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Former SIUE employee faces indictment

Ex Talent Search assistant director charged with using grant funds for alcohol, gift cards

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The first indictment following the release of a federal audit has been made against an SIUE employee.

The U.S State's attorney's office announced Thursday, former assistant program director for the Talent Search program Korey Rush was indicted, and is no longer employed by SIUE according to Bethany Forsythe, Assistant Director of Public Affairs.

Rush faces charges stemming from

wire fraud, misapplication of funds, obstructing justice and tampering with a grand jury if found guilty.

Federal grant funds were allegedly used by Rush to purchase gift cards, electronics, alcoholic beverages, groceries and other goods in violation of the allocation of expenditures given to the program by the federal government. Rush is also charged with encouraging a witness to lie to investigators to mask the illegal use of funding.

The SIUE Police Department and the U.S Department of Education conducted

the investigation and it was turned over to them after discrepancies were found during an internal audit conducted by the university.

The audit recommended SIUE return \$750,522 in funds from the Talent Search Program, which is a college preparatory program for middle and high school students related to the TRIO programs, which are federally funded through the East St. Louis Center to reach out to disadvantaged students.

"We will continue to work with the U.S. Department of Education and the

U.S. Attorney's office during this process," said Provost Paul Ferguson, in a news release. "Guided by a mission of service, SIUE has demonstrated a long-term commitment to the St. Louis Metro-East region by providing TRIO programs for the benefit of the region's low income children."

The court date for Rush is currently pending as of May 26.

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Alumna dies in car accident

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SIUE alumna Tracey Beth Rubemeyer Luhr from Red Bud died as a result of a car crash on Illinois 3.

Luhr, 43, graduated in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, according to Christy Donsbach, director of the school of education.

Luhr is survived by her husband Brian and a daughter who is a junior in high school.

Master Sgt. Mark Bell of the state police said the accident occurred Saturday at 2:42 p.m. on Illinois 3. Two vehicles were involved in the crash, a Chevy Silverado and a Ford F-150.

The Chevy was traveling south and had a trailer, which jack-knifed into the northbound lane and crashed headlong into the Ford, according to Bell.

Luhr was the passenger in the Ford and was pronounced dead on the scene. Luhr's husband, Brian, was transported to the hospital as well as the driver and passenger from the Chevy, Robert Ehret and his son. Ehrets' son died at the hospital.

Superintendent of Parkview Elementary Ed Settles said there was a staff meeting on Sunday and all the families of the second grade class were personally informed of the crash.

"Tracey was a great addition to our staff," Settles said. "As a teacher she went above and beyond and her little one's will miss her."

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SIUE travel ban to Mexico broken

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SIUE recently lifted the travel ban to Mexico last week after a recommendation from the Center for Disease Control.

According to the CDC website, the organization has been monitoring the situation with the swine flu and had a travel warning in place since April 27. The warning against

non-essential travel to Mexico has been changed to a travel health precaution to Mexico. The CDC has also implemented screenings at airports and land borders. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of the swine flu will be asked to submit to a voluntary evaluation and examination.

The CDC has a Web page that has travel tips for those who still want to travel to Mexico, including checking with a doctor

before traveling and monitoring your health for seven days after returning from a trip to Mexico.

According to Director of Emergency Management and Safety David McDonald, the ban was put into place by the Chancellor's Council who were monitoring the CDC website.

"I know there were some travel plans scheduled," McDonald said. "Because the ban was rescinded so quickly it did

not really impact students or faculty."

McDonald said the ban was only for university-sponsored travel, so it would not have affected anyone going to Mexico on vacation.

Dennis Doddigarla, an office assistant in the office of the International Student Council, said there are no students from Mexico and the travel ban did not

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Police Reports

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Neil J. Lopez was arrested in connection with unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor after an officer noticed Lopez by Cougar Village Apartment 512, who appeared to be intoxicated. Lopez was processed and transported to Madison County Jail. He was later released.

Police issued Latreice Johnson a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Nicholas D. Bishop a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle at Lot A.

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Police issued Ryan Bundy a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle after a 911 caller said a truck rolled out of a parking space and hit his car in Lot C. Bundy later provided proof of insurance and the citation was voided.

5-4

Sara Trout was arrested in connection with speeding and driving with a suspended license at Parking Lot 6. Trout was processed, given notice to appear and escorted back to her vehicle.

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Police issued Jasmine Waheed a citation for leaving the scene of an accident after a report of a hit-and-run in Lot C.

Police issued Jeremy P. Wood a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on New Poag Road.

5-6

Police took a report about a table broken behind Evergreen Hall.

5-20

Taryn Harris was arrested in connection with a warrant from the Alton Police Department for failure to appear and driving with a suspended license on North University Drive. Harris was transported to the Alton Police Department, posted bond and was released.

5-11

Police took a report about a bike stolen from Prairie Hall.

5-21

Police issued Jared L. Martin a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Mark G. Matteson was arrested in connection with a warrant from the Madison County Sheriff's Office or failure to appear and speeding on North University Drive. Matteson was transported to the Madison County Sheriff's Office, processed and transported to Madison County Jail.

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Police issued Hugh N. Pavitt a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Grand theft console

Next-generation game systems stolen from Cougar Village Apartments during break

By Caitlin Doszkewycz
Alestle Reporter

A rash of thefts that occurred in Cougar Village, starting May 8, has prompted police to remind students of the importance of apartment safety. According to SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll, three thefts occurred at Cougar Village Apartments on May 8, each with items stolen totaling over \$300.

Beginning at 2:16 p.m., an Xbox 360 game console was stolen from Cougar Village Apartment 502. The friend of a roommate apparently stole the Xbox. The roommate had allowed the friend to come in to the apartment. Charges in this case will not be filed as long as the property is returned.

Another theft occurred at about 6:23 p.m. in apartment 419. This time, a roommate had gone to get a keyboard and left the apartment unlocked for a short time. The items stolen include a PlayStation 3 game console and two PlayStation controllers. Thus far, there are no leads or suspects in this case.

The final theft happened at Cougar Village Apartment 408, where a Nintendo Wii game console and accessories were stolen.

Schmoll said students living on campus should remember to keep doors locked even when they will only be gone a short time.

While game consoles are not easily locked up, Schmoll suggested that if such items are put in a television cabinet or otherwise put of sight, they are at much less risk of getting stolen.

"Know who is coming in and out of your apartment, even if they are friends of your roommate," Schmoll said. "Roommates should look out for themselves and each other, and lock up whatever valuables you can."

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Putting the pedal to the vegetable

SIUE engineering students build 'green' motorcycle, hope to break world speed record

By Caitlin Doszkewycz
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SIUE could be in the record books soon, thanks to the work of a group of engineering students.

Ronak Desai, Philip McAndrews, Chad Pike and Andre Stunson are the design team behind the "green" motorcycle, which works on biofuels and should be able to reach speeds of 150 miles per hour; 20 mph faster than the world record speed of 130.614 mph for a biodiesel-powered motorcycle.

"It was really crazy the amount of work and dedication that went into this project," Ryan Krauss, the student's engineering professor, said. "First (they used) over \$4,000 of their own money, plus hundreds of hours of time. Originally, I actually suggested they scale the project down."

The designers are not actually sure of the capabilities of the bike, but have run a test to prove that the bike is capable of reaching world record speed successfully. The bike will be road tested by Stunson during Speed Week in Bonneville, Utah, this August.

"It would have been nearly impossible to test the bike here," Ryan Krauss said. "It requires a long stretch of open road and it would need to reach up to 150 miles per hour."

The bike is part of a senior engineering project for the students and, as the concept behind the bike evolved, the group decided they wanted their vehicle to be capable of reaching speeds up to 150 mph.

"The main goal of this bike was to bridge the gap between



Courtesy Photo

The "green" motorcycle can run on vegetable oil and is expected to reach over 150 miles per hour, breaking the current world record speed for a biodiesel-powered motorcycle.

high performance vehicles and a renewable fuel source," Stunson said.

The team used the design program SolidWorks to design the bike, which is essentially a drag racer, and started on assembly shortly thereafter.

The bike was primarily made from a 1984 Lincoln Mark 7 the team found on the Internet. The car had the transmission and engine, a BMW six-cylinder turbo diesel, that the team desired and was big enough that its parts could be used to help build the bike.

While the engineering team had little trouble with assembly, some modifications were required. Using SolidWorks, the team was able to keep the bike's body as small and as streamlined as possible, but still able to support the engine.

"The bike is fueled by B99 soy Biodiesel. B99 is 99 percent biodiesel," Stunson said. "The

bike is also capable of running on B100, 100 percent biodiesel, and vegetable oil. The bike is designed to reach 150 mph using any of these fuels. However, B99 has the longest shelf life out of the three."

Additionally, the soy-based B99 produces 78 percent less emissions than standard diesel.

The bike is nearly twelve feet long and had to house many large existing pieces, thus it is being housed at Stunson's workplace, Le Stable in Glen Carbon, until it can be road tested.

The group agrees that time was the biggest obstacle in creating the bike, though they were able to finish it on time. Krauss was both "impressed and surprised" by the project and is avidly awaiting the results of the road test this summer.

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affect the University. The only concerns with the swine flu that affected students were for those who were planning international travel who would not be able to leave the country if they showed symptoms of the flu, according to Doddigarla.

"There is nobody traveling to Mexico, so it didn't really affect anyone," Doddigarla said.

The travel ban was implemented for all university travel to Mexico by the Chancellor's Council on May 6, even if tickets had been purchased and travel plans approved.

Students in the construction department took a trip to Mexico during the Spring 2009 break, but fear of the swine flu might make people think twice before going again.

Assistant Professor Chris Gordon accompanied the group of construction students to Mexico.

Mexico was a good place to travel because it is easily accessible and cost effective, according to Gordon, who also said it only took a day and a half to reach their destination.

"There are always risks when traveling abroad," Gordon said. "The ban just underscored what you need to know when you travel."

According to Gordon there are certain precautions that need to be taken no matter where people are traveling. He said anyone thinking about traveling internationally need to make sure they have common sense, flexibility and the number to the embassy.

For more information about the travel precaution to Mexico, visit www.cdc.gov.

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Finally, a new science building is on its way

It has finally come. It's what a significant amount of alumni and current undergrads have been hoping for, at least, as long as I've been here.

Yes, a new science building. That should brighten up some people's years.

It's sad that one building can make a difference here at SIUE. With the graduation of the first pharmacy class just a couple weeks ago, as well as the increase in science-related interests from nursing, medical and more, the science building is another culmination of a great amount of dedicated and varied people looking to advance science. Or, at least dabble in it.

Not to mention that the old science building has been outdated for far too long. There are burns on the chemistry labs from 30 years ago with new ones made by the day

(some of which are mine). I've even seen an etching on a lab desk my dad made when he was a freshman!

It's also the size of the building that's necessitating the change. Some labs are rather small and there may be too little space to have more than two rooms per class at any time. This inevitably leads to the irksome weekend labs or those that go until 11 p.m. Yet, because of the high demand for either general science or science-focused degrees, we'll gladly sit through them just for the credit.

Yes, this is all trivial blathering of some guy in the paper, but I've been through this, as well as anyone who's a pre-pharmacy, pre-nursing, pre-med, pre-dental, engineering, chemistry, biology, math or any other science student. If you ever had a science class in your path, you've stepped inside that building. Tell me it's fine the way it



Harry
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Athletica give SIUE an unprofessional corner kick

In December, SIUE learned that the St. Louis Athletica, a professional women's soccer team consisting of some of the world's greatest players would call its campus home.

Friday, after hosting two games, SIUE learned Korte Stadium would no longer be the team's home.

Team owner and president of St. Louis Soccer United Jeff Cooper sent out a press release Friday, making note of the team's decision to move its remaining home schedule from SIUE to Soccer Park in Fenton, Mo.

The team plays a ten game home schedule, and had a game-to-game lease with Korte Stadium. One match was scheduled at Herman Stadium on the campus of Saint Louis University. That is perfectly fine because it expands the fanbase out to St. Louis and gives the team an opportunity to play a game in their home city.

Although Korte Stadium was meant to be a temporary home for the team until Cooper's ownership group is awarded a Major League

Soccer franchise and ground is broken on a new 18,000 seat soccer specific stadium in Collinsville, the team should have stayed loyal to this side of the river and the fans it has earned in Illinois.



Allan
Lewis

Anheuser-Bush gave Soccer Park to Cooper in March, months after the team decided to play its games at SIUE. While Soccer Park is a slightly larger venue than Korte Stadium and is under team control, it is not that much bigger, with a 6,200 seat capacity while the Athletica drew 4,200 on average at Korte Stadium.

The prospect of having a professional sports team playing its home games on campus certainly sparked some interest among the local soccer community. The team has season ticket holders from the area who were particularly excited about the prospect of SIUE hosting games.

If I had purchased season tickets for this franchise, knowing their games would be in my backyard, and find out not even halfway into the season they are moving to a secluded

area in Fenton, Mo., I would be a little ticked off, as I am sure some people are.

Yes, Soccer Park has its pluses for Cooper and his team, but there are many negatives, besides those that impact fans particularly from Illinois.

The venue has parking problems that exceed those of SIUE, the first home game at Soccer Park has already been rescheduled in lieu of a high school girls soccer tournament, and it is located in a flood-plain, which has given way to water in recent years. With the amount of rain that has been falling so far this summer, it could become an issue.

Cooper has made a decision with his team, and if attendance increases considerably from the 4,200 they had averaged at SIUE, and the complex stays dry, it will be a good one. Making this switch in the middle of the season, however, is an unprofessional move for a professional squad.

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No news is good news for WSIE

by Rosie Githinji
Alestle Reporter

WSIE is currently the only jazz station serving the St. Louis area but, like the rest of the country, has had to go through some changes to keep up with the economy.

According to Bethany Forsythe, assistant to the director of public affairs, a task force was put together to examine different ways to attract more listeners and send their recommendations to Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift.

"No changes are currently planned for the jazz station," Forsythe said. "The chancellor will review the recommendations and then will formally announce his plans."

WSIE News Director Tom Dehner said, as far as he knows, the rumors of a change in format from jazz are unfounded. But if changes were going to be made at the radio station, he is not sure what they would be.

"I don't know if there is a recommendation for change," Dehner said.

WSIE General Manager Frank Akers said the crunch started last year when WSIE stopped paying their workers due to budget issues, and have since been forced to use student volunteers. This makes running the station difficult because the students have to work around class and other work schedules, Akers said.

"Within the past five years WSIE had around 30 paid student workers during the regular school year and about 15 during summer," Akers said.

The station currently has only three volunteers despite being on the air full time.

"Right now we just don't have enough people to cover everything that needs to be done around here," Dehner said.

Akers said WSIE generated more than \$125,000 per year in federal and state grants, but has lost its eligibility for these grants, which are based on audience size and how much money was spent.

"The station's audience is at the same level as when it qualified for grants," Akers said. "It ranks about 25th among more than 50 stations in St. Louis."

The station still receives donations and public contributions despite not having a full time staff. Akers said there are companies, jazz clubs and other entities that



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WSIE News Director Tom Dehner works alone in the station's studio located in Dunham Hall. Since losing more than \$125,000 worth of grant money per year, the station stopped paying its student workers and now hires volunteers only, leading to a large drop in student involvement at the station.

pay for announcements.

"WSIE is one of a few major public stations in the United States without a fund raising staff," Akers said. "While it seems very easy to just get on the air and ask for money, in reality, it takes several fulltime employees, which WSIE does not have, to organize and do the paperwork associated with such fund raising."

Akers first started at WSIE as a student when the station started broadcasting in September of 1970. While WSIE is a jazz station today, it began the way many public radio stations of the time did and had a variety of music, sports and news, according to Akers.

By 1986 WSIE started playing jazz music. The

station made the move to playing jazz full time since the station could not afford to broadcast National Public Radio programs because they were too expensive, according to Akers.

"Jazz was inexpensive to produce and had failed on several commercial stations, which made jazz a perfect public radio format," Akers said.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer at WSIE can visit the station in the basement in Dunham Hall, room 0141, or call the WSIE office at 650-2228.

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NOW RATING: UP



Photo courtesy of Walt Disney Studios.

by Jeff Mason
A&E Editor

Disney has always pushed the term "kid's movie" to the brink. Classics like "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Jungle Book" work on adults just as well as they do on the kids who beg to go see them. Then came Pixar, who continued that tradition while introducing the world to computer animation with "Toy Story."

Since then, Pixar has put out nothing less than pure gold year after year, and "Up" is not even close to an exception.

Balloon salesman Carl Fredricksen never lived a very adventurous life despite marrying his courageous childhood sweetheart. Instead of traveling the world and filling his wife's "Adventure Book" like they planned, Carl spent his life in the comfort of his home. Their life together is told beautifully and without a word of

dialogue in a five minute montage.

Unfortunately, Carl's wife dies, leaving the balloon entrepreneur alone in his house and under the threat of having his house torn down and replaced by a skyscraper. So Carl goes with what he's good at and fills a few hundred balloons and sets off with a hop-on in the form of the young wilderness explorer Russell. Along for the ride are the talking dog Dug and the extremely rare snipe, Kevin.

Above all things, "Up" is really funny. Funnier than any recent Pixar effort, and most of it is due to the great cast of characters. There are a number of talking dogs, all of which act exactly as you'd expect a dog to act if they could speak: having an incredibly short attention span and being diverted by squirrels and tennis balls. Mix the dogs with the active and playful Kevin and the adorable Boy Scout wannabe Russell and the comedy troupe is nothing short of excellent.

But what drives "Up" is its story about finding new people to care for after the ones you love leave your life. Both Carl

and Russell are recovering from losses, but they work well as companions, even if Carl does have to shut off his hearing aid every now and then.

Giving "Up" its voice are a mix of veteran voice actors and lesser known stars like Ed Asner and Delroy Lindo, but they all work out well and keep you within the movie without thinking, "Oh, that's that actor!" Also lending his voice is co-director Bob Peterson, who reads the heroic dog Dug's lines.

"Up" is the first movie Pixar has done in 3D. Yes, you will have to wear glasses if you go to a 3D theater, but you'll be paying much more attention the depth the 3D presentation gives the movie than the glasses. There aren't too many jump-out moments that other 3D movies have, but "Up" uses its 3D as more than just a cheap parlor trick to sell a few more tickets.

"Up" is a fantastic movie and of equal caliber as previous Pixar entries "Ratatouille" and "WALL-E." If you haven't checked out Pixar since "Cars" or "Toy Story", it's time to wake up and gather ye 3D rosebuds.



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Junior delivers the 'Hurt' in walkoff win SIUE fails to take finale at home in 18-10 slugfest

by Allan Lewis
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Junior designated hitter Michael Hopkins' went 3-3 with two home runs and junior shortstop Mike Hurt's ninth inning double helped SIUE walk off to an 8-7 victory in the first game of a season ending weekend split against Central Arkansas at Roy E. Lee Field.

Hopkins, who is not known for his power, got the scoring started in the second with a two-run blast to left field off of UCA starter Jeremy Cloud, and added a second two-run shot, clearing the scoreboard in left field to help earn the victory for the Cougars.

"It shocked me, it really did. I knew (Hopkins) was capable of hitting a home run, but I never dreamed he would hit two in one game," baseball Head Coach Gary Collins said. "He has the potential to hit the ball out of the park, and thank goodness he did it (Friday)."

UCA challenged the Cougars in the top of the third, taking advantage of two errors, one by senior third baseman Josh Street and another by freshmen center fielder Mitch Matecki, to knot the game at three. In their half of the inning, SIUE regained the lead on Hopkins' blast to take a 5-3 advantage.

"I was just looking for a few pitches up that I could drive, and (Cloud) happened to make a few mistakes," Hopkins said. "I was able to put a good swing on it and they just happened to go out."

The Bears evened things up with single tallies in the fourth and fifth, before Matecki's two out single to right field gave

the lead back to SIUE, 6-5.

The seesaw battle continued in the eighth, as UCA's Jordan Gethcel scored on a fielder's choice to tie the game, 6-6.

Freshmen Dustin Quattrocchi went on to pitch a scoreless top of the ninth for SIUE, completing three and two thirds innings in which he allowed two hits and one run to earn his third victory of the season. Hurt delivered the game winner, scoring senior second basemen Chilos Norris III with two outs in the bottom of the ninth.

Jeremy Brewer took the loss for the Bears on the mound.

"It feels good, after all of the painful losses," Hurt said. "To get a walk off win of our own is just awesome."

Collins said Friday's victory was important for SIUE, because it assured the Cougar's season would not end with 40 losses.

"We set a goal about three weeks ago to win four more games so we didn't lose 40, and (Friday) we won our fourth game," Collins said.

SIUE was looking for the two game sweep on Saturday, but despite a 10 run offensive performance, the Bears outmuscled them.

UCA scored at least one run in every inning, belted four homeruns and had their way with four different SIUE pitchers in an 18-10 loss for the Cougars.

"I have never really seen anything like that before," Hurt said. "Hats off to their guys, they were hitting the ball solid all day (and) its not like they were just getting bloop hits."

Cougar junior starter Luke Vine was roughed up early, allowing four earned



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Senior Josh Street is congratulated by Head Coach Gary Collins as he rounds third base after hitting his 15th home run of the season, tying the school single season record in the 8th inning of Saturday's game against Central Arkansas.

runs while walking four batters and hitting another in an inning plus of work. Vine left the game with shoulder soreness after allowing a leadoff homer to Will Wagner, and loading the bases without recording an out in the second frame.

"It seemed like the pitches were just getting away from him a little bit," Hurt said. "They took advantage of a few mistakes, and it cost us."

Vine was not the only Cougar to struggle from the mound, as the bullpen allowed 13 more runs, all of them earned on 15 hits while walking seven and hitting another batter.

Five of the 11 Bears who walked came across to score, while SIUE stranded 14 runners on base, including three in the sixth with the bases loaded and one out.

"With the 11 walks and two guys we hit, they had 13 runners we put on base,"

Collins said. "We can't let them be doing that."

The performance of Street and the Cougar offense easily outshined the teams pitching on a day where nothing went right.

SIUE's 17 hits duplicated the total of UCA, and Street went 5-6 including two homers, one in the first and another in the eighth to tie the SIUE single season record at 15 with Tony Duenas, who accomplished the feat in 1985.

"It's pretty exciting, last year I had one, and I wasn't really expecting to hit that many home runs this year," Street said. "In that way it was surprising."

The loss Saturday ended the Cougars season with a 15-39 mark.

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Softball shows they can play with D-I competition

by Allan Lewis
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When the pairings for the 2009 NCAA softball tournament were announced May 10, SIUE was not called. The annual Division II contenders have to sit out the next two postseasons as a part of their transition to D-I, but that didn't stop the Cougars from proving they belonged.

"If we were eligible, we would have been in the tournament," softball Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said.

The SIUE softball team wanted to bring their winning tradition to the next level after nine straight NCAA tournament appearances and four straight 40 win seasons in D-II. After being placed on the fast track to D-I by the university, the Cougars had to show they belonged.

They would not disappoint.

In the end, SIUE won 40 games, went 11-3 against the Ohio Valley Conference, came seven votes short of appearing in the Ultimate College Softball national poll, had eight players earning national honors and Montgomery was named Independent Coach of the year.

"No one really expected us to get to 40 wins," Montgomery said. "We had a huge nucleus of players who know what it's like winning, and we got bigger and stronger to play at a higher level on a consistent basis, and is something we had to adjust to."

The Cougars were not able to take their first game of

the season, dropping a 4-2 decision to Centenary College. Later in the day, the team would collect the first of its 40 wins in a big way, dismantling Bryant College 14-0 opening up a 10 game winning streak, taking place during a 26 game stretch of consecutive road games.

Against Bryant, the Cougars used the tools that senior pitcher Kaitlin Colosimo said helped them become successful throughout the year: strong pitching, an explosive offense and a team-oriented philosophy.

"Someone may have gotten the big hit, but it takes all of us, and we play for each other," Colosimo said. "All three of our pitchers did a good job each time... (and) hit our spots. And as a pitcher I knew I had a good defense to back us up."

SIUE's trio of hurlers; Colosimo, junior Katie Watkinson and sophomore Erika Taylor; became a thorn in the side of opposing offenses, combining for a 1.20 ERA, 40 complete games, 16 shutouts and 302 strikeouts.

Colosimo led the way, compiling a 19-4 record, 22 complete games, 10 shutouts and a 1.00 ERA. Her accomplishments were good enough to put her in the SIUE record books for career wins, appearances, starts and strikeouts.

"Pitching was one of the reasons we were as successful as we were," junior third basemen Lauren Zemruski said. "We wouldn't be where we are without them."

The Cougars were not just beating mid-majors in 2009, as Big 12 and Big East opponents were among SIUE's victims.

SIUE beat Rutgers University and Boston College of the Big East, and in perhaps their most eyebrow raising victory, defeated the University of Missouri 2-0 in the second game of a double-header after dropping the opener by the same score. At the time, Mizzou was ranked No. 12 in the nation.

"That was the first time we were the underdog in a long time, and we knew we had to prove something," Zemruski said.

Three days after taming the Tigers, the Cougars went to Carbondale and defeated the No. 18 SIUC Salukis, earning their second victory against a ranked team.

When the Cougars finally returned home March 18, they boasted a 21-5 record, and were met by the Drake University Bulldogs. The Cougars split the doubleheader, but gave their fans some excitement in game one, as Zemruski powered up for a two-run walk off homer to right field.

Fittingly, SIUE's season came to an end April 29 with a two game sweep over Saint Louis University at Cougar Field.

"This year was big," Colosimo said. "We started building new rivalries, traveled a little bit more and had some success."

Montgomery has high hopes for next years squad, despite losing five key seniors.

"You always recruit for the future, and unfortunately you always lose seniors," Montgomery said, "Hopefully we pick up some kids who can take some of the slack and help us make a run for it."

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE – WATER QUALITY REPORT – 2008

To: SIUE Students, Faculty and Staff

This year as in years past your tap water met all United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and state drinking water health standards. We are able to report that your water system had no violation of a contaminant level or of any other water quality standard during 2008. The attached report summarizes the quality of water that we provided during the year 2008 including details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. We are committed to providing you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water system, please contact Ed Matecki (650-2258) or Bob Washburn (650-2560) at Facilities Management, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

WATER SUPPLY INFORMATION

The University water system receives water from the City of Edwardsville into a 400,000 gallon underground reservoir. Water is pumped from there through a system of underground mains serving the entire campus and into a 500,000 gallon elevated tank which maintains system water pressure. A second connection to the Edwardsville water system at the east edge of campus near Highway 157 provides us with a backup should the primary system experience trouble.

The Edwardsville water works system is a municipal utility owned by the City of Edwardsville. Water is obtained from a well field located near the water treatment plant which draws water from the American Bottoms Underground Aquifer. There are seven wells drilled to an average depth of approximately 114 feet. The water is filtered, softened and chemically treated with fluoride and chlorine.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT

A Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) is now available from the City of Edwardsville. This plan is an assessment of the delineated area around our listed sources through which contaminants, if present, could migrate and reach our source water. It also includes an inventory of potential sources of

contamination within the delineated area, and a determination of the water supply's susceptibility to contamination by the identified potential sources.

According to the Source Water Assessment Plan, our water system had a susceptibility rating of 'medium'. A complete copy of this assessment may be obtained from the City of Edwardsville by calling 618-692-7535.

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/CDC (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

SUBSTANCES THAT MIGHT BE IN DRINKING WATER

To insure that tap water is safe to drink, the USEPA prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. U. S. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Possible contaminants consist of:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife;

- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming;

- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses;

- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems;

- **Radioactive contaminants**, which may be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE

The 2008 Water Quality Data Table, which follows, was prepared with data supplied by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. There are two sections to the Table. The first shows data drawn from the parent source, as detailed in the City of Edwardsville 2008 Water Quality Report. The second provides data drawn directly from samples taken on the SIUE campus. The Water Quality Data Table lists detected water contaminants and their typical sources, the maximum contaminant level goal (MCLG), the maximum contaminant level (MCL), the level of contaminant concentration found, the range of detection and date of sampling. Undetected water contaminants are not listed in the Table. Sampling dates ranging back to 2006 are shown since Illinois requires us to monitor some contaminants less than once per year because their concentrations do not change frequently.

2008 WATER QUALITY DATA—CITY OF EDWARDSVILLE SAMPLING

CONTAMINANTS (units) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Amount Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Date of Sample
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS						
BARIUM (ppm) <i>Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits.</i>	2	2	0.086	0.086 – 0.086	No	2006
COPPER (ppm) <i>Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.</i>	1.3	AL=1.3	0.72	0 above AL	No	2008
FLUORIDE (ppm) ¹ <i>Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth. Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.</i>	4	4	0.99	0.86 – 1.18	No	2007
NITRATE (ppm) <i>Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.</i>	10	10	0.7	0.53 - 0.53	No	2008
NITRITE (ppm) <i>Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.</i>	1	1	0.15	0.15 – 0.15	No	2006
DISINFECTION/DISINFECTANT BY-PRODUCTS						
HALOACETIC ACIDS [HAA'S] (ppb) <i>By-product of drinking water chlorination.</i>	N/A	60	14	14-14	No	2008
TTHM's [TOTAL TRIHALOMETHANES] (ppb) <i>By-product of drinking water chlorination.</i>	N/A	80	22	18-18	No	2008
UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS²						
BROMODICHLOROMETHANE (ppb) <i>By-product of drinking water chlorination.</i>	N/A	N/A	4.1	5.1 - 5.1	No	2008
BROMOFORM (ppb) <i>Discharge from manufacturing plants; used to dissolve dirt and grease</i>	N/A	N/A	0.5	0.61 – 0.61	No	2008
CHLOROFORM (ppb) <i>Used as a solvent for fats, oils, rubber, resins; a cleansing agent found in fire extinguishers.</i>	N/A	N/A	11	7.1 – 7.1	No	2008
DIBROMOMETHANE (ppb) <i>Used as a chemical reagent; an intermediate in organic synthesis.</i>	N/A	N/A	7.4	6.8 – 6.8	No	2008
SULFATE <i>Erosion of naturally occurring deposits.</i>	N/A	N/A	68	68 – 68	No	2006
STATE REGULATED CONTAMINANTS						
SODIUM (ppm) ³ <i>Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; used as a water softener.</i>	N/A	N/A	93	93 – 93	No	2006

2007 WATER QUALITY DATA – SIUE SAMPLING

INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS						
COPPER (ppm) <i>Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.</i>	1.3	AL=1.3	0.92 (90th % tile)	0 exceeding AL	No	2007
LEAD (ppb) <i>Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.</i>	0	AL=15	nd	0 exceeding AL	No	2007

Water Quality Data Table Footnotes

¹FLUORIDE

Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Dept. of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride level of 0.9 to 1.2 ppm.

²UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS:

Maximum contaminant levels (MCL's) for these contaminants have not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose for monitoring these contaminants is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and

whether future regulation is warranted.

³SODIUM

There is not a state or federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.

WATER QUALITY DATA DEFINITION OF TERMS:

MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCGLs allow for a margin of safety. MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level, or the highest

level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCGLs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. AL: Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. In most cases, the Level Found or Amount Detected column represents an average of sample result data collected during the sample year. The Range of Detection column represents a range of individual sample results, from lowest to highest that were collected during the sample year.

Abbreviations: nd – not detectable at testing limits. N/A – not applicable. ppm – parts per million or milligrams per liter. ppb – parts per billion or micrograms per liter.

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