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Unknown perpetrator defaces cougar



Sean Roberts/Alestle
'Where are we spending our \$?' was scrawled on 'Taking Stalk' Wednesday morning by a vandal. University workers removed the vandalism with paint thinner and power washers later that day.

by Rosie Githinji
Alestle Opinion Editor

Police are investigating the vandalism of the cougar statue, "Taking Stalk," outside the Morris University Center that happened sometime during the night, according to SIUE police officer Lt. Kevin Schmoll.

The statue was inscribed with the messages "How are we spending our \$?" and "What is education?" There were also dollar signs and question marks painted on the cougar itself.

"The day shift got the call around 6 a.m.," Schmoll said. "We are checking to see if anybody is unhappy with the university or a department."

He said the night shift will step up patrolling the main campus. Officers usually concentrate on the residential areas after classes are finished for the day, according to Schmoll.

Extra measures are being put into place to make sure nothing else is done, according to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel.

"I want to make clear that we will not tolerate this. This is not acceptable," Emmanuel said.

"This act will not deter us from continuing our deep commitment to the university's sense of pride."

"Taking Stalk" was unveiled Oct. 3, 2007 after \$39,000 was fundraised through trivia nights, silent auctions, the sale of Cougar bracelets and the sale of commemorative bricks placed

thought for a moment it was students being mischievous at the end of the semester," Emmanuel said. "Defacing, vandalizing and potential damage to university property is damaging to the message of the cougar."

Students are encouraged to voice their concerns and issues, but need to do it in a manner that is constructive and respectful, according to Emmanuel.

"You have got the rock to express your viewpoints," Emmanuel said. "What is perplexing about and confusing is the message written on the base of the cougar. We encourage individuals to become change agents, not become part of the problem."

Emmanuel said there is a \$1,500 reward being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction for the individual or individuals who are responsible for the vandalism of the statue.

"We are doing everything we can to find the individual or individuals who committed this heinous act," Emmanuel said. "We will also be taking the necessary steps to protect the

'We encourage individuals to become change agents, not become part of the problem'

-Narbeth Emmanuel,
vice chancellor of Student Affairs

around the base of the statue.

Emmanuel said he was appalled and disgusted when he saw the statue and this is the first time anything like this has happened, according to Emmanuel.

"When I learned about it, I

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CAS Colloquium features evolution

by Kari Williams
Alestle Reporter

Evolution, in more than scientific terms, is the topic of discussion at the College of Arts and Sciences' colloquium from Wednesday through Friday.

Aldemaro Romero, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said CAS has held a colloquium in the spring since 2004, with a different theme each year.

"[There] will be people talking about evolution in biological sense and historical sense," Romero said.

Carl Springer, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said he played a part in bringing the colloquium to SIUE.

"We tried to have it very broadly defined," Springer said, "so when we think about evolution in

the scientific sense of the word, it's a very specific kind of thing."

Professor of biological sciences Rick Essner spoke Wednesday afternoon in a roundtable discussion. Essner said the main focus of the discussion was human evolution and the implications for human evolution.

"My part of [the discussion] is looking at the insight we get into human evolution's comparative anatomy," Essner said.

The comparative method, according to Essner, is an approach in biology where one tries to understand how species evolved through comparing organisms with their relatives.

"Many features present in humans got their start going way back," Essner said. "These features

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An early summer

Bluff Hall air conditioning restored after one week of high temperatures

by Kari Williams
Alestle Reporter

The air conditioning in Bluff Hall, which has not been operating since before Friday, was in the process of being repaired Wednesday.

Bob Legate, associate director of Housing, said they found out Friday afternoon that the chiller for the air conditioner was not running.

"We had a student report that the AC wasn't working, and then

we found out that some communication parts on the chiller were burned out," Legate said. "It appears it happened as a result of the lightning we had early in the week."

Legate said since April 1 nine work orders from Bluff Hall residents have been processed. Five of the requests came on April 7, the other four on April 8.

According to Legate, the software used for the air conditioning should have sent an

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statue and other university property.”

Student Body President Brandon Rahn said damaging state property is not the way to voice concerns or problems and what was done is extremely disgraceful and disrespectful.

“I think it’s disrespectful, not only to our university but to the people who took the time to raise money for the statue,” Rahn said. “Vandalism is never the way to handle something along those lines. We have a free speech zone for something like that.”

The university is going to have to spend money to clean the statue and that is a waste of the money, according to Rahn. Emmanuel said he agrees that money is being wasted to clean up the statue.

“I am not ready to accept the fact it could be a member of our family,” Emmanuel said. “If it is, I would be deeply hurt that someone from our SIUE family would do this.”

Joseph Pearson, director of the Morris University Center, said he wants whoever did this to come forward and make restitution for what they did as well as apologize to the SIUE community.

“I was very disappointed and disheartened that someone with a lot of ignorance had the gall to do this to the rest of the students and the people who contributed to have this [statue] here on our campus,” Pearson said. “To me, it’s a symbol of the university.”

The painters who came to clean the statue said the work to clean the statue takes about two or three hours to clean up.

Alvin Jackson, painter foreman for Facilities Management, said people



Sean Roberts/Alestle
University workers power wash and scrub the spray paint off the cougar statue, 'Taking Stalk' Wednesday morning. There is a \$1,500 reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction for the individual or individuals who are responsible for the vandalism of the statue.

don't graffiti much on campus, but when they do it needs to be taken care of quickly.

“When people graffiti, we have to get it right away or else people copycat,” Jackson said. “They want to add their name to it or put a comment

on it.”

Anyone with information about the individual or individuals who may have vandalized the statue is asked to call the SIUE Police at 650-3324.

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e-mail notification saying that the chiller was not working, but the e-mail never came.

Legate said the problem they found during troubleshooting on Friday was blown fuses. He called the company that installed the chiller. According to Legate, the chiller was replaced last year and it is uncommon for complications to arise with them.

Monday morning the company was contacted and the necessary parts were ordered immediately, Legate said.

Chief Clerk of Purchasing for Housing Management Teresa Shipton said the contracted company, McQuay, arrived at approximately 10:30 a.m. to fix the air conditioner. According to Legate, the new parts arrived and the chiller began running by 2:30 p.m. and an e-mail was sent out to students to notify them of the changes.

Freshman business administration major Germone Williams said the temperature makes the work environment more stressful, but it has not affected his study habits.

“It’s been feeling like hell in here,” Germone Williams said. “[It’s] kind of hard to sleep. I always have to keep the windows open to get a little bit of air and that’s not even enough.”

Freshman pre-med major Ana Murillo said the air conditioning not working is keeping her roommate from sleeping comfortably on the top bunk.

“We’re living in a shoebox, and it’s ridiculous that outside it’s cooler than in here,” Murillo said.

Accord to Murillo, her roommate and she have opened the windows, brought a fan and wore shorts and T-shirts to try and stay cool.

Freshman accounting major Eric Williams said the lack of air conditioning has not affected how often he is in Bluff Hall. He usually goes to Lovejoy Library to work on homework, but it is an inconvenience.

“I don’t like it because it’s hot when I go to sleep,” Williams said. “It makes me uncomfortable.”

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Past warfare, modern fun

by Greg Maddox
Alestle Reporter

Students in the Anthropology Club have started a team that uses ancient methods to hurl spears long distances.

The type of spear being thrown is called an atlatl. It features a wooden handle with a hook that is inserted into the blunt end of the spear. The thrower then launches the spear forward much farther than a typical javelin-style throw.

Professor of anthropology Greg Vogel started the atlatl group with some of his students. Right now the group is casual, but he hopes to get the group more organized in the future.

"The group has a little over a dozen students right now," Vogel said. "We have had a couple practices since the weather has gotten nicer. We get together on Monday afternoons and go toss it around."

The group consists mainly of anthropology students, but Vogel said they welcome anyone interested in trying out spear throwing.

"The club itself has only been together about a month," Vogel said. "Everyone is welcome as it is very informal now and anyone who wants to join in can."

One of the students who participates in the group is senior anthropology major Katie Leslie.

"Professor Vogel has been telling us about it since last year," Leslie said. "We have all been looking forward to trying it."

Vogel has been throwing atlatl for a few years as part of his study as an archaeologist. The spears have a rich history within ancient hunting culture.

"Part of archaeology studies is experimental in that you try and recreate past technologies and see how they work," Vogel said.

Members compete for distance throwing as well as accuracy. The throwers aim at



Sean Roberts/Alestle
Robyn Kirsch, a junior mass communications major from Belleville, throws an atlatl, a type of spear, Thursday during CAS' 'Hands on Day.'

targets, similar to those used in archery, with concentric circles and higher point values toward the center.

"Archaeologically, they are very interesting," Vogel said. "They were used to hunt

sore. It takes a little muscle."

Senior anthropology major James Powers said the art of atlatl throwing is more difficult than it looks, but is more efficient than spear or javelin throwing.

"Most people don't even have experience throwing a spear," Powers said. "[The atlatl] makes your strength and aim 10 times better. It is kind of like a lever that adds to your arm's strength."

Powers said the atlatl throwing is relaxing for busy students and provides a fun environment.

"Hitting that target gives you this little feeling of power," Powers said. "It is great for relieving stress at the end of the day."

Atlatl throwing is not unique to SIUE. There are many atlatl clubs throughout the Midwest and even other colleges that compete in atlatl throwing. Vogel said a long-term goal is to get the SIUE group to be able to partake in competitions.

"We have had talks about going out and competing with other schools," Vogel said, "but we're just kind of having fun out there right now."

'... you try and recreate past technologies and see how they work'

**-Greg Vogel,
professor of anthropology**

everything from mastodons to rabbits."

The atlatl throwing allows one to throw the darts at much longer distances than normal spear throwing can achieve. The amateur members of the club typically achieve distances of up to 60 meters or about 196.9 feet. However, sophomore anthropology major Steven Greenleaf said the technique can be difficult to master.

"It is a little challenging at first," Greenleaf said. "You are using what is essentially a lever to try and throw a spear. The first time I did it my arm was pretty

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Sean Roberts/Alestle
Senior art education major Gary Jones launches a spear outside the Morris University Center as part of the College of Arts and Sciences' 'Hands on Day.' The Anthropology Department held the atlatl throwing contest.



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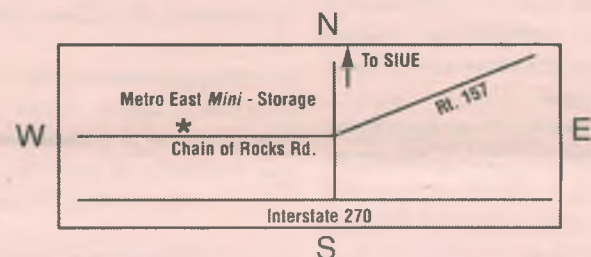
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appear throughout the evolutionary history of life."

Essner said those features can appear in fossil records.

"Some of our organelles in our cells on the cellular level, [such as] mitochondria, get their start probably going back probably over a billion years to a time when they previously existed as independent bacteria," Essner said.

According to Essner, there will be participation from multiple departments within CAS. In his panel discussion specifically, Essner said, among others, biology, anthropology and philosophy will be present.

"The topic is broad enough that outside of our panel, in the entire colloquium there is representation from different departments within the college," Essner said.

The topic of evolution ranges from helping professions and the evolving word of academic publishing, according to Springer. Romero said the major components of the colloquium are the guest speakers and having conferences on campus that faculty members carry out.

"The goal we have in the College of Arts and Sciences is to promote conversation among faculty of different disciplines," Romero said.

Evolution will be discussed in more than a biological sense, according to Romero, who said major disciplines in the CAS, such



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle

As a part of the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium, several professors contributed to the presentation 'The Scope of Selection.'

as literature and visual and performance theater, will present their versions of evolution in the respective fields.

The guest speaker for Thursday night, author Jonah Lehrer, has been able to build a bridge between different disciplines. Lehrer wrote "How We Decide" and "Proust was a Neuroscientist."

The approach for the colloquium, according to Romero, is lectures, roundtables, exchanges and discussions.

"The speakers are aware they are speaking to a diverse public," Romero said.

Department of Mass Communications Chair Gary Hicks served as a moderator for the Evolution of the Arts session Wednesday morning. Hicks said

this is his first year working with the colloquium.

Hicks said the topic of evolution is a remarkable idea and the university itself and many departments themselves are undergoing remarkable change.

"I can't think of a more appropriate theme for this year than the idea of evolution and of course the college has not nearly defined evolution," Hicks said.

Springer said he will discuss the ancient Greek thinkers and Greek mythology in the context of evolution and "in terms of arguing that human beings evolved, for instance, instead of being created from a single moment in time."

Springer said he is a classicist who studies ancient Greeks and Romans, and he tries to explain

the origin of things in mythic or natural terms.

"Certainly there were ancient Greeks who told mythic stories about creation, and they're similar to biblical accounts of creation," Springer said.

With the variety of disciplines within CAS, Springer said it is beneficial to have an event like this.

"I'm very happy that the college has been able to do something like this because we have so many different disciplines in the college, so many different faculty with so many different interests," Springer said.

Springer said in the six years of hosting the colloquium, the topic is chosen so a variety of opinions can be expressed. In previous years, topics have covered religion, empire and masculinity.

Springer said there are sessions Wednesday through Friday ranging from evolution of the arts to evolution of eastern Asia, among other subjects. On Thursday, there will be poster presentations by students, and some of the presentations throughout the course of the colloquium are being given by students, according to Springer.

Romero said the colloquium is open to anyone free of charge for the university and the entire community.

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CAS Colloquium**Schedule****Thursday:**

9 to 10 a.m.

The Evolving World of Academic Publishing: A Roundtable

10 to 11:30 a.m.

Evolution, Literarily: A Reading of Short Works

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Evolution of Evolution

1 to 2 p.m.

The Evolving Urban Landscape: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Metro East

2 to 3:30 p.m.

The Evolution of the Role of the Pharmacist in Health Care

3 to 5 p.m.

Darwiniana

3:30 to 5 p.m.

Closing the Evolutionary Gap

3:30 to 5 p.m.

The Evolution of Minority Groups in US Politics

5 to 6 p.m.

The Evolution of Scholarship from Print to Digital Media

7 to 8 p.m.

Jonah Lehrer: How We Decide: The New Science of Decision Making

Friday:

8:30 to 10 a.m.

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India Week, Night lets students share culture

by Jason Frazier
Alestle Reporter

This week it may seem as though SIUE has been transformed into a nation thousands of miles away during India Week and the annual India Night.

Electrical engineering graduate student Rahul Darga, who also served as a public relations officer for the event, said India Night is a culmination of activities that will be going on throughout India Week.

"India Night and India Week actually go hand in hand. We have themes all week," Darga said.

India Night and India Week offer a vast number of activities to give students a sample of life in India, according to Guru Dharma Teja.

From Tuesday through Thursday, booths, presentations and performances will be showcased in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. These events will feature areas of Indian culture, such as architecture, sports, food and music. India Night culminates the week on Saturday. It begins at 6 p.m. in the Meridian Ballroom and includes dinner, Bollywood shuffle, a skit called "Namaste America" and the cultural show "Mile Sur Mera Tumhara."

The central theme of India Week is bringing cultures together, which mechanical engineering freshman Nishant Bonda points out is evident in the title of India Night.

"We hope to promote all the cultures uniting," Bonda said. "The title of Indian night is Sunghum, which means everything together."

One of the booths set up in the Goshen for India Week displayed different festivals celebrated in India. Indian festivals are celebrated by many different religions, freshman electrical engineering major Yashwanth Khazan notes this points the great freedom to express religion in India.

"We want to show people that we have different races and religion in India; Christianity, Jainism, and Buddhism, basically everyone has something they celebrate," Khazan said.

In years past the food has been a focal point of the festivities. Teja said he is sure the



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle
Graduate student Aleekya Boddula draws a Mehndi on nursing major Charissa Scaggs from Troy in celebration of India Week.

menu offered this year will keep the trend going.

"Indian food is one of the main attractions. Some of the dishes available will be chicken and piryani, [a vegetable and rice dish]," Teja said.

There will be a series of dances performed, and Darga will be one of the performers. Darga said he wants the audience to enjoy the dancing, but also take in the story that surrounds it.

"Dancing is one of the things people look forward to during India Night," Darga said. "We tell a story about what goes on in India, in between the story there are some dance sequences."

Darga said some issues have caused the popular mock Indian wedding to be scratched from this year's event.

"Due to time constraints and budget problems we had to abandon the mock wedding this year," Darga said.

India Week and India Night provide entertainment in many forms, but Darga also values other benefits such as networking and relaxation.

"I'm looking forward to displaying our culture and traditions to the people here who

are not aware of it. The Indian students get a chance to display their skills and talents," Darga said. "It's also a great opportunity for the Indian students, other international students and American students to network and socialize."

Darga said the similarity between Indian culture and other cultures is easily recognized.

"India is a country that has many interesting things related to its culture that not many people know of. There are also some myths people think of when thinking about Indian culture," Darga said. "When people learn these facts they say things like, 'Oh, I never knew that about India.' or 'This is what really takes place in India.' Many people come to realize Indian culture is not that much different than their own."

Tickets are available at the Information Center in the Morris University Center. Tickets are \$13.50 for students, \$16 for faculty and general public and \$25 VIP admission if attendees want unlimited food throughout the night.

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Anagama Firing



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The Ceramics Department fired around 500 pots, and the kiln temperature is around 2,400 degrees using Anagama firing, a Japanese technique. Students worked shifts around the clock for 72 hours to keep the fire going by adding wood to the kiln when the temperature dropped. The kiln was sealed on Monday night and will take a week to cool.

SIUE POLICE BLOTTER

3-26-10

Police issued Shane Osterhout a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Douglas W. Davis a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

3-27-10

Police issued Rachel L. Eveans a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North Circle Drive.

Police issued Casey C. Montgomery a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

3-28-10

Police issued Joshua D. Edwards a citation for failure to give information for an unattended vehicle following a hit and run accident in the Prairie Hall parking lot.

3-29-10

Police responded to a report that two duffel bags were taken from a locker in the Student Fitness Center.

Police responded to a report of a vehicle in Lot F displaying a hangtag that had been reported

lost. Nathan J. Novsek was arrested for theft by deception and transported to the police department, where he was fingerprinted, photographed, processed and released with a notice to appear.

Police were notified that Todd J. Lawson was released from jail on his own recognizance.

Police issued Rachael V. Malawy a citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Meagan Meier came to the police department regarding her car displaying a fraudulent hangtag. Meier was arrested for theft of services, was fingerprinted, photographed, processed, given a tow release form and released with a notice to appear.

3-30-10

Police responded to Cougar Village 430 following a 911 call reporting a fight between approximately seven people. Kenyatta L. Muhammad was arrested for battery and transported to the police department, where she was fingerprinted, photographed, processed and released with a notice to appear.

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Letter to the editor: To the uneducated person who defaced school property

I understand that, in the current budget crisis that the state of Illinois is in, students want to know exactly how their tuition dollars are being spent. I myself have been

Nikki (Grashoff) Werner
SIUE Graduate 2007

a state university student in Illinois for eight years now – five years as an undergraduate at SIUE and three years as a law student at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

It can be disheartening to read about programs being cut, professors being laid off and departments scaled back, especially when other expenses that look frivolous or wasteful still seem to happen. With such things going on, I can understand someone wanting to make a political statement, bring attention to the perceived injustice and raise awareness of such abuse.

However, before you cry wolf, I recommend you do some research on what you are protesting.

"Taking Stalk," the Cougar statue on SIUE's campus was unveiled in the fall of 2007. However, it took years for this to come to fruition. During my time on SIUE's Student Government during the 2003-2004 school year, we wanted to try to raise school spirit on campus. One idea was to procure a statue of our mascot, a rallying point for the students and a monument for the living mascots that once roamed campus. In order to do this, the School Spirit and Pride Committee was formed.

We wanted this statue to be for the students and by the students, so we held multiple trivia nights to raise money. We also had food stands at different events and even auctioned off Student Government members for dates to raise money. We also

got alumni involved, selling the bricks that make up the base of the statue. Many alumni were so interested in the idea that they not only purchased bricks, but also gave donations. Through the generosity of the artist of the statue, Dawn Weimer, we received a 40 percent discount on the price of the statue. We also procured some funds through a grant. After four years of hard work, we finally raised the necessary funds.

Not a single dime came from any student fees or tuition money or from the school itself.

This statue was funded completely through money raised by the School Spirit and Pride Committee and a grant.

I believe in freedom of speech. I believe in making a statement for something you believe strongly in. But if you are going to do so, I have a few suggestions: 1) Know what you are talking about before you open your mouth (or a can of spray paint) lest you come off looking like an ignorant fool, 2) Use legal avenues for your message otherwise, you're just a punk with a can of spray paint and 3) Have the balls to stand by your message instead of anonymously defacing property in the middle of the night like a coward.

You are the one who is costing the school money because it will now cost SIUE to clean the statue. Your little stunt may have had the shock value that you were seeking, but your point is completely lost due to your inexcusable lack of the facts and deviant actions. You are not edgy, socially conscious or insightful. You are just another ignorant fool who spouts off without knowing the facts.

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Lobby day unfourtunate result of politics

During the week of April 19, SIUE students are planning another trek to Springfield for a lobby day.

This lobby day is for money for education, yet



Rosie Githinji
Opinion Editor

again. It's also for more funding for SIUE, but without students, SIUE will need no funding.

Last semester, students came together from across the state to let our legislators know that we need education. Our voices were heard and the money for MAP grants was restored for the spring semester. We have yet to find out if we will actually be getting MAP money for the next school year, but that is another lobby day for another time. Money was allocated; we just have to wait for the official announcement.

It would seem that although we are told we are important whenever politicians are up for re-election, we are forgotten whenever they move into their new offices to begin working for the people who elected them.

College students already have enough to worry about. We have jobs and class and, sometimes, crazy roommates that take up

even more time.

Why do we have to keep going back to the state to tell them that our education is important? It is getting to the point that we are going to have to start holding lobby days just to get the government to offer us financial aid.

I have spent my whole life being told education is one of the most important things in life because no one can take it away from you no matter what. There are plenty of jobs to be had that do not require a college education. Some of them even pay better than entry-level positions out of college, although this doesn't matter because I don't care about the money. I care about the value of a good education.

I don't think I should have to fight with the government each semester just so I can afford to get the education I am going to need to make it as a contributing member of society.

Lobby day is important, and everyone who can make it should. If our state is going to make it out of this recession, then the people running it should be paying more attention to those who are going to get it out of the recession.

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- Steve Scott

Senior public relations major



"I think I oppose the new federal bill for only giving students one option for taking out subsidized loans."

- Nathalie Woloszyn
Senior French major



"Federal loans, it's kind of like federalizing power. Like, soon they will own everything."

- John Fiedler
Junior biology major



"Given the instability of the government right now, I am not feeling altogether certain about how its going to look for us when we start paying back loans and given the exponentially high rate of interest with loans I am quite nervous about how everything is going to pan out after we graduate."

- Morgan Witzke
Junior psychology major



"If taking if from the government directly instead of going through lenders benefits us, and I guess it decreases the interest rate that we have to pay back eventually, then I would say its much better than taking from private lenders."

- Nehal Malik
Junior biology major

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St. Louis Area Events

by Lindsey Oyler / Alestle A&E Editor



If you're stuck at SIUE, there's only so much you can do. So take the only choices you're given and make the most of it. However, if the few events just aren't enough, several others are offered in the

area throughout the summer season.

One mainstream concert hitting the St. Louis area is the Jordin Sparks tour with Kate Voegelé at the Pageant May 15 on the Delmar Loop. The Pageant is an indoor

venue with a great stage, so the concert would be worth the \$25 tickets and the \$2 minor surcharge. Tickets can be won by RSVPing on Facebook through the Pageant's fan page. After you attend the

concert, just walk up and down the loop for some good food and midnight bowling if you're 21 or older.

Nara Café and Hookah Lounge on the waterfront supplies both hookah and grub for the poor college student. The hookah is cheap enough with a group of friends sharing, and the food is exceptional. However, the only thing I went there for was the hookah. I ordered two flavors, vanilla and mango, and had a fantastic night mixing the flavors and talking with friends in the comfortable atmosphere. At the end of the night, I ended up only paying about \$5 out of pocket for approximately two hours. Well worth it.

May 11 - 23, Fox Theater will be featuring the comedy classic, "Young Frankenstein" for its audience in St. Louis. The theater has a strong reputation for fantastic shows with great Broadway quality and diverse events. Also on Sunday, the Trans-Siberian Orchestra will be performing in the same theater.

One extremely out of place event is the Renaissance Faire in Wentzville on May 12. This event is literally a trip to another era and has been active in the area for years. Covering miles of ground, the fair is huge and well worth the ticket price. Everyone and everything is decorated elaborately and the characters hold their personalities well. The entire place is in a time warp and will turn you into a medieval fan if you weren't already.

The St. Louis Storytelling Festival will be touring the entire St. Louis Metro area April 28 - May 1. They will be telling tall tales everywhere from the Gateway Arch to Cahokia Mounds in Collinsville and the Missouri History Museum. The tour is family-oriented with several different notable speakers.

Instead of staying on the SIUE campus, the University of Missouri campus is hosting a Gypsy Caravan Festival from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 31. When they chose the title of the event, it literally is just that. It features more than 400 companies with antiques and vintage items in a flea market setting. Food will also be available.

If you're the athletic type looking for an event to train for, the Tour de Cure might suit you. On June 5, cyclists will be able to ride for a cure for diabetes within the entire area of St. Louis.

Overall, there are events available in the St. Louis area. This is only a small percentage of what you could do. Other events are listed on Eventful.com and Facebook.

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Concerts

by Allan Lewis/ Alestle Sports Editor

Summer is not quite here yet, but when it does emerge from hibernation, four items come to mind: road trips, baseball, beer and concerts.

If you live locally, St. Louis is a short drive, offering itself as a hotbed for not only baseball, but music.

If you live elsewhere, it is always a possible destination for a short summer trip to enjoy a number of national tours playing out in its amphitheatres, arenas and bars, not to mention the annual Fair St. Louis and Live on the Levee celebration taking place underneath the Gateway Arch throughout the summer.

In past years this has been the case anyway.

Busch Stadium was taken over for its first live concert in 2007, with a performance from the Dave Matthews Band and the Black Crowes. This year's concert, taking place June 24, is more aptly suitable for Wrigley Field, featuring "dinosaur" rockers the Eagles and the Dixie Chicks. Could they find a more dysfunctional tandem?

The ongoing acts performing at Live on the Levee throughout the summer have yet to be announced, but we do know two of the performers, and the concert organizers are going in a bit of a different direction this summer.

July 3 it's John Legend and July 4 the B-52's, a far cry from the Goo Goo Dolls in 2007, O.A.R. in 2008 and Train last summer, all free shows I thoroughly enjoyed.

This Independence Day weekend will not be enjoyed in the company of slightly aged 90s alternative rockers who can still send goose bumps through a crowd of 150,000 people, but rather more dinosaurs. At least it's free and there are fireworks afterward.

Bands from my generation are starting to develop cobwebs, but they can still rock.

Take The Ataris for instance, who play the Firebird in St. Louis Thursday. Only one original member remains – singer

Kristopher Roe. I caught them at this venue in 2008, and although they lack the energy, synchronization or desire to rise out from the obscurity they have fallen into, it can still be fun to rock out to some old high school favorites.

The Warped Tour has gone downhill. What was once an annual summer rite of passage has become garbage (not in a good way).

Maybe some of these bands are considered cool by the new MySpace generation, or I'm just getting old and lame. It sure isn't what it used to be. I have heard of fewer than 20 bands involved and only like three of them.

There is a band called Iwrestledabearonce. As cool as that sounds, I think I'll pass ... unless they actually wrestle a bear on stage; then I'm in. The Polar Bear Club is also playing select dates, so if those two bands decided to ever tour together it would be epic.

As far as venues go, The Pageant, located in the Delmar Loop, has nothing super exciting on its schedule through the middle of July, and Pop's in Sauget boasts a summer lineup full of metal – lots and lots of metal, along with a few of those new MySpace bands thrown into the mix as well.

Your best bet, unless you like those sorts of things, is to

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hit the road, make like Tom Petty and head out into the Great Wide Open to catch a show, or two.

The one summer tour I highly recommend that's not making a stop in St. Louis is the Goo Goo Dolls' "Something for the Rest of Us" tour. Luckily though, it makes several stops within relative driving distance.

I made my way out to the tour's first stop, an appearance at the Final Four in Indianapolis, 230 miles from St. Louis, on April 4, and the band was just as good as they were in 2007 on the levee.

The band played an excellent mix of new and old, putting together a two-hour set, featuring classics like "Iris," "Slide," "Black Balloon" and "Name," along with a few tracks off their new album slated to come out later in the summer, they also cover of Petty's "American Girl" on occasion.

Future dates to keep in mind for a trip of your own include Memphis (April 30), Nashville (May 2), Evansville, Ind., (May 5), Louisville (May 7), South Bend, Ind., (May 11) and Peoria (May 16.)

The band I am most excited to make a trip out of seeing, and one you may consider as well, is Something Corporate at Bamboozle festival. This piano, pop-rock group has risen from a hiatus in 2005 so frontman Andrew McMahon and his newer project, Jack's Mannequin.

Chicago also boasts the Lollapalooza Festival Aug. 6-8 featuring Green Day, Soundgarden, the Strokes, Arcade Fire and everyone's favorite, Lady GaGa. Ooh La La.

The Illinois State Fair in Springfield Aug. 13-22 provides another suitable destination, featuring bands spanning multiple genres on its main stage. You can catch anything from Chevelle to Lady Antebellum on the fair grounds this summer, but unfortunately, "Iwrestledabearonce" will not be a part of the festivities.

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Theme Parks

by Lindsey Oylar / Alestle A&E Editor

Theme parks are designed for personal entertainment. If you have about \$50 to blow and nothing to do for a weekend, theme parks are the way to go and some of them offer activities you can't find locally. Some exceptional parks are worth seeing by the end of summer, even if it means making a road trip out of it.

Universal Studios in Orland is opening The Wizarding World of Harry Potter on June 18. This highly anticipated park is for both adults and children alike, bringing the magic of the book and movie series to reality. The park is supposed to include a Three Broomsticks restaurant, a Hogsmeade village, the Hogwarts Express train and several virtual rides that fly you on a broomstick right into a scene of Hogwarts. With four-day vacation packages starting at \$285 per adult, this once-in-a-lifetime experience isn't half

bad on price.

Another idea, and a more local park, is the White Water park in Branson, Mo. General admission for adults from May 29 to Sep. 6 is \$40.18 per day and season passes for 2010 are \$128.71 per person with \$10 tag along tickets. White Water is more of a family atmosphere though, while Universal Studios is more "universally" appealing for all ages. However, the entire theme is shifted from rides to water rides and has more of an overall summer vibe.

Another destination is one that people don't think of as of a theme park. Zoos are actually a relaxing way to spend the day in a park instead of sliding on tubes and rocketing at full speed on a flimsy metal track. Peering in at the lives of animals is not only great for a group of

friends, but also for a date. There are plenty of vendors and also food. Some of the zoos such as Saint Louis Zoo, Henson Robinson Zoo in Decatur or Brookfield and Lincoln Park zoos in Chicago are available if you're willing to make the drive.

Overall, if you're willing to shell out \$50 or so, there are businesses that are built around catering to your entertainment. Just pick your poison (rides, water or animals) and I'm willing to bet that even if those aren't good enough, there's going to be a theme that suits your needs.

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Spring and Summer Schedule of Events

April 10 Cougar Lake Marina is open through May 2	May 8 Chattooga Whitewater Rafting Trip through May 11	May 21 Healthy Living Expo at the Morris University Center at 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.	June 7 Le Jazz Hot at Dunham Hall Room 1109 from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
May 9 Curtain's Up Theater "Beauty and the Beast" at Dunham Hall Theater 2 - 5 p.m.	May 15 UMO Ensemble at Dunham Hall Theater from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. and also the Sixth Annual Cougar Hockey Club Golf Scramble & BBQ at the Woodlands Gold Course, Alton at 1:30 p.m.	May 28 Cougar Lake Pool Opens	June 29 Cello Camp at Dunham Hall Rm 1109 and 1115 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Week days through July 9
		May 31 CLP Family Night at the Cougar Lake Swimming Pool from 6 – 8 p.m.	

Restaurant Reviews

La Casa no es su casa

by Kari Williams / Alestle Reporter

La Casa Mexicana, Edwardsville's newest Mexican restaurant, offers an inviting atmosphere with good food, but not-so-good service.

Upon walking into La Casa, authentic Mexican tunes hang in the air, creating an upbeat setting. Vibrant colors bounce off the walls in the form of authentic Mexican carvings that cause customers' eyes to wander in awe as they wait to be seated.

The exuberant theme carries to the tables and the booths, which have similar carvings etched into the tables themselves and the upper portion of the backs of the booths. A quaint bar is located near the back of the building, surrounded by the eccentric booths.

Moments after being seated, the waiter arrived with chips and salsa. Though efficient, the waiter's attitude did not match that of the atmosphere. He was strictly concerned with placing the order. Once the order was placed, it took approximately 15 minutes to receive the dish.

Oversized menus housed a plethora of Mexican delights, from enchiladas to tacos to fajitas and more. The menus were in English, but the names of many courses had a Spanish flair to them. Descriptions underneath the names were easily understandable, and the typeface added a Spanish elegance to the menu.

The lack of interest and care for his

duties were both present when the waiter tended to other customers' checks—customers who were seated later than my table—and cleared off another table.

A much smaller menu that sits on the table has lists of drinks—both alcoholic and non-alcoholic—and desserts. Wine is served in either a glass, at \$2.99, or a bottle, at \$9.99. La Casa also has domestic and imported beer ranging from \$2.75 to \$3.50.

Cocktail prices range from \$3.25 to \$4.50, with similarly reasonable prices for margaritas. Though I did not drink the beverages, the prices seemed relatively reasonable compared to the prices of the appetizers and main courses.

Desserts range from a fairly traditional fried ice cream (\$3.99) to an unusual, yet enticing Apple Burrito (\$3.99). However, the serving sizes of the meals themselves leave little room for the tasty treats.

Nacho Fajitas, loaded with lettuce, radishes and other healthy treats, buried the chips and hid the minimal amount of chicken. Though heavy on the rabbit food, the nachos were delectable. The quality of the food was spectacular and cements La Casa as an authentic Mexican restaurant, not a knock-off of with Americanized dishes.

La Casa presents a clean dining area, with tables cleaned off in an efficient



Photo by Ashley Hinkle/Alestle Staff

Located next to the Dip 'n' Dots in Edwardsville, La Casa Mexicana is a new Mexican restaurant, with a good atmosphere. However, reviewer Kari Williams of the Alestle has other concerns with the budding restaurant.

manner, though sometimes at the expense of paying customers.

If one could judge La Casa Mexicana solely on its cuisine, a second trip would be worthwhile. However, the lack of

interaction between customers and waiters ruins any credibility the establishment had.

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Peeling away from the fold

by Karina Swank / Alestle Editor in Chief



A peel is “a usually long-handled, spade-shaped instrument that is used chiefly by bakers for getting something (as in bread or pies) into or out of the oven,” according to the Merriam - Webster Dictionary.

Peel is also the name of one of Edwardsville’s newest restaurants, and it is going to stand out much like its unusual name.

People may not think Edwardsville needs another pizza place since we already have Pizza Hut, Pizza World, Little Caesars, Pantera’s Pizza, etc., but I’d beg to differ after tasting Peel’s version of the classic.

According to Peel’s Web site, their pizza cooks at 800 degrees Fahrenheit in about 90 seconds, which results in a smoky flavor and an unbelievably short wait time. I can vouch for both.

During my visit to the restaurant, I was pressed for time, but because of our understanding waiter and the techniques of Peel cooking, we were in and out in less than half an hour. And the food even made me want to take my time.

First, the pizza’s crust is unique to anything I’ve had before. It is more like bread instead of a crispy crust. It’s not greasy or heavy either like so many other places. In addition, when we asked for Parmesan, I was expecting the typical container of ground dust, but instead we got freshly grated cheese; a nice surprise.

Speaking of cheese, another member of my group got macaroni and cheese. I will be going back solely for that dish. It was made with several different real cheeses and came out hot.

The menu is not as extensive

as other places, but they allow for customizable pizzas and calzones, which make for more meal options. In addition to pizza, they also serve sandwiches, wings, salads, soups and shared meals that include an array of different types of meals and desserts. They also have an additional menu of beers and wines that might be longer than their food menu so all patrons are sure to find something.

Also, worthy of mention is the atmosphere. Inside it is open, and there is plenty of room between tables so no one is feeling claustrophobic or bumping elbows. The stone oven is prominent in the room and adds to the uniqueness of the venue. In addition, though Peel sits in an area many might just pass by, the woods surrounding it makes for beautiful scenery inside, due to picture windows, and outside on their patio.

As mentioned earlier, Peel’s wait staff was understanding of our time restraints so our waiter rushed just for us. Though if you want to take your time eating and enjoying each other’s company, the staff is understanding of that as well. Repeatedly I heard them mention, “Take your time. Enjoy the food.” It was nice to know they were serving their customers first and not hurrying people in and out for tips.

Peel is also open late until 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 8 p.m. on Sunday. My only complaint is that they aren’t open on Mondays, and that’s just because I was thinking about going again last Monday.

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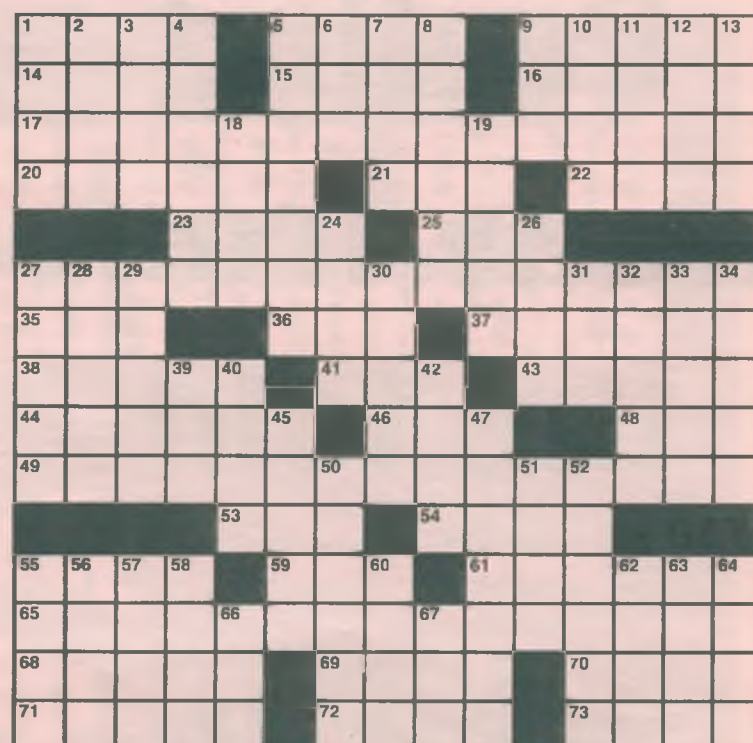
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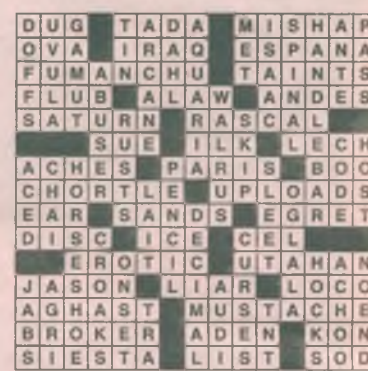
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The SIUE Club Roller Hockey club with its regional championship trophy.

Courtesy of Chance Webb

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Maduekwe said the team has come a long way and competing with Division I competition last season will really help them in the future.

"We have a good group of returning players and a strong recruiting class to help us win a [Missouri Valley Conference] title," Maduekwe said. "Our spring season is going well and will lead us into a successful season next year."

Roy said one thing the team definitely needs to work on in between the spring and fall seasons is staying in shape.

"Everyone needs to do their part in keeping our fitness level up because the way we play, everyone needs to be extremely fit," Roy said. "Everyone is doing a great job now. Now we just need to maintain and increase those things to help the team have success in the fall."

The Cougars next matchup is a four-way round robin with the

University of Missouri-St. Louis, Missouri University of Science and Technology and Lindenberg University beginning at 12 p.m. on Sunday at SIUE's Korte Stadium.

SIUE then finishes up their spring season at the Governor's Cup on April 24 against Northern Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University and Western Illinois University.

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of the SIUE ice hockey team's biggest rivals. According to Webb, the Cougars went into the playoffs being overlooked both by spectators and other teams.

"There was very little respect from everybody there," Webb said. "But from the beginning of the season there was no doubt in my mind that we would make it to nationals. We were just too good of a team."

The Cougars continued to show their talent while collecting an overall record of 2-1 in pool play. Friday evening marked the beginning of elimination play.

SIUE started things off edging Kennesaw State University by the final score of 7-6. Walker paced the Cougars with three goals and two assists against Kennesaw State.

From there, the Cougars mounted a comeback against the University of California at San Diego after trailing the majority of the game. SIUE scored five goals in the third period to give them the come-from-behind victory of 7-6.

Another four goal, two assist effort from Walker was all the Cougars needed to get past the University of Tampa in the semi-finals. Although Tampa

came into the game as the favorite, SIUE used their aggressiveness to score seven goals on the Spartans.

"The guys were sore that's for sure, just playing all those games," Walker said. "Once we

'On the national level, this is the farthest any of our clubs have gotten'

-Keith Becherer,
assistant director of
campus recreation

got out there everybody wanted to win and adrenaline took over. It was one of those things that we feel really good about."

Heading into the championship game, the Cougars had already proved themselves at a national level. The only thing standing between them and a national championship were the Rams of West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

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Gereaux leads the way as women's golf comes in 13th at ECU

One tournament is left on the season for SIUE

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

Just as fast as it started, the SIUE women's golf spring season is now just a tournament away from coming to a close. The Cougars competed in the Eastern Kentucky University Lady Colonel Classic during the course of Saturday and Sunday, placing 13th out of 17 competing teams.

"Well, it was one of our better tournaments of the year," SIUE women's golf Head Coach Jen Jakel said. "We had our lowest round of the year on Sunday. It was something we have been striving to do all year. We have definitely made strides with our short game, ups and downs and sand shots."

Senior Sarah Gereaux was the Cougars' best finisher with a 54-hole stroke total of 237. Gereaux's score put her in a tie for 37th overall amongst individual competitors. Gereaux finished the two-day event 21 strokes over par.

"I put up a few good scores, but not as well as I wanted to," Gereaux said. "My putting was a lot better than it has been the past few tournaments."

Jakel said having a leader

like Gereaux to lead such a young team is a positive step in the right direction for this squad.

"Sarah is very disciplined on the golf course and in the classroom," Jakel said. "She is very focused at practice, and [the team] all kind of takes to her."

Freshman Brooke Hood was the other Cougar to muster a top 50 individual finish, ending her event in a tie for 47th. Hood's best 18 holes came on the final day of the tournament when she turned in a 78. Hood finished with a total score of 242.

Included in the SIUE scoring at the ECU Lady Colonel Classic were sophomore Courtney Lovegreen (249), freshman Taylor Rumble (249) and senior Kelsey Atteberry (260). Both Lovegreen and Rumble finished their tournament showing in a tie for 71st individually. Atteberry tied for 95th overall.

After playing 36 holes on Saturday, the Cougars were tied for 14th place as a team. After a final 18 holes of golf a day later, SIUE moved up a spot in team rankings. The Cougars finished ahead of Bowling

Green State University, Ferris State, Northern Kentucky University and Cumberland College. Heading into the final meet of the year, Jakel said it is a goal for her team to shoot 315. The Cougars shot five strokes off that mark for a collective team round of 320 on Sunday.

Gereaux will compete in her final meet as a Cougar this upcoming weekend. As a leader for such a young SIUE squad, Gereaux recalled her past memories of being on the first Division I women's golf team in school history.

"Individually, I hope to play two solid rounds and end on a high note," Gereaux said. "I'm not done with golf. It's just the end of this period."

Gereaux will be the only graduating Cougar on this year's squad. Senior Kelsey Atteberry has one more year of eligibility to play for SIUE.

Stone Ridge Golf Course in Bowling Green, Ohio will serve as the final obstacle in the Cougars' spring campaign. The Cougars will compete in the 2010 Falcon Invitational hosted by Bowling Green next Saturday and Sunday.

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Sean Roberts/Alestle

The University of Missouri Tigers were too much for SIUE in Tuesday's double-header at Cougar Field. Mizzou bested the Cougars by scores of 11-1 and 6-0.

but couldn't string together timely hits to bring a run across in the game. With the Cougars trailing 4-0 in the bottom of the sixth, they had an opportunity to get back in the game.

The first two batters in the inning reached base, bringing up the team's leading home run hitter in Tooley. She hit into a tough-luck double play as the ball deflected off the pitchers glove into the shortstops, which led to Zembruski being doubled off first. This was one of the breaks that went the way of the Tigers, which Montgomery felt they earned.

"When you are getting breaks it's because you are making breaks. Missouri earned those breaks,"

Montgomery said. "They swung aggressively, didn't make mental mistakes although they had a couple of errors as well, but that's just softball."

The Tigers won the second game by the final count of 6-0. The Tigers were heavily favored going into the games, but Montgomery said her team believed they could pull off the upset.

"No one but us expected us to win either one of those games," Montgomery said. "We always go out and try to compete and see what happens. We just didn't get it done today."

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Thursday, April 15, 2010

Mizzou lives up to ranking, sweeps SIUE

by Jason Frazier
Alestle Sports Reporter

The Cougars' softball team got a firsthand account of why the University of Missouri Tigers are ranked No. 14 in the nation Tuesday, getting swept in a doubleheader at Cougar Field.

The first game started with pitcher Erika Taylor allowing the first two batters to reach base. Both runners scored as part of the three run first inning for the Tigers.

The Cougars were able to get on the scoreboard in the second when freshman infielder Taylor Tooley doubled to center to drive in senior Laurie Zembruski, who plays third base and was 2-2 at the plate in the first game.

That was the sole run the Cougars produced in the game as Missouri pitcher Jana Hainey consistently got ahead in the count with 41 of her 60 pitches going for strikes, keeping the Cougar batters off balance.

Tigers would add eight more runs, with five of those coming in the fifth and final inning. The

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Tiger's offensive star in the first game was center fielder Rhea Taylor. She went 3-3, with two runs scored and three RBIs, which came as a result of a three-run homer that flew over the hill in right field.

The second game started off better for SIUE, however, the Cougars put themselves and starting pitcher Ali Downing into trouble in the second inning.

Freshman infielder Taylor Tooley and sophomore first base Whitney Davis committed back-to-back errors to allow the first two batters in the second inning to reach. The Tigers then scored three runs in the inning, all unearned.

Cougars Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said she was pleased by the effort Downing gave the Cougars on the mound despite the loss.

"She kept the ball down for the most part, giving up eight hits and three earned runs against Missouri. I was very pleased with that," Montgomery said.

The Cougars were able to get a runner on base in each inning,

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Steamrolling competition

Roller Cougars place second in the nation during second year of competition



Courtesy of Chance Webb
SIUE goalkeeper David Borre makes a save in one of SIUE's regional victories before the team traveled to San Jose, Calif., for the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Championships.

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

The SIUE Roller Hockey Club wanted to make a lasting impression. The Cougars did just that this past weekend in San Jose, Calif., finishing runner-up at National Collegiate Roller Hockey Championships.

During the past year and a half, the club's co-presidents, graduate student Jason Walker and senior Chance Webb, have brought the club from the ground up with some help from Keith Becherer, club adviser. Now in only its second year of existence, the Cougars are already making an impact.

"On the national level, that's the farthest any of our clubs have gotten," Becherer said. "They obviously represented us well."

Before making their journey out to San Jose this past weekend, SIUE played a regular season schedule that lasted from October to the end of February. The Cougars finished with a mark of 10-7-1 during the course of those games.

According to Webb, this season's roster included some members of the Cougars' Ice Hockey Club team. This came as both a positive and negative for SIUE at points during the season.

"It's a huge help because they bring a certain level of competitiveness," Webb said.

"It's good to have that ice hockey mentality."

Because the team also had ice hockey players, it was hard for the team to get together at times during the Cougars' run to the Mid-America Collegiate Hockey Association title in February. Webb said SIUE was affected by this in a number of regular season losses with the team short-handed.

Overall, almost everyone on the Cougar's roster has had some ice hockey background to their credit.

"It really has been a huge, total team effort," Walker said about all the team's trial and error during the past few years. "The key thing is that we are all good friends, and we have known each other for a long time."

Leading up to the playoffs, the Cougars had played all of their games in nearby Ballwin and St. Peters, Mo. before making the long trip out to San Jose, Calif.

After making the journey out west, pool play began April 7 for SIUE. During the next couple days, SIUE defeated both Brockport State University of New York by the final of 8-7 and Missouri State University by a mark of 4-3.

Brockport was previously undefeated in the regular season. The other victory would also come as a sweet victory, as Missouri State is arguably one

HOCKEY/pg.14

Men's soccer continues exhibition season, ties Drake

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Sports Reporter

The SIUE Cougar men's soccer team came out with one win and one tie in Saturday's doubleheader against the University of Indianapolis and Drake University.

The Cougars trumped Indy in a 3-2 victory and ended in a tie against Drake, 1-1.

SIUE soccer Head Coach Kevin Kalish said the team has had a challenging schedule this spring, with games against the new St. Louis professional team and Drake, who finished in the Elite Eight last season.

"We compare very well with these guys. There is not much difference in the level of soccer that we are playing in the highest level of [Division I] competition," Kalish said. "At the same time, there is a lot of room for improvement, but

our guys are working hard, and I was real happy with the performance."

In game one against UI, SIUE received goals from senior forward Dustin Attarian, freshman forward Peter Kelly and senior back Ben Jeffery.

Against Drake, the Cougars' lone goal came from senior back Randy Roy.

Kalish said during the last few games this spring, he has been pleased with the work of junior forwards Kevin Bielicki and Kevin Stoll and said sophomore right back Nash Maduekwé has been the most consistent up to this point.

However, Kalish also said there still much work to be done.

"We all need to keep improving on our fitness and being able to play for the entire 90 minutes," Kalish said.

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Senior back Zach Bauer dribbles against Drake University in Saturday's exhibition tilt at Ralph Korte Stadium.



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