphuis said.

"I think even as recently as 10 years ago it was a set path," Luke said. "You knew you'd get a paycheck, 401k. Your path was set. Now that traditional structure has fallen away."

Luke and Motley advised students to diversify their talents. Luke said the lines between talents are blurred, and what graduates set out to do will probably not be the end result.

"It's not as cut and dry as it used to be," Motley said. "You should make your own path. Be your own entrepreneur."

Mass communications graduate student Layla Souers teaches at Schmidt Music in O'Fallon. Souers said she tried to forge her own niche by creating a Web site along with her teaching. After seeing the success of Guitar Hero, Souers wants to use any type of media available to keep music interesting for her students.

"(My goal) is to eventually do an online magazine that has lessons, music reviews, links to other artists sites," Souers said. "People think I'm crazy. They tell me 'You're a musician, why don't you just want to play music?' But I don't want to limit myself to just one thing."

Motley said since companies no longer reward employee loyalty like they used to, students need to have a different approach than before.

"You need to think of yourselves as your own company," Motley said. "Have a network of sources relying on your content."

When looking for a job, students should not be so concerned with finding the perfect position for them.

"You want to have as many conversations with as many people as possible," Motley said. "Throw 10 balls in the air and hope one of them sticks."

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Derrick Hawkins/Alestle

Police vehicles sit at the SIUE Police Station. The police escort service will drive to any on campus location to make sure a student makes it safely to their destination.

the escort service, but has chosen not to call because she never leaves herself susceptible to dangerous situations.

"I've never really felt the need to (call)," Schuette said. "I always park my car close to buildings, and I carry mace."

Schuette said she liked the idea of having the option to call for an escort if she felt scared to walk by herself.

"I think it's an awesome service," Schuette said. "It makes me feel safer knowing I can call them."

call them."

Schmoll said police escorts are a good way to help students feel safe on campus whether there is a crime alert or not.

"It reassures students we're out there looking out for their best interests," Schmoll said.

An SIUE campus police escort can be requested at 650-3324.

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## SG to vote on constitution, funding manual changes

Alestle Staff Report

Student Government will vote on changes to its constitution and its funding manual, as well as approve its successors at the last meeting of the year on Friday.

Senators discussed changes at the last Student Government meeting and will vote on about 30 changes to the Student Government constitution.

Student Government will decide if it should move 10 student organizations to inactive status. Reasons for inactive status could be a lack of members or the organizations are not meeting.

It will also discuss travel requests for the following organizations: the Student National Pharmaceutical Association, SIUE Club Football and Sigma Phi Epsilon. A program request from Sigma Phi Epsilon will also be discussed, as well as an annual allocation for Phi Kappa Psi in the amount of \$300.

Student Government will review the constitution for the Metro East Community Choir and Orchestra and the International Student Council.

An open forum will follow for any students who want to address the Senate.

The meeting will take place 2 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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### ALUMNI

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Luke said students should look for the best opportunity instead of the largest paycheck, and that sacrificing that early in life makes it much easier 10 years down the road.

"I get so disgusted when young people go for a few thousand more dollars over a great experience," Luke said. "At CNN, the most I got paid was \$17,000, but that job has gotten me other jobs."

Motley said students should be prepared to have their first salaries be lower than what they imagine.

"I had a really rude awakening," said Motley. "Starting out in advertising is about mid-\$20,000."

Since businesses want to know every imaginable angle to reach consumers, sites like Twitter and Facebook offer ways to connect to them. Even though others may use those sites for unproductive reasons, they can

still be useful to companies.

Luke and Motley stressed students should at least be familiar with these new technologies. Luke said most companies expect recent college graduates to know the latest new technological craze, and that is worth keeping up to date.

"Even if you can answer the 65-year-old senior partner's question 'What's this Twitter about?' that's something," Motley said.

Luke said college graduates provide knowledge that those who have been in the business for years may not be as familiar with.

"You grew up with all of this technology, and now you can help these companies understand this evolution," Luke said.

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### CAR

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as Ford and General Motors. Each team receives points for design, cost report analysis and racing, according to Long.

The SAE team will host an event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday at the Engineering Building atrium.

Those who attend the event will have a chance to look at last year's car and the car built for the competition this year. They will have a chance to ask team members questions and watch them drive the cars in parking Lot P9.

The cars will be started up at

1 p.m., after a free lunch and team presentation. Long said the parking lot will have two courses set up like the courses at the national competitions.

"Friday is kind of a preview and a thank you to the sponsors and the school," Long said.

For more information about the SAE team visit their Web site at [www.ee.siu.edu/FormulaSIUE](http://www.ee.siu.edu/FormulaSIUE).

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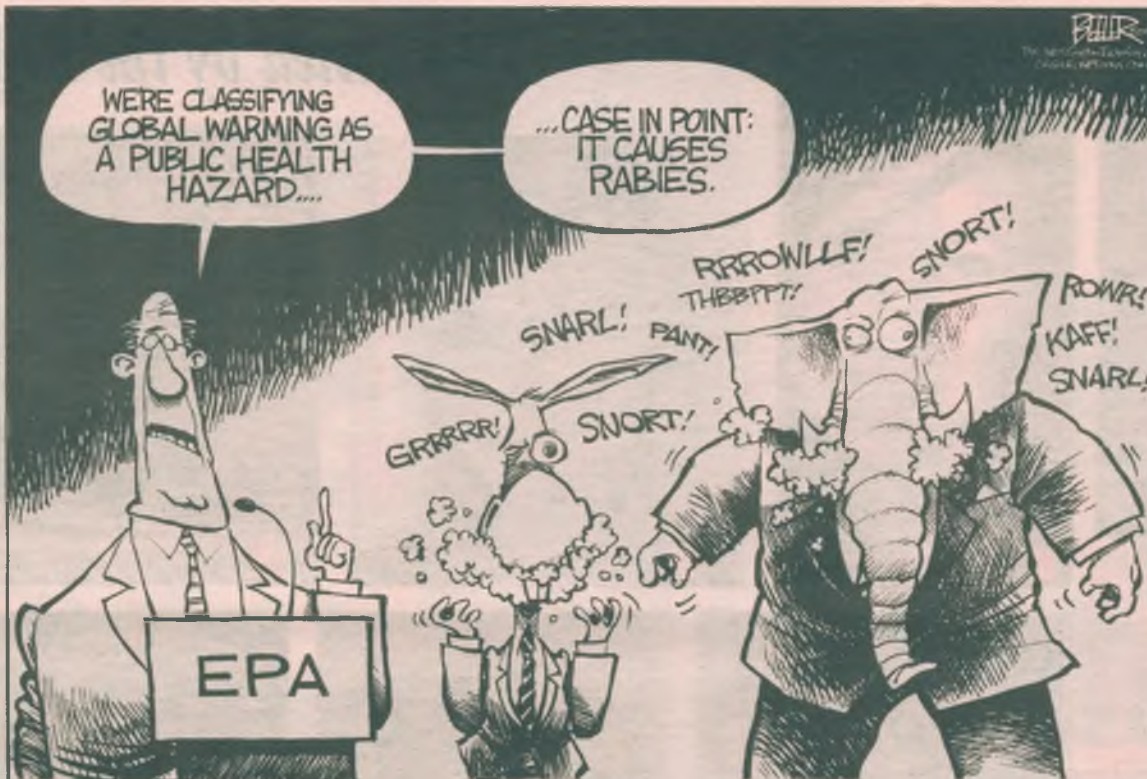
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## Letter to the editor: No 'Perks' in breaking the rules

As Prairie Area Council president for the 2007-2008 school year, I was deeply saddened to read of the dismissal of the current PAC president, Sam Perks. I'm not sad about the fact he was dismissed, but rather that he allowed himself to be put in the position to be dismissed.

The Alestle reported that he was let go as PAC president because of "alleged violations to the Area Council's constitution." Being a former Prairie Area Council member, I am aware of the constitution and what it means to uphold the values of said constitution. In addition to the alleged violations, Perks claims he was asked to resign because of the distribution of campaign materials. While Cathy Passananti was unable to comment due to confidentiality purposes, the bottom line is that, at this point, it is all he said-she said.

In my experience as PAC president, Cathy Passananti made no decision unjustly. Area Councils are an integrated part of the University Housing system. Councils are responsible for putting on programs for University Housing students because learning is not always done in the classroom.

While I respect the views of former President

Sam Perks, I do not agree with his views on how his "democratic process had been foregone." Cathy Passananti made a decision for the removal of Sam Perks based on information that was unable to be discussed, as she said in her statement in Tuesday's Alestle.

While I am proud of the work my fellow PAC members and I did last year, I am disheartened to see that this year's council had a president that was not the appropriate individual for the job. His lack of professionalism when it came to representing University Housing and Prairie Area Council did not uphold the standard set in the PAC constitution, the same constitution that he violated, therefore voiding his credibility as a responsible hall council president. I stand by Cathy Passananti's decision to remove Sam Perks as Prairie Area Council president, and I hope that he learns a valuable lesson from the mistakes he made.

Kaitlyn Yemm  
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Psychology major

## Footprints or trees will not solve Earth Day issues

Earth Day was Wednesday, a day where we can reflect on how much we destroy the Earth and worry about our carbon footprint.

It is a feel-good day, where we can plant a tree in the ground and then forget about it for the rest of the year.

I'm not a big fan of Earth Day.

Don't get me wrong, there were plenty of good activities and events going on Wednesday. President Barack Obama was in Iowa promoting wind energy, a noble cause. However, as I watch CNN, Obama is flying his 747 plane from Washington, D.C., to Iowa and back just for Earth Day.

Is that not a bit hypocritical?

The problem with Earth Day is that it has become more of a media-spectacle, look-at-me day than anything else.

The biggest issue I have is with the carbon imprint. If you haven't heard of what a carbon imprint or footprint is, it is the amount of greenhouse gases you produce during your daily activities. Sites like [nativeenergy.com](http://nativeenergy.com) ask certain questions about your activities for the year, then calculates what your imprint is. After filling out the survey, they give you the option to simply pay off your carbon imprint by the month, if you so choose. Basically, you just end up paying an organization



Aren Dow

to feel guilt-free about your activities for the year. Don't worry about actually correcting what you are doing; just pay what they tell you.

Another action [earthday.net](http://earthday.net) is working toward is the "No Coal Call," where you can call your local member of congress to "demand a moratorium on coal-fired power plants."

While this is a good cause, it is not without consequence. Much of the Appalachia region relies on coal mining jobs. Some of the most impoverished parts of the country are in Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee, including the most impoverished counties. The coal industry provides some of the highest salary jobs in the area. With the coal industry on the decline, the region has less jobs and steeped into higher rates of poverty.

We don't really know what is causing global warming — excuse me — climate change. I can't keep up with whatever they are calling it nowadays. Some say people are the cause. Some say it is just the natural cycle of the sun.

One thing I do know is that I am not going to just throw money at it to make it go away. We need to sift through what actually helps, and what is just for show.

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## On The Blog

Taking positives from Blues sweep

Allan Lewis



"As painful as a playoff failure is to take as a fan, a sweep is even harder, but for some reason this one feels different. Am I really proud of a team that lost four straight postseason games?"

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## Pot control has no place in government

I would make a bet that on April 20, a few people lit a few joints, and inevitably, a few were arrested.

Arrests like these can easily be avoided either by not smoking marijuana or eliminating this law.

Illinois is taking the steps to legalize marijuana for medical use, as a bill sponsored by State Senator Bill Haine is currently making its way through the state legislature, according to CBS Chicago.

marijuana should be legalized for both medical and recreational purposes.



Sean Roberts

There is no good reason to keep cannabis illegal. It might cause some adverse effects on its users, but the government has no reason to circumvent. Otherwise innocent people should not be in jail for something as small as trying cannabis.

The government is here to protect life, liberty and property, not to be your mother and suggest that something might be bad for you. In the off chance that cannabis use affects other people, we have laws covering that. For example, there are laws against reckless driving, regardless of whether or not the user is high.

Instead of throwing innocent Americans in jail for a victimless crime, we should have law enforcement focus on real concerns, like violent crime, not something consenting adults put in their body.

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*The Distinguished Senior Award recognizes graduating seniors who have excelled both in and out of the classroom. With a minimum cumulative grade point average requirement of 3.75, this award honors outstanding academic achievement while also acknowledging significant contributions to campus life.*

**1 Kyle Cameron**

Nominated by: Eileen McAllister, Intercollegiate Athletics  
**Hometown:** East Moline, IL  
**Major:** Kinesiology - Physical Education Teacher Education  
**GPA:** 3.845  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** Hopes to be an athletic director and/or a high school/collegiate coach while continuing his running career professionally

**Accomplishments:** While busy competing in the fall/winter/spring seasons of Cross Country and Track & Field at SIUE, Kyle has been named to the Dean's List for seven semesters. Kyle not only excels on the track as an NCAA Division II National Outdoor Track & Field Championship competitor, but also in the community and the classroom. He coordinated Track & Field and Cross Country team service projects and is a three-time Academic All-Conference in Track & Field and Cross Country. Kyle is very passionate about physical education, so passionate that he collaborated with faculty members on a study to research physical activity compared to intensity levels among differing team sizes. Kyle says, "Our results were very intriguing and I am excited to share my knowledge with fellow classmates and future peers."

**2 Natalie Cronister**

Nominated by: Dr. Eva Ferguson, Psychology  
**Hometown:** Springfield, IL  
**Major:** Psychology and Foreign Languages and Literature - Spanish  
**GPA:** 4.00  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** Heading to graduate school for education

**Accomplishments:** When Natalie is not working hard to complete her two Senior Assignments in Spanish and Psychology, she is volunteering her time. She was a peer mentor for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and currently volunteers for Restore St. Louis. She also tutors SIUE students in Spanish. Natalie has been on the Dean's List for seven semesters and was awarded the Rising Sophomore Award in 2006. One of Natalie's most exciting projects was spending a summer living and working in El Paso, TX, where she led teams across the Mexican border to build houses for poverty stricken families. "The experience bolstered my communication skills and reinforced my love for helping people," says Natalie. Her SIUE education helped her realize that she has the intellectual and social capacity to be a successful contributor to her community, nation, and world.

**3 Bryan Cummiskey**

Nominated by: Keith Becherer, Campus Recreation  
**Hometown:** Harrisburg, IL  
**Major:** Psychology  
**GPA:** 3.98  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** To become a neuropsychologist

**Accomplishments:** Bryan is doing swimmingly here at SIUE, whether it is at his job as a Lifeguard Supervisor or in his Honors Capstone course offered as a part of the Robert J. McLaughlin Honors Academy. In the Academy, he had to create his own research idea and have a team of faculty members approve it. He chose to study change blindness, which is a cognitive phenomenon where humans do not notice a change in their environment when the brain is distracted. Bryan says that, "This has undoubtedly been my most time-intensive and rewarding endeavor at SIUE." He has also assisted, interned, and observed several studies and experiments at SIUE and Washington University. Bryan has been a Meridian Scholar for all four years, has been on the Dean's List every semester, and is a member of the School of Education Dean's Dozen.

**4 Trisha Hoffman**

Nominated by: Dr. Duff Wrobbel, Speech Communication  
**Hometown:** Beardstown, IL  
**Major:** Speech Communication - Public Relations  
**GPA:** 4.00  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** Plans to pursue a career in non-profit communications

**Accomplishments:** Trisha is so passionate about non-profit work that she has been volunteering at the United Way for two semesters and has worked as a campaign representative for one semester. Even though she volunteers her time, she was still able to make Dean's List for her 3 semesters at SIUE. She is also the recipient of the John and Eva Morgan Award and the President of the Lambda Pi Eta National Communications Honor Society. She is currently working on her Senior Capstone course for public relations and has realized how rewarding it is to work with an actual client and put on an actual event. Trisha says, "Thanks to my senior project, I will leave SIUE with not only a sense of pride and accomplishment; but, also with tangible proof that I am capable of contributing to society."

**5 Kelsey Hubert**

Nominated by: Dr. Steffany Chleboun, Special Education & Communication Disorders  
**Hometown:** Smithton, IL  
**Major:** Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology  
**GPA:** 3.958  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** To be a speech-language pathologist

**Accomplishments:** When Kelsey isn't busy being the captain of SIUE's volleyball team, she is helping children with speech and hearing disorders in the Speech, Language, and Hearing Center on campus. She was selected to participate in the Undergraduate Research Academy, which only accepts seventeen individuals from a campus-wide pool. Kelsey says, "The URA has helped mold me into a well-rounded student, as well as an interactive and eager learner." As transfer student, she has been on the Dean's List for five consecutive semesters. To give back to the campus community, Kelsey volunteers her time at summer volleyball camps and Kid's Night Out. She has also been a great role model for teenage girls, serving as head coach for the Southern Heat Volleyball Club.

**6 Ginny Huot**

Nominated by: Dr. P. Ann Dirks-Linhorst, Sociology & Criminal Justice Studies  
**Hometown:** Alexander, IL  
**Major:** Criminal Justice Studies  
**GPA:** 4.00  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** To attend law school and become a public defender

**Accomplishments:** Ginny works hard to lead two organizations on campus - President of the Criminal Justice Club and Captain of the SIUE Southern Star Dance Team - and she also works hard in the classroom, being named to the Dean's List for seven semesters. She is a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society, and is the 2009 Distinguished Student in Criminal Justice. Ginny's proudest accomplishment is doing everything in her power to make the Criminal Justice Club more prominent on campus. She says, "The CJ Club is not only a club on campus; it is an institution for extended learning and an organization focused on bettering the community through fundraising activities."

**7 Kimberly Kolweier**

Nominated by: Dr. Jean Harrison, Special Education & Communication Disorders  
**Hometown:** Addieville, IL  
**Major:** Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology  
**GPA:** 4.00  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** Plans to be a speech-language pathologist in a medical setting

**Accomplishments:** Kimberly enjoys helping people whether it is through her job at Disability Support Services or in her major at the SIUE Speech, Language, and Hearing Center. She is a member of the School of Education Dean's Dozen, numerous honor societies, and has been on the Dean's List for seven semesters. Kimberly feels she has learned a great deal about problem solving through her senior assignment. She says, "During this journey, I have grown as a student, a clinician, and a researcher, which are all aspects of a successful professional." She is an avid volunteer with the Jaycees and has participated in numerous events such as St. Louis Walk Now for Autism and Southern Illinois Special Olympics. She is currently the Senior Class Representative for the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association.

**8 Megan McClure**

Nominated by: Dr. Patrick Murphy, Mass Communications  
**Hometown:** Taylorville, IL  
**Major:** Mass Communications - Journalism  
**GPA:** 3.809  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** Hopes to go into print and electronic journalism

**Accomplishments:** As the Senior Editor of the Alestle, Megan is gatekeeper to the news at SIUE. Although this task is time consuming, she is still able to be involved in intramural sports and the Catholic Newman Student Union. She has broadened her world view by going on service trips to Kentucky and Juarez, Mexico, interning in New York City, and studying abroad in Bulgaria. Megan is a 2009 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges recipient and a Meridian Scholar, along with being named to the Dean's List for six semesters. Her greatest intellectual experience took place in Bulgaria where she says, "The depth of knowledge I developed in those four short months is something I will always treasure." Megan has won several awards for journalism, including the St. Louis Newspaper Guild Outstanding Student in Journalism and the Elmer C. Brock Award for Achievement in Journalism.



# Award Recipients

## Deputy Chancellor for Student Affairs



### 9 Lindsay Sax

**Nominated by:** Dr. Dan Segrist, Psychology  
**Hometown:** Mascoutah, IL  
**Major:** Psychology and Speech Communication  
**GPA:** 4.00  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** To become a marriage and family therapist  
**Accomplishments:** Lindsay's senior assignment is on dating relationships...but her relationship for the last four years has been with her coursework at SIUE. She has put a lot of hours due to her double major in Psychology and Speech Communication. Lindsay says, "Overall, this experience has helped me grow as a writer, a researcher, a student, and as a person." Her senior assignment hypotheses have been supported thus far and she hopes to expand that thesis in graduate school. Over the last two years Lindsay has volunteered over 500 hours for the 3C Americorps, and she will complete the Student Leadership Development Program this semester. She has been on Dean's List for seven semesters and was a recipient of the Speech Communication Department NCA Award. Lindsay is also a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society.

### 10 Samantha Schulte

**Nominated by:** Dr. Steffany Chleboun  
**Hometown:** Pleasant Prairie, WI  
**Major:** Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology  
**GPA:** 4.00  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** Plans to be a speech-language pathologist  
**Accomplishments:** Samantha is an all-star both in and out of the classroom. She is SIUE's Volleyball team captain and is a recipient of the 2008 Academic All-American Honors by ESPN: The Magazine. Samantha made it a priority to work hard as a volleyball player and a student. She feels that as a senior captain it is her duty to serve as a role model to underclassmen. Samantha has been named to the Dean's List for seven semesters, she is one of the School of Education Dean's Dozen, and is the Treasurer of the Golden Key International Honor Society. She also found time to volunteer as volleyball camp coach, team member at Relay for Life, and at a canned food drive sponsored by SIUE Athletics. She says, "The challenges of being a full-time student athlete have developed me into a well-rounded, confident individual who is ready for life's adventures."

### 11 Alyssa Sprague

**Nominated by:** Dr. Tim Schoenecker, School of Business  
**Hometown:** Argenta, IL  
**Major:** Business Administration - Management and Finance  
**GPA:** 3.972  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** Plans to go into supply chain management  
**Accomplishments:** Alyssa has learned a lot at SIUE; but, she feels her most impactful intellectual experience came from studying abroad in Angers, France. She says, "The opportunity to live abroad allowed me to return to SIUE with a wealth of knowledge that cannot always be found in the classroom." She uses her world view as a tool to encourage other students to study abroad because she feels it was the best educational decision she has ever made. Alyssa has been on Dean's List for six semesters, she is a Meridian Scholar, and is the Vice President of Operations for the School of Business ELITE. She volunteers her time for Share Food and Habitat for Humanity. Alyssa also tutors fellow students and works as a supplemental instructor for MS 251.

### 12 Jessica Stapleton

**Nominated by:** Dr. Kay Covington, Kinesiology and Health Education  
**Hometown:** Chillicothe, IL  
**Major:** Exercise and Wellness  
**GPA:** 3.776  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** Headed to graduate school at SIUE in the Sport and Exercise Behavior program

**Accomplishments:** Jessica had a big year! She achieved her goal of playing Division 1 basketball while upholding the highest academic standards for herself and her teammates. She was also accepted into graduate school, with a graduate assistantship. Jessica is the captain of the SIUE Women's Basketball team...and because of that she's learned to be extremely disciplined at time-management. Jessica says, "SIUE has granted many opportunities for me as well as presented many challenges." It is safe to say that she has overcome her challenges thus far. She is a member of the SIUE Kinesiology Student Association and the National Gym Association as a professional figure competitor. She is an All-American Scholar and was awarded Outstanding Exercise and Wellness Major. She has also volunteered her time for Habitat for Humanity, Glen Ed Food Pantry, and Boys and Girls Club.

### 13 Tim Weir

**Nominated by:** Dr. Yuping Zeng, Management and Marketing  
**Hometown:** Florissant, MO  
**Major:** Business Administration - Finance and Marketing  
**GPA:** 3.837  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** Plans to attend graduate school and go into sports marketing

**Accomplishments:** Even though Tim is on the SIUE Men's Soccer team, it is hard to see how he finds the time to play. His resume is full of job experience that he has attained since being at SIUE, which will help him later in life. Through his senior project he is working on a portfolio analysis that will also be beneficial upon graduation. Tim says, "I knew that combining finance with my marketing specialization would give me a more formal understanding of monetary importance in connection with marketing concepts." He has been on the Dean's List for six semesters, is a member of the Golden Key International Honor Society, and was named Men's Soccer Student Athlete of the Year. He has volunteered his time at the Special Olympics Kansas and at Team Activities for Special Kids (TASK).

### 14 Emily Wilken

**Nominated by:** Sheila Coressel, University Housing  
**Hometown:** Danforth, IL  
**Major:** Foreign Languages and Literature - Spanish  
**GPA:** 3.942  
**Graduating:** August 2009  
**Career Goal:** To be a Spanish teacher

**Accomplishments:** Emily is very involved in the Residence Housing Association (RHA) and has received many awards such as Illinois Residence Hall Association Rookie of the Year and Team Member of the Month, along with National RHA Outstanding Team Member of the Month. Emily was the recipient of the 2007 SIUE Rising Sophomore Award and is a Meridian Scholar. She is one of the School of Education Dean's Dozen and has been on the Dean's List five semesters. Her most amazing academic experience was studying abroad in Turkey where she grew as a person and a student. Emily says, "I realized I could no longer categorize people or generalize about the characteristics of people. I began to value each person for their personal beliefs and individualism."

### 15 Mindy Young-Lawson

**Nominated by:** Dr. Victoria Scott, Director of Assessment  
**Hometown:** Bethalto, IL  
**Major:** Philosophy and History  
**GPA:** 4.0  
**Graduating:** May 2009  
**Career Goal:** To earn a Masters and Ph.D. in Philosophy

**Accomplishments:** Mindy is currently conducting an advanced research project through a grant she received from the Undergraduate Research Academy at SIUE. She is arguing that, "Transaesthetics are integral to deconstructing the created boundaries of the Other and, thereby, allowing us to remember real injustices and the suffering of others." Mindy is interested in seeing beyond the "us" versus "them" dichotomy. She has been on the Dean's List for nine semesters and is a member of the Phi Sigma Tau International Philosophy Honor Society, serving as vice president for two years. She also did a travel study program to Turkey. Mindy was a recipient of the Vince Demuzio Scholarship Internship Program and is currently an intern for Illinois State Representative Tom Holbrook.

*Many thanks to the faculty and staff who nominated deserving students.*

*And to this year's winners....  
**CONGRATULATIONS!***

*You are an extraordinary group of people. The University is extremely proud of your accomplishments.*

*Best wishes upon your graduation and beyond.*



## Students prepare for musical finale

by Rosie Githinji  
Alestle Reporter

Music professor Joel Knapp and his students are preparing for finals with sheet music instead of study guides.

A final music concert with four of SIUE's largest choirs — Concert Choir, Treble Choir, Madrigal Choir and the Choral Choir — takes place at 7:30 p.m., April 30 to May 1 in the Dunham Hall Theater.

"It is a way to culminate all the work the students have been working on all year," Knapp said.

Knapp said there will be 120 singers on stage, as well as the orchestra. Members of the local community are also part of Choral Choir and participate in the concert.

Each year music professor Michael Mishra and Knapp trade places conducting and practicing with Choral Choir. This year Mishra conducts the concert.

The choirs will perform a piece by Gioachino Rossini called "Stabat Mater," or Our Virgin Mother. Rossini wrote a lot of opera pieces, according to Knapp, and the piece the choir is singing has a lot of influences from opera.

"This piece is real," Knapp said. "We get to sing from the bottom of our toes."

Sophomore vocal performance major Zelina Bott-Goins said she enjoyed her time singing with the Choral Choir. Bott-Goins said she is learning to sight-read better. The choir has been working on the piece since their last performance Feb. 26.

"This is my first year and semester doing this," Bott-Goins said. "This piece is really fun and exciting."

Vocal performance isn't the only concert the music department has coming up.

Music professor John Bell will conduct the wind symphony in the Concert Band and Wind Symphony concert on Monday at 7:30 in the Dunham Hall Theater.

"This is a special concert because we will be playing two terrific symphonies written specifically for wind band," Bell said.

The first symphony is "Symphony No. 4" by Morton Gould composed in 1952. Bell said the piece is important because there was little music written for bands during that time. This piece has inspired many compositions that form the core of the wind band repertoire in today's music, Bell said.

Composition professor Kimberly Archer wrote the second symphony named "Symphony No.3."

"It is a very special event to perform a piece that is not only an excellent work, but composed by one's colleague," Bell said.



Sean Roberts/Alestle

**Junior music education major Nathan Ball from Colona and junior biology major Alana Lambert from Bloomington practice Wednesday for the Wind Symphony Orchestra Concert.**

Music professor John Korak will conduct and perform with students in the concert as part of Concert Band.

"I like to share my music with the kids and perform with them and for them," Korak said.

This concert is the last of four major concerts throughout the year.

Many of the members in the bands have been in part of the ensemble since fall. This music is one of the most challenging pieces Korak has worked on as teacher.

"I don't think we would have been able to do this piece back in October," Korak said. "But I think we are ready now. I like to choose work which is challenging to work toward, but also attainable."

Korack said he compared preparing for a challenging concert to an athletic team.

"It takes time, but as we go through the year the music becomes more challenging," Korack said.

Junior music performance major A.J. Roth of St. Peters, Mo., has played the trombone since high school and is busy preparing for the concert both in and out of class.

"Every piece has it's own challenge," Roth said. "We didn't get music till after the concert at the end of February."

The Friends of Music concert was scheduled for April 23, but was canceled. However, Korack said he is making it up to music aficionados with a concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday at St. Boniface Cathedral Church in Edwardsville. Korak named the performance "Festive Brass."

"The concerts are a good chance to involve them in creative activities," Korak said.

Tickets are free for students with a Cougar Card, \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens. For more information, call Fine Arts Box Office at 650-2774.

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### ARTIST EXPOSURE

## Q&A

Senior photography major  
Katie Groth

by Ashley Hinkle  
Alestle Photo Editor

**Q:** What does being an artist mean to you? And how does your artwork relate to and reflect your definition?

**A:** I think being an artist is a lifestyle and a profession at the same time. I don't think that one wakes up and decides that today I'm going to be in artist. I think it is a way of expressing your feelings and thoughts to yourself and to anyone else that might want to pay attention. It reflects the person that I am today and the different options that I also have on different views of the world.

**Q:** What question does your work raise or attempt to answer?

**A:** My work more recently tries to raise awareness on health or health concerns and what the market puts out into stores for us to consume. Even if it is not healthy, they often market the items to be healthier when consumed in moderation.

**Q:** What is the creative process like for you? Where does your creative energy come from?

**A:** My current work's creative process mostly comes from my own life and my personal experience of trying to be more aware of healthy choices in food items. I always have been aware of the items that I've been putting into my body, but more recently found a way of expressing my concerns of health to others in my photographs.

**Q:** What keeps you motivated to keep working? How do you get through a creative block?

**A:** It often is easy to lose interest in what I'm doing when I come upon a creative

block. Lots of time if I'm struggling with a thought or it's not turning out exactly how I think it should, I often try to find something else to do to get my mind off of the block which usually results in working out a lot or talking to others to see if they have any good pointers or ideas.

**Q:** Do you work with one continuous idea or do you have multiple inspirations for your work?

**A:** Lately I've been working with the same main concept of health and health consumption. I do try to vary the way I show these ideas though in my work to make it more visually interesting and also to better improve my work.

**Q:** How do you prefer to show your work?

**A:** I don't really have a preference of how to show my work. I think photographs always look better professionally displayed, whether that is by matting and framing or however the artists decides to show their work as opposed to just viewing the pieces printed and tacked on

the display board. My BFA presentation of my work will be shown on Plexi glass, which I'm really excited to see, since I've never used the medium before.

Groth's work will be on display from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday in the Art & Design Building's New Wagner Gallery.

Other previously featured Artist Exposure artists, seniors Robert Muller and Rachael Wilbur, will also have their work on display from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center's Art Gallery.

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Photo courtesy of Katie Groth



# First loss at home vs. CMU

by T.J. Cowell  
Alestle Sports Reporter

SIUE baseball suffered its first home defeat of the season with a 2-4 loss against Central Missouri University Tuesday.

The Mules showed why they are the winningest NCAA baseball program of the millennium, out-hitting the Cougars 14-8.

SIUE baseball Head Coach Gary Collins said the team did not swing the bat well against the CMU pitchers.

"I was disappointed with our offense," Collins said. "They struck us out 15 times."

The Cougars drew blood first with an RBI single from freshman third baseman Zach Hawkins that scored junior designated hitter Josh Street in the bottom of the first. Central Missouri freshman starter Ryan Dawson then silenced the SIUE bats by holding them scoreless for four more innings until being replaced by CMU senior pitcher Mark Carey.

The Mules put their first runs on the board in the third inning with a pair of runs. A one out double from senior outfielder Will Feil highlighted the inning.

Central Missouri added to its lead with one run apiece in the sixth and eighth innings. A late eighth inning rally by SIUE was shut down after one run.

After holding the Mules in the top of the ninth, the Cougars could not capitalize offensively in their last chance, securing the win for the visitors. SIUE dropped to 9-25 on the year. Central Missouri moved to 31-10 with Tuesday's victory.

SIUE freshman pitcher Blaise Haxel said the pitchers on the team are having a problem with falling behind batters.

"You can't fall behind on teams as good as Central Missouri is," Haxel said.

Offensively, SIUE struggled to find its stride against



Hunter Creel/Alestle

Junior pitcher Luke Vine pitches out of a jam in the second inning on Tuesday against Central Missouri University.

the Central Missouri bullpen. However, Hawkins went a perfect three for three at the plate for SIUE, but junior first baseman Michael Hopkins, senior left fielder Chilos Norris III and junior second baseman Ryan Wiggs were the only other Cougars who could produce hits.

"We did not get the timely hits when we needed

them," Norris said. "(Central Missouri) hit the ball well with runners in scoring position. Scoring runs wins games."

Pitching wise, SIUE junior starter Luke Vine

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# Softball tops OVC in RPI ratings

by Ashlee Brockenbrough  
Alestle Sports Reporter

The SIUE softball team made its record 35-10 after a split doubleheader against Western Illinois University Tuesday, giving it the highest NCAA Ratings Percentage Index of any Ohio

Valley Conference team.

The team followed its 0-4 loss in the first game with a 4-1 victory against the Westerwinds in game two.

The Cougars' RPI is now 41. SIUE earned this position out of 284 Division I teams by accumulating a 9-4 record on the road, a 5-2 record at home, a 16-1 record

at neutral fields and a 2-0 record against non-Division I teams. The Cougars fall just behind solid D-I teams in the RPI such as Oklahoma State University (40), Baylor University (34) and the University of Illinois (33).

In the first game against WIU, the Cougars fell after the Westerwinds' freshman Ashley Campbell hit a grand slam in the third inning.

"(Western's) hitters were very aggressive," SIUE senior outfielder Courtney Mall said. "They swung outside of the strike-zone."

Western's defense made no errors in game one compared to SIUE's three.

The Cougars failed to get on the board with only two hits by sophomore shortstop Kasey Schlafke and junior third baseman Lauren Zembruski.

"We chased balls that we shouldn't have swung at," Mall said. "We really just beat ourselves."

Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said the Cougars' offense struggled against the Westerwinds' pitcher Kamren Ferguson, who kept the ball low in the zone with a slow curve.

"We did not make adjustments well," Montgomery said.

In game two of their doubleheader, SIUE took an early 3-0 lead by the second inning. SIUE freshman catcher Paige Sheeder scored off of sophomore outfielder Christina Signore's double to right center field. Mall had a double RBI off of a single to right field.

Western pitcher Courtney Jacobson replaced Lori Pankratz in the third inning after Zembruski hit a homerun over the left field fence. Zembruski has seven total homeruns this season.

"Because we scored early, we put ourselves in a situation where we were on top the whole game,"

Montgomery said.

WIU scored its only run in the fourth inning after Ashley Campbell hit her fifth RBI of the game down the right-field line.

SIUE pitcher Kaitlin Colosimo earned her 16th win of the season behind the plate for the Cougars.

"We came out focused and ready to make adjustments in the second game. We had great pitching and defense," Signore said. "The great leadership on the team

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Sean Roberts/Alestle

Sophomore shortstop Kasey Schlafke fields a grounder in Tuesday's matchup against Western Illinois University.



# Seniors awarded Cougar Cadre

by Ashlee Brockenbrough  
Alestle Sports Reporter

The senior athletic duo of engineering major Kyle Cameron of men's cross country and track and kinesiology major Jessica Stapleton of women's basketball were named SIUE's athletes of the year Monday.

Cameron and Stapleton each received the Cougar Cadre Award, given to the male and female athletes of the year. The award, established by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, took nominees from each sport. Nominees must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and have lettered at least once in their sport.

"SAAC decides based on who they see as a representative for excelled academics and performance at SIUE," SIUE Director of Athletics Brad Hewitt said. "They have to demonstrate perseverance, self-discipline, leadership and community involvement. It's always a tough decision because all the nominees are very qualified. That is why it is so special."

Cameron has participated in men's cross-country and track for four years at SIUE. He is a member of SAAC, an employee at the University Recreation Center and has done a handful of community service projects. Cameron said he has been student teaching in the area this semester.

Cameron said he feels proud of his accomplishments, recognized by both awards, and has been motivated to work even harder in the future.

"I think my greatest accomplishment is gaining all of the goals I have set for myself academically, athletically and in my personal life and having to reset the bar every year, sometimes every month or every day," Cameron said. "I contribute this to the

resources I have available to me at this university, not only the friendships I have built, but the faculty, staff, coaches and administrators."

Stapleton, a transfer from Illinois Central College in Peoria in fall of 2007, has been on the women's basketball team for two years. She is also in SAAC and has participated in various volunteer programs on and off campus.

With this year being a transitional year in sports for SIUE, her team played 19 games on the road. Stapleton said the Kinesiology Department made it possible for her to keep her high grade point average during the season by being cooperative with the team's tough road schedule.

"They were an outstanding amount of help," Stapleton said. "Our schedule was pretty tough this year. The department was very accommodating.

They made it easy to make up missed work and quizzes due to games on the road."

Women's basketball Head Coach Amanda Levens was not surprised at Stapleton's academic achievements.

"(Stapleton is) a student before the

athlete," she said. "All athletes must be able to handle academic responsibilities and learn to manage their time. Jessie is competitive by nature in every area of life, including academics."

The two athletes were among 13 other SIUE seniors who received the Distinguished Senior Award, created to acknowledge graduating seniors who are influential in and out of the classroom, regardless if they are a student-athlete or not.

Although being a student-athlete is not required to be honored with the award, out of the 15 chosen to receive the Distinguished Senior Award, five were student-athletes, including Cameron and

"I contribute this to the resources I have available to me at this university."

-Kyle Cameron,  
senior track and field athlete

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# SPORTS BRIEFS

## Men's golf season cut short by wind

### Alestle Staff Report

SIUE finished seventh out of 16 teams in their final tournament of the 2009 spring season at the Beu/Mussatto Invitational in Macomb. Junior Matt Lehl led the Cougars, tying for an eighth place finish with a two-round score of 153.

The tournament was originally scheduled for three rounds and 54 holes, but it started late in round one due to bad weather. In the middle of round three the weather conditions worsened, and the tournament was cut short.

It was a tight race for the top positions. SIUE took

seventh with a team score of 626, falling behind Bradley University (625), Creighton University (624) and Wisconsin-Green Bay (619).

South Dakota State University won the invite with an even team score of 600, six strokes ahead of Western Illinois University, which took second.

The whole Cougar team was individually separated by a mere nine strokes. SIUE sophomore Neal McCarty followed Lehl with a score of 158. Senior Tyler Link shot a 159, senior Matt Muckensturm hit a 161, and sophomore Nick Nuzzo finished off his season with a 162.

## Cougar basketball signs two recruits

SIUE Head Coach Lennox Forrester is looking ahead to next season and has signed 6-foot-4-inch Anthony Mitchell of East Saint Louis High School and 6-foot-9-inch Zeke Schneider of Metamora High School.

Mitchell, a 215-pound small forward, played a handful of games at Saint Louis University during the 2007-2008 season and sat out during last season at Highland Community College.

Mitchell averaged 14.5 points and 11.1 rebounds in his senior year at East St. Louis. He

led the Flyers to the semifinals of the Class AA regional tournament and a 23-5 record.

The near 7-foot Schneider averaged 15.8 points and 11.1 rebounds in his senior year at Metamora. He was a two-time, all-Mid Illini Conference first team selection and a two-time All-Area pick by the Journal Star in Peoria.

The Cougars are two years away from gaining full NCAA Division I status. The transition to D-I will be complete for the team's 2011-2012 season.

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**Freshman catcher Brett Keeler throws out a runner in the top of the second in the 2-4 loss against Central Missouri University on Tuesday.**

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dropped to 0-2 on the year. Vine went five innings, surrendering seven hits and two earned runs in his second start since returning from an oblique injury earlier this season.

Central Missouri's senior reliever, Chris Matlock, earned his ninth save of the season after notching a flawless 1 and 1/3 inning of action.

"We had some chances late in the game, but we had no clutch hits," Collins said. "We were only a hit or two from tying the game. We have to put the ball in play more than what we did (Tuesday)."

The lack of timely hitting left

**SOFTBALL**  
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definitely led us to come out on top. The seniors really took charge and helped us make changes (from the first game.)"

The Cougars will host Bradley University at 4:30 p.m. Thursday in their third to last game of the season. SIUE ends its season at home facing Bradley on Thursday, followed by a

**COUGAR CADRE**  
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Stapleton, along with Kelsey Hubert and Samantha Schulte from women's volleyball and men's soccer midfielder Tim Weir.

"(Cameron and Stapleton) are both outstanding individuals," Hewitt said. "Each of them are leaders in their sport and community service."

Hewitt also said Cameron and Stapleton were involved with public relations during SIUE's transition into the Ohio Valley Conference. The pair went through a question and answer about the athletic program when representatives from the OVC

10 Cougar runners stranded throughout the game.

Last week, the Cougars had a season-high three-game winning streak, but now SIUE has dropped four consecutive decisions.

After hosting former Great Lakes Valley Conference foe Indianapolis University at 6 p.m. Thursday, the Cougars will head to Charleston to square off against Eastern Illinois University in a three-game series Friday and Saturday.

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doubleheader against Central Arkansas University Tuesday and a doubleheader against Saint Louis University Wednesday that closes out the inaugural season on softball's fast track to D-I.

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visited SIUE during the transition.

"Their passion and many little time commitments have made our programs better," Hewitt said. "They have gone above and beyond their roles as student-athletes."

The awards ceremony for the Distinguished Senior Award will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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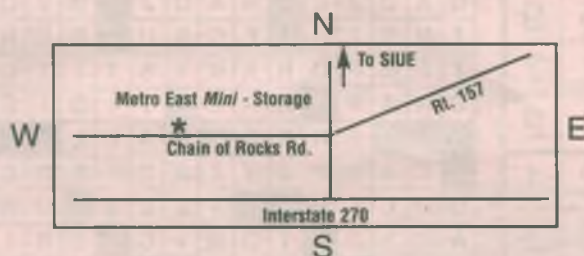
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