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Waiting is the hardest part

Greek housing over budget again, delayed for at least a year

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Greek housing has been put on hold for a second time because of over budgeting.

Junior political science major Nic Simpson, who serves as Alpha Kappa Lambda vice president and housing chair, said Greek housing is on hold because, with the budget being 20 percent over, it has to be reapproved by the Board of Trustees and Illinois Board of Higher Education.

"I am kind of in shock that it happened again," Simpson said. "It's disheartening because I've been working on it for almost two years and now and I won't even be able to see it come through if it does come through."

This time the budget came in 20 percent, or more than \$4 million, over budget. The original budget was \$7.5 million. The previous plans to build a Greek community near Evergreen Hall were \$2 million over budget in the summer.

Director of University Housing Michael Schultz said over budgeting has been attributed to several things, including building codes, asbestos

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Alpha Kappa Lambda vice president

and time constraints.

Greek housing is required to have sprinkler systems installed by state law, and Schultz said the water pipe sizes coming into the building would have to be increased.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the sidewalks would have to be updated, which they were not anticipating, along with "a lot of earth moving and readjusting slopes," according to Schultz.

"We [would have] had to change the stairs in the building to meet the new building code," Schultz said. "And then the biggest unknown, and what we're hearing from contractors, is scheduling constraints we put them on in completing three buildings in the first summer and

five in second."

According to Schultz, the committee estimated that taking care of asbestos would cost about \$150,000, and it came in around \$930,000. With air testing, that amount was about \$1 million.

Senior business and financial management major Zac Sandefer of Charleston, a member of the Greek housing committee, said there were many different items, such as heating, electrical and plumbing, ranging from \$300,000 to \$500,000 that made up the unanticipated costs.

Greek community reaction

Students who were expecting to move into Greek housing in the fall now have three options. They can stay in the buildings that were intended for Greek housing,



Alestle file graphic

Beginning with a \$7.5 million budget, the Cougar Village renovations for Greek housing came in 20 percent more than expected.

cancel their contract by May 1 or be put on a wish list for other places in University Housing they would prefer.

"They definitely have a place to go," Schultz said. "They're not going to be on the streets or anything like that."

Junior biomedical major and Alpha Kappa Lambda president Jacob Glass of Pekin said he

planned on living in Greek housing. Glass said he is still in shock, but that it was kind of anticipated because of the short timeline.

According to Glass, almost the entire Alpha Kappa Lambda chapter withdrew from their housing contracts and are looking

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October: Task force created to explore Greek Housing possibility

June: Plans \$2 million over budget

March: Phi Kappa Psi, Alpha Kappa Lambda and Sigma Pi Epsilon slated to move in fall 2011

May: Planning started for Greek Housing near Evergreen Hall, \$13 million budget

October: Plans start to renovate Cougar Village apartments, \$7.5 million

April: Cougar Village renovations \$4.6 million over budget

Graphic by Michelle Beard

Fighting the power of empty

AJ SANSON
Alestle Reporter

With the cost of a gallon of gas now reaching its 2008 peak of more than \$4, SIUE students have to find ways to adapt.

SIUE is still considered by many to be a commuter school, so as imagined, students are feeling the effects of the hike in gas prices, with some even considering making the switch from four wheels to two.

Senior philosophy and political science major Travis Lintvedt of O'Fallon has run into some bad luck aside from the rising prices. His car was totaled two weeks ago and he has been forced to hitch rides with friends since.

"I'd be upset either way. I wish I could ride a bike

"I'm a broke college student. I can't afford \$5 gas..."

-Kristyn Budds
Sophomore nursing major

[motorcycle] but I don't have my license or the money," Lintvedt said. "That's a lot of money. I filled up my mom's minivan the other day and it was \$67. It's a heartbreak."

Senior psychology and philosophy major Chris Potts of St. Francisville lives off campus in Edwardsville, which he said is a contributing factor to how he is forced to live due to the

cost of gas.

"I'm on a limited budget with having to pay rent. I have to tighten down on what I buy and where I buy it," Potts said. "I've been pretty conscious of sales in newspapers lately."

Potts said as the weather gets warmer, he will be seen combating the prices by riding his bike to campus and around town. Potts added he is not

content with gas prices surpassing costs at grocery stores.

"I understand they rise because the costs of barrels of oil are up," Potts said. "I also understand that they go up in general because it's almost summer, but I'm paying more for a gallon of gas than a gallon of milk."

The prices have affected senior geography major Denise Thomas of New Athens drastically beyond the grocery store. Commuting every day from New Athens, Thomas has opted to stay local as much as possible.

"What I've started to do is stay at people's houses,"

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Photo by Derrick Hawkins

Pair of juniors build 'best new program' at SIUE

BRIAN BERNIS
Alestle Reporter

As an eighth grader, elementary education major Michelle Sutorius of St. Charles, Mo. dreamed of having a hotel for the homeless.

Now a junior in college, Sutorius runs the SIUE Homeless Program with junior business administration major Jarris Vermeire of Lincoln.

Sutorius and Vermeire, who founded the program in November 2009, have made an impact on the homeless community in the East Saint Louis area.

The efforts they have made to change the lives of those less fortunate are plentiful. Some of their efforts have included teaming up with Midland Bank last November to collect more than 200 coats and hold a barbeque for the homeless.

Last year, the two students volunteered for a homeless volunteer program in East St. Louis where they were affected by seeing how little some people had.

"When we went on the outing it really hit home for me because I had dreamed of helping the homeless and realized these people just needed someone to care for them," Sutorius said.

The women approached

Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt, assistant director of Leadership and Volunteer Services about starting the program to help the homeless and Kutterer-Siburt can see these women's passion.

"These girls are doing much more than just helping people; these girls are difference makers," Kutterer-Siburt said.

Kutterer-Siburt said it is amazing what they do and the

Vermeire said.

Sutorius and Vermeire said they have experienced moments where people have openly thanked them for their efforts, including a girl giving them a hug and asking them to say a prayer with her giving thanks for the SIUE group helping them out.

Both students agreed moments like this make all the hard work worthwhile.

"Those moments make this really become of a part of you, and I know both us could not imagine not having volunteering in our lives," Sutorius said.

Volunteering is

a big part of the women's lives and after college they want to make sure to volunteer in their community.

Sutorius said when she becomes a teacher she wants each one of her kids to volunteer at a breadline or any type of homeless shelter.

Senior political science major Nathan Schauf, who attends St. Louis University, has known Sutorius since high school.

"I was thrilled to hear she took the initiative with Jarris [Vermeire] to create this group and fulfill her desire to give back," Schauf said.

Sutorius and Vermeire have a strong desire to help people, and Schauf said they feed off each

"These girls are doing much more than just helping people; these girls are difference makers..."

-Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt

Assistant Director of Leadership and Volunteer Services

agencies love them because they are young, vibrant college kids who have a real passion for giving back to the community.

According to Siburt, they received an award for best new program by Student Government last year. Sutorius and Vermeire have expanded their volunteer efforts and have interacted with kids who are staying in the Holy Angels Women's Shelter, which holds women and children who have nowhere else to stay. The SIUE Homeless program currently has 50 active members.

"I have always wanted to give back and there is nothing more rewarding than helping people any way we can because people appreciate that you are there,"



Photo by Michelle Beard/Alestle

Michelle Sutorius and Jarris Vermeire show their drive for helping the homeless by collecting coats and creating awareness for those less fortunate.

other's enthusiasm to do so.

This Saturday, Sutorius and Vermeire are collecting donations to help the homeless at both the Sonic in Edwardsville and in

SIUE's Lot B from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, email siue.homeless@gmail.com

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Wet'n'Wild

on the Quad

Monday APRIL 18	Tuesday APRIL 19	Wednesday APRIL 20	Thursday APRIL 21
Chalk Mural Contest Stratton Quad 12:00pm	Tricycle Races Stratton Quad 12:00pm	Student Organization Fair Stratton Quad 10:00am-2:00pm	Student Organization Fair Stratton Quad 10:00am-2:00pm
"Wet T-shirt" Contest Stratton Quad 12:00pm	Cardinals vs. Nationals Busch Stadium 7:10pm <i>*Advance tickets required</i>	Make Your Own Fish Aquarium Stratton Quad 11:00am-2:00pm	Spin Art Stratton Quad 11:00am-2:00pm
Moonlight Canoe Cougar Lake 7:00pm	Aqua Battleship Vadalabene Center Pool 8:30pm-10:30pm	Cougar Karaoke Stratton Quad 11:00am-1:00pm	Giant Banana Split <i>Sponsored by The Bank of Edwardsville</i> Stratton Quad 11:30am-1:00pm
		Beach Party Stratton Quad 2:00pm-5:00pm	Livewire: Tyrone Wells Stratton Quad 12:00pm-1:00pm
		Dive In Movie: No Strings Attached (with costume contest) Vadalabene Center Pool 7:00pm	Survivor on the Quad Stratton Quad 3pm-4pm
			Bob Saget MUC Meridian Ballroom 8:00pm <i>*Advance tickets required</i>

Springfest 2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For a full schedule of events, visit siue.edu/cab.

Finding a healthier food choice

Dining Services marks menu to signify their healthy options

COURTNEY HILL
Alestle Reporter

Despite some student concern as to whether the MUC provides an assortment of healthy food options that have been thoughtfully prepared, Dining Services administrators say the choices made in food content and preparation reflect student preferences, while also maintaining a reputable health agenda.

Dennis Wobbe, assistant director of Dining Services, outlined several new resources available to students to ensure more opportunities for healthy eating.

"We're planning on doing low-carb, vegan and fit [options]," Wobbe said. "We've got the labels all made up, but basically the hard thing is getting a ton of different recipes and converting all of [them] so that we can get it through the menu and get actual calorie content."

Serving the campus community with nutrient-rich, appetizing food choices is a key objective of Dining Services. They, along with Cougar Balance, a program also determined to increase overall health and wellness among SIUE students, faculty and staff, hosted a food show Wednesday to showcase new meals.

The event encouraged students to critique possible menu items, while enjoying the varieties of food that were available.



Photo by Rebehka Blake/Alestle

Dining Services provides many different healthy choice menu options for students who do not want to eat fast food. Students can identify 'healthy option' foods by the heart symbol icon on the menu.

Food shows alone are not usually enough to sway students toward healthful eating.

However, several departments around campus that are dedicated to promoting a healthy environment have teamed up to help persuade students into choosing a healthy lifestyle.

Health and kinesiology professor Jeffrey Herrick identified

some positive facets of the Department of Kinesiology and Health Education, which assist students in choosing healthy activities.

"We teach our students healthy lifestyles, both exercise and nutritional options, in all of our programs," Herrick said. "We promote and help students accept and adopt these lifestyles, so I think

our student body is very informed. Our degree, by nature, informs them on barriers and what a good choice should be."

But even Herrick acknowledged student decisions may be compromised by the array of unhealthy food choices offered on campus, leading to his suggestion of a potential solution that would augment healthy living perspectives.

"What students could do is take the university general education courses that provide a health background," Herrick said. "The department of kinesiology has a course that's open to the university, called HED 201. The entire course teaches students about healthful living from diet, nutrition, stress, relationships, sex choices and all of this information that helps folks live healthier."

According to Wobbe, Dining Services works in conjunction with Cougar Balance.

Additionally, Dining Services' marketing department has stepped up, promoting nutritional values among students through new campaign strategies. Senior business administration major Chris Arceneaux of Chicago is a marketing assistant with Dining Services who described a recent campaign operation to bolster student awareness.

"Just recently, we had something going on for going green, and we had different health options available in the entrees,"

HEALTHIER OPTIONS

Lower in fat
(about 10 g or less per serving)

Lower in cholesterol
(less than 20 mg per serving)

Higher in fiber
(2-3 g or more per serving)

High in calcium
(80 mg or more per serving)

Arceneaux said. "Whenever we do a promotion, there are definitely signs up within the University Center... So we always have that to say, 'Hey, we're going green. We have this available. Try this out today, it's at a discounted price.'"

The marketing department also makes use of social networking sites to provide students with easier access to menu selections.

"If you look on the [school] website, and on Facebook and Twitter, we upload the menus, and you can see an icon that says whether it's a healthy option or not," Arceneaux said.

That new icon is the "healthy option" heart symbol, a push to develop entrees that use healthier ingredients and improved advertising to increase nutrition aware

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MODULES

**Student Leadership
Development Program &
Volunteer Services**

Modules

4/19/11
Volunteer Service Structured Reflection
2:00 & 6:30 p.m.
Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt, Assistant Director
Kimmel Leadership Development Center, SIUE
Board Room, MUC

Leadership & Professional Skills Workshop (free)
Saturday, April 16, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., SSC 1203

*Pre-registration required at Kimmel Leadership Center.

SLDP Reminders...

Volunteer Projects
April 1, 14, 15, 22, & 22 – The Gardens at SIUE
April 23 – Angel Food
April 27, 28, 29, & 30 – The Gardens at SIUE
April 30 – Holy Angels Homeless Shelter
April 30 – SIUE Homeless Program

Suicide & Crisis Hotline Training,
March 19 & 20, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
American Red Cross Disaster Training,
April 2, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Community Emergency Response Training
April 9 & 16, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information and the calendar,
contact the Kimmel Leadership Center, ext. 2686
www.siu.edu/kimmel/sldp or www.siu.edu/kimmel/sldp/volunteer

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Disc Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 16

Registration Due Thursday, April 14

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

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Want to spice up your workout?

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OUTDOOR RECREATION

Ziplining

Saturday, April 16

\$25 for the tour and round trip transportation

Register at the information desk in the MUC

Moonlight Canoeing

Monday, April 18, 7 PM-11 PM

Pre-Register at the SFC Front Desk

FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!

AQUATICS

Dive in Movie

"No Strings Attached"

Wednesday, April 20

7 PM at the Indoor Pool.



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for off-campus housing.

However, Glass said he hopes the planned Greek housing does get finished eventually, with sororities having more than 150 members and fraternities increasing.

"I think our Greek system is growing so fast, it's really going to be hard to maintain," Glass said. "It's hard to keep this little Greek system together with just how we've been doing it."

Simpson said most of the fraternities will be looking for off-campus housing.

"One of the options they presented us, which nobody really took up, was the option of taking the Cougar Village 400 side, but not updating it...most [fraternities] turned that down," Simpson said.

According to Simpson, everyone was looking forward to the houses, especially after getting this far.

"More or less, if they were moving onto campus, they have lived on campus before, [and were] just looking forward to [being in the renovated Greek housing buildings], rather than Cougar Village," Simpson said.

Greek Life Coordinator John Davenport said Greek housing is something students have wanted for a long time and he thinks it is going to continue on the same track.

"I think in the short term, I think its impact is going to be on morale," Davenport said.

Schultz said they are all disappointed with the outcome of Greek housing.

"We put a lot of time and effort in this [from the] administration, students and volunteer advisers, and it's sad that we're not able to realize the goal that we had," Schultz said.

However, Schultz said family housing will still move from the Cougar Village buildings that were intended for Greek housing.

"We're staying with the same plan of moving the families and moving the single students into the first cluster," Schultz said. "We were too far down the line to change that."

According to Schultz, all families will be able to move in one cluster and will "be able to enhance in the program we've already got developed for them."

Sandefer said his biggest concern is not that the university will not have Greek housing, but that "a decent amount of students don't have a place."

"Housing is allowing students to still stay in those buildings if they'd like, but my personal guess is that not many want to," Sandefer said, "So now a bunch of these students are way behind on trying to find housing."

The future of Greek housing

According to Kimmel Leadership Director Steve Sperotto, a couple chapters indicated they would be willing to meet in the fall to explore other options, both on and off campus.

"This came from one of the sororities," Sperotto said. "Their chapter adviser recommended let's just sit back for summer and maybe get back together in the fall."

Sperotto said they were very disappointed the project came back over budget because Greek housing would greatly impact campus life.

Schultz said if the three fraternities scheduled to move into Cougar Village in the fall do not fill the buildings, they will be filled with other students through the wish list or creating a building for transfer students.

According to Sandefer, the university tried to push for Greek housing as much as the Greek community did.

"Before people get really upset at the university and Housing, a bunch of people are going to point their finger at them, start blaming them and it's not their fault at all," Sandefer said. "They are genuinely upset that this didn't go through. There's nothing they could do."

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NEWS *in brief*

Peck Hall undergoing asbestos removal

ASHLEY SEERING

Alestle Reporter

Facilities Management is working to remove asbestos from Peck Hall while ensuring students and other campus-goers that they are safe, according to campus architect Rich Klein.

Klein said asbestos, which can cause lung cancer and mesothelioma, was found on the underside of balconies and roof overhangs on Peck Hall. It will cost \$325,000 to remove the carcinogen and the process may take several months.

"The asbestos is embedded in the plaster and is very unlikely to be released into the atmosphere," Klein said. "However, to ensure the safety of the students, faculty and staff, heavy plastic sheeting is erected to create a separate

sealed and enclosed work area."

Klein also said fans and special high efficiency particulate air filters have been set up in the work area to clean the air that will escape from the enclosure.

"Those filters will trap asbestos fibers in the very unusual circumstance that any would be released," Klein said.

Workers wear breathing filters, take showers and change clothes to prevent the escape of asbestos from the enclosure, according to Klein.

"The removal work may take several months because of the various locations, which will require setting up and removing the scaffolding as well as the plastic sheeting to create the enclosed work area," Klein said. "The window contractor won't start installing the new windows until after commencement."

Morris Trail renovation plans underway

Plans for renovations to connect SIUE's Morris Trail to the Madison County Transit Bike Trail System are underway.

The project will complete the bike trail connection between the two existing trails to the north of campus, according to Vice Chancellor of Administration Rich Walker.

Walker said the project is currently in its preliminary design stages.

"We hope to begin construction May 2012," Walker said.

The renovations are expected to cost \$550,000 and will be funded by two grants.

One confirmed grant of \$440,000

comes from the Illinois Department of Transportation. The grant from the Metro East Park and Recreation District, worth \$55,000, is currently pending, according to Walker.

"The balance of the project's cost of \$55,000 will be paid by SIUE," Walker said.

The money will come from university construction funds set aside for annual repairs and upgrades.

Bids for contracts will take place next spring.

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GAS PRICES from pg.1

Thomas said. "I've been living out of my car for a while. I actually just went home for the first time in a week and a half the other night."

Freshman nursing major Tyler Lesan of Troy has a much shorter commute than Thomas, but even though his parents fund the gas for his Dodge Ram 1500, he still has been forced to adjust.

"I'm lucky they pay for it, but I don't want to take advantage of it," Lesan said. "If I have a three or four hour break on campus, I still stay here instead of go home."

Lesan said he does not look past the option of riding a bicycle around town to save gas.

"I'd probably carry it in my truck," Lesan said. "I'd ride it around Edwardsville. I'd rather do that than drive all over."

Sophomore nursing major Kristyn Budds of Centralia said despite living on campus, she will soon feel the sting of the gas prices as she moves back home this summer.

"It's depressing," Budds said. "I'm a broke college student. I can't afford \$5 gas. Over the summer I'm going to be working 20 minutes away."

Budds added she is moving off campus in the fall and would consider resorting to bicycling, depending on the distance of her apartment from campus.

Budds also said her next trip to her hometown is sure to be an expensive one.

"I can't afford to go home," Budds said. "I'm going home for Easter and I'm not looking forward to it."

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Gas siphoning hits Evergreen lot

The rising price of gas has not been a welcome trend to one student in Evergreen Hall. SIUE Lt. Kevin Schmoll confirmed there has been a case of gas siphoning at Evergreen Hall.

"A handful of gas tanks were open, but the caps were intact," Schmoll said. "We only have one confirmed car where gas was siphoned. A pretty large amount of gas was taken, about three-fourths of the car's tank."

Schmoll said there are not surveillance cameras in the Evergreen Hall lot. The cameras are located only inside the residence hall. Schmoll said

there are no suspects in the case, nor any good leads at this time, and that gas siphoning is relatively new to SIUE.

"I remember in 2008 I saw an increase in failures to pay for gas at gas stations," Schmoll said. "I don't recall seeing this."

Schmoll advises students to look into aftermarket locking gas caps for their vehicles. If anyone has any information regarding the siphoning case, they are encouraged to call campus police at 650-3324.

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HEALTHY FOOD from pg.3

The Cougar Balance campaign works to supply the criteria that warrant the "healthy options" symbols next to certain meals on the menu.

To deem a particular meal as a "healthy option," according to Wobbe, it must adhere to several dietary standards while accentuating whole grains, taste, color and food texture.

Food shows, advertisements and variety in selections may seem like influential marketing strategies to administrators like Wobbe, who wish to ensure students consistently consider healthy food options as part of their regular dietary plan, but if students are unwilling to accept the choices,

there is not much that can be done.

"We try to do healthier things and make it more entertaining, hopefully getting some of the students involved in getting healthier," said Wobbe. "If you look at entrees and things like that, a lot of our stuff is portion controlled."

"As long as a student doesn't order three meals, they're getting a small amount of the carbs, a small amount of protein and a vegetable, which is healthy."

Check out newly updated SIUE dining menus on Facebook (Dine SIUE) and Twitter (@siue_dining).

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A new spin on vinyl

KARI WILLIAMS / Alestle Reporter

"...And if you ever get lonely, just go to the record store and visit your friends," Almost Famous' Penny Lane said. For years, records had been the foundation of music present in pop culture and teens' bedrooms. As of present day, they have been drowned out as a museum idea with a vintage stigma.

Record Store Day, which has been going on since 2007, is a way for independent record stores across the country to come together. Eric Levin, a founder of RSD and owner of Criminal Records in Georgia, said the idea for RSD came from a convention in Baltimore, Md. called Noise in the Basement.

"We grew tired of constantly being the butt of the joke, know-nothing editors reporting from their ivory towers that the death of the record store was imminent," Levin said. "We kind of asked each other, 'How you doing? Is your death imminent?' Since we all had kind of super awesome record stores, centers of our communities, paying taxes, hiring and insuring musicians, we felt like we had to stand up for ourselves."

Local stores like Slackers in Glen Carbon and Vintage Vinyl in St. Louis are participating in the newfound tradition.

Slackers Manager Daniel Earnhart said the Glen Carbon location has celebrated RSD as long as he has worked there, which is four and a half years.

"There aren't that many independent CD stores around the area," Earnhart said. "So, you can't really go many other places around the area to get the Record Store Day merchandise."

Earnhart said the atmosphere on RSD is much more upbeat.

"We have decorations and live music, [which] makes a big difference," Earnhart said. "We usually have a food sponsor. I think this year we're going to do Jimmy John's."

Earnhart said the most important part about RSD is the presence of local musicians. I Like Snaps, You're Not Coupled by Ammo and Super Fun Yeah Yeah Rocketship will play in-store.

"With everything how it is online with all the downloading, I think it's really important to kind of keep the local scene alive, get those local bands some play time," Earnhart said.

Senior mass communications major Greg Harvey of Chatham, who sings and plays drums in Don't Mess with Winkie, said record stores are the only way to reach a local audience other than selling CDs at shows.

"Not a lot of stores will necessarily just carry your CD for the heck of it, but most local record stores are more than happy to," Harvey said. "It's nice because even when you're not out there playing or pushing your album, it's still available for sale and you can still direct people to go get a physical copy at a store like that."

According to Earnhart, many people usually show up for the bands.

"It's kind of hit and miss depending on how local they are," Earnhart said. "If they have a big fan group here a lot of people show up usually."

Superfun Yeah Yeah Rocketship last year brought about 40 or 50 people to Slackers alone.

Superfun Yeah Yeah Rocketship singer Corey Goodman said playing on RSD is always exciting because it takes people out of their element by not going to a venue to hear a band, and they can shop at the same time.

Goodman said the significance of RSD is to show people that record stores are still around.

"They want people to come in and see what they have, and I think it's an awesome thing...it's a cool thing for all the people in the music industry to all come together and celebrate what's going on," Goodman said.

National acts have been involved since the beginning, according to Levin.

"The list of famous, soon-to-be famous and never-famous bands is simply too long to talk about," Levin said. "Beyond live performances, every store is capable of doing as much or as little as they're capable of."

Harvey said he has heard of RSD but is not too familiar with it. As someone who likes to buy records and CDs, Harvey said he would like to think the idea of RSD works.

"I know that places like Vintage Vinyl in St. Louis are great places to discover music as well and they have a lot of bands come in and play," Harvey said.

According to Earnhart, what RSD exclusives will be at Slackers is "hit and miss."

"There's a long list of Record Store Day exclusives, and we really don't know what exactly we're going to get in on our website," Earnhart said. "We have a short listing of what's available, not necessarily exactly what we're getting in, but vinyl, CDs, just limited edition things that are only available on Record Store Day."

Similar to Slackers, Vintage Vinyl Manager Matt Harnish said Vintage Vinyl will not know what they will have on RSD until they receive the merchandise and the releases for RSD are all very limited.

According to Harnish, some releases are specific to certain regions.

However, Sid Barret and Pink Floyd on LP, Fela Kuti and Mastadon's record with ZZ Top are some releases that stuck out to Harnish.

Harvey said it is more interesting to have the physical CD and sometimes it is not as fun to download.

"You can look through the booklet, and that was always my favorite part, looking at the pictures and reading the thanks and stuff like that," Harvey said. "So when record stores have things like Record Store Day, it can keep revitalizing that interest in buying what some may consider outdated types of media."

RSD was the busiest day for Vintage Vinyl last year, according to Harnish.

"There are people who are rushing in to only get specific things...[and there are] people who come and hang out all day and shop every section," Harnish said. "That's really what we would like, but we're happy either way."

The first couple hours of the day are crazy, but once the initial rush is over, Harnish said guest DJs and bands play to stretch out for the rest of the day.

"There are people waiting outside the doors when we open," Harnish said. "There were 50 to 60 people last year. The first couple hours are just a buying frenzy."

St. Louis-based record label I Hate Punk Rock Records will showcase three to four local bands. Safety Words, Pretty Little Empire and Via Dove are also playing. The day will end with hip-hop DJs Beat Street. Levin said RSD is one of the first local movements and a reminder to the world that shopping locally is important.

"We celebrate the exact opposite of Best Buy and McDonald's," Levin said. "The taxes we earn go directly into our communities, whereas if you shop at Amazon your city gets nothing."

All independent stores are invited to participate in RSD by letting their customers know RSD is April 16 and that they should come to the stores and celebrate.

"Like any party, some folks throw big, badass parties, and some folks just have a few close friends over to hang out and listen to records," Levin said. "It's incumbent on the fan [or] customer to have a relationship with their favorite indie store so they know exactly what's what."

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15 Top Music Releases for Record Store Day

AC/DC
"Shoot to thrill"

Anberlin
"Cities"

Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band
"Gotta Get the feeling"

Daft Punk
"Tron Soundtrack"

Death Cab for Cutie
"Atlantic Record Presents..."

Gorillaz
"The Fall"

Hollywood Undead
"American Tragedy"

Jimi Hendrix
"Fire"
"Touch You"

Joan Jett and the Blackhearts
"I Love Rock & Roll"

Lady Gaga
"Born This Way"

Matt & Kim
"Block after Block"

Mumford & Sons
"Dharohar Project"

Rise Against
"Join the Ranks"

The Doors
"Riders on the Storm"

The Rolling Stones
"Brown Sugar"

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BURLESQUE ART SURFACES IN ST. LOUIS

COURTNEY HILL / Alestle Reporter

Looking for some adult entertainment on a Friday or Saturday night? Besides the steamy romance on Netflix, there's the St. Louis burlesque scene at its newest venue at Al Waha Restaurant and Hookah Lounge.

Located at 3191 South Grand Boulevard, the modestly-sized lounge features Middle Eastern cuisine and hookah delights in a relaxed, minimalist setting, where patrons can expect not only a fair price on menu items but a woman to fulfill their entertainment needs. It's everything you want in a lounge, complete with polite conversation and pleasant food without the sleazy strip joint showiness.

Owner of Al Waha Riyadh Alwadi said the newly established show adds "that extra spark" to the ordinary lounge experience, and finding the perfect ladies to perform was not too difficult a task.

"I checked online and through some friends," Alwadi said. "It's really nice for business...and burlesque has been performed here for about three or four months."

Every half hour beginning at 10:30 p.m., a burlesque dancer struts her stuff around the lounge area, tempting the crowd with a tantalizing erotic song and dance combo. But don't expect these ladies to flaunt all of their goodies and ask for tips. They're all about the tease.

Lola VanElla, a nationally

recognized, award-winning burlesque dancer and hired performer for Al Waha, described what the flirty exhibition is really all about.

"Burlesque is the over-exaggeration of femininity and theatrical, sexy comedy," VanElla said. "Burlesque is my favorite kind of theater. I'm in control of my own little miniature drama that takes place in 10 minutes or less. It's about the journey and not the destination."

Frequenters of the joint agree the burlesque performance is more than just a stripping demo, but a razzle-dazzle romp of freedom and power. Charlie Edelen, a 28-year-old St. Louis native, described his perspective of burlesque dancing.

"Burlesque is an erotic demonstration generally of a female's body, but in a very liberating sense," Edelen said. "It's her defining what [her] body is and how [she] is going to use it, for entertainment, art and with a sexual nature in a positive way."

Tila Locke, a 22-year-old from Memphis, Tenn., highlighted an interesting point about the lounge atmosphere and dance experience.

"I think people don't imagine that in an Afghan restaurant, you would see burlesque dancing," said Locke. "So I like that there's a merging of cultures. Burlesque is a combination of sexiness, performing, art, dancing. The sex factor comes second-hand to the performance."

For some customers of Al Waha, this form of erotic dancing brings back fond memories of a time in history that harbored a different set of cultural values. James Carroll, a 54-year-old Kirkwood, Mo. native, discussed what burlesque meant to him.

"1940's-era pinup girls with sexy attire; back then that was as risqué as it got," Carroll said. "I

think it's a pure form of adult entertainment and should be considered art."

Foxy LaFeelion, a burlesque dance veteran of seven years and active promoter of burlesque within the St. Louis area, said her love for the particular genre of dance stems from her extensive background and the opportunities to express her personal values in life.

"I did ballet, jazz, tap, all that good stuff," LaFeelion said, who attributes her special talents to her diligent, preparatory adolescent years. "Burlesque, to me, is being comfortable with yourself, being comfortable in your body, no matter how tall you are, how short you are, how skinny or how fat. The more the curves the better."

Getting ready for a successful burlesque performance is a bit different when thinking in terms of occupational preparedness. VanElla explained how mental and physical preparation is the key to a great show.

"I almost feel like I live it all the time, not like I'm always 'on,' but I usually take a minute to figure out what I'm doing before I go on," said VanElla. "It definitely involves glitter, lots of red lipstick, seamed stockings, hairspray and high heels. Lots of pasty glue and eyelashes, too."

If you enjoy the show, you may also find the first annual Show-Me Burlesque Festival to be especially pleasing. It will be held May 12-14 at several exciting locales across the St. Louis area, and will feature burlesque performers from all over the country. Check out showmeburlesque.com for more details.

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The Buried Life explores life goals with SIUE

LINDSEY OYLER / Alestle A&E Editor

Other than the fact that the audience kept trying to kiss the performers, Campus Activity Board's "The Buried Life" production on Tuesday night at SIUE was inspirational to say the least.

With their five-year anniversary in February, the cast of "The Buried Life" runs a television project on MTV recording the actions of four guys (Ben Nemtin, Dave Lingwood, Duncan Penn and Jonnie Penn) attempting to complete a list of things they want to do before they die. Their director is Brad Tiemann of Alton.

The guys are in charge of filming, editing and sending the episodes in full for MTV to air without any further edits.

The list counts 100 items for structure, but changes and morphs along with their passions, according to Lingwood.

"We use the structure of one hundred just cause it sounds nice, but no, we'll keep on going even after we cross off a hundred things," Lingwood said.

Eighty-four items have been completed on the list thus far.

"The Buried Life" used a Powerpoint-style presentation to show their successes and inspire the audience, welcoming their audience to come up to the microphones and share "what they want to do before they die."

Students shared their dreams of starting a charity for children in the fine arts, meeting their biological parents and even experiencing 10 seconds of zero gravity.

Lingwood said streaking at a Kansas City Wizards game was the most nerve-racking item on the list that has been completed. However, the personal items that are completed for other people bring about a "certain feeling" in the crew.

"The emotional ones are different



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Talking on Tuesday night, Duncan Penn of The Buried Life tells about his mission to reunite a son with his biological father. Fans are encouraged to contact The Buried Life and telling them what they want to do before they die at facebook.com/tbl or by emailing them at crew@theburiedlife.com

because each person affects us in a different way," Lingwood said. "We are entering someone's life, so it's kind of hard to put one above the other."

Nemtin recalled their first project, a man named Brent who needed a truck for his small business.

"We got a used car salesman to sell us a \$2,100 truck for \$480. We gave it to him and we keep in touch with him to this day. He since has gone back to school to finish his high school degree and has started another, different business. It was the first time we had ever made a real difference in somebody's life," Nemtin said.

Nemtin said that was when the project truly awed the group.

"We didn't start the project to make a

TV show, we started the project because we had this feeling," Nemtin said.

To date, Duncan is the only one in the group to have finished his degree. Lingwood has been taking online courses and has only a year left.

"It got to the point where we had to make a decision to put all of our time, a hundred percent, into the project to make it happen," Lingwood said.

Nemtin said No. 11 on the list is to eventually finish a college degree, but said he does not have the entire list memorized.

Nemtin also admitted that one of their longed-for goals was to meet and "play ball" with the president. Their persistence helped in their success to finally meet him, after trying several times and being told

"no."

"Obama was like the coolest dad you've ever met," Nemtin said. "He was an amazing guy, we were totally shocked. It was another test to the project. We really didn't ever think it would happen. It just proved to us again that you can do anything you want if you put your mind to it."

The episode including President Obama has yet to air.

Aside from advancing their own lives, "The Buried Life" cast still assists people in need with their personal goals.

"Just if we feel a connection to them, if we feel like they really mean it, [we help them]," Nemtin said. "If it means something to them and it means something to us, then we do it."

Theater major Holli Patterson of Campbell Hill went up to the microphone during the show. She talked about how her grandfather used to sing country music to her as a kid, and later passed away. Her goal was to sing on television, in memory of her grandfather.

"The Buried Life" then told her to sing and maybe she would be able to sing for MTV. Patterson sang "Amazing Grace."

The cast of "The Buried Life" said Patterson's goal is what the project is about. Their name comes from the feeling of trying to find your purpose.

"The Buried Life" is named after a poem written by Matthew Arnold about 150 years ago and it talks about day to day things burying you and you lose sight of what you're actually passionate about," Lingwood said. "Jonnie got assigned it in English class and we were like... isn't that interesting, that 150 years ago, people still had that same feeling of being lost?"

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Presented by the Provost and Vice Provost

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



1 Alisha Abbott

Nominated by: Michelle Welter, Kimmel Leadership Center
Hometown: Mechanicsburg, IL
Major: Mass Communications
GPA: 3.95
Graduating: December 2011
Career Goal: To earn a Master's degree in higher education administration and work in student affairs at a college or university.

Accomplishments: An SIUE Meridian Scholar, Alisha has been on the Deans' List for 7 semesters; but, she still finds time to volunteer for Ronald McDonald House, American Cancer Society "Relay for Life", the Make a Wish Foundation, and the Salvation Army. She is a member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity along with Golden Key and Phi Eta Sigma honoraries. Alisha has polished her design and marketing skills by working on campus at Print & Design, where she helps student organizations and departments get their messages across in unique and eye-catching ways. Her desire to help new freshmen make a smooth transition to SIUE prompted Alisha to serve as a Springboard Student Leader with the Office of Admissions for two summers. But her two favorite SIUE experiences were actually done in other locations...one as a Disney intern in Florida and the other at a four week Spanish immersion program in Costa Rica. "I realized that no matter where you go, you are never really alone if you open up and learn from the people around you."

2 Megan Buckley

Nominated by: Dr. Jessica DeSpain, English Language and Literature
Hometown: Waterloo, IL
Major: English Language and Literature
GPA: 3.78
Graduating: May 2011
Career Goal: To become an editor

Accomplishments: Megan supplemented her major in English with minors in linguistics and environmental sciences. During her time at SIUE, she had the opportunity to explore these interests by studying abroad in Liverpool, participating in the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) program, and serving as a member of the

Student Organization for Sustainability. Through her URCA research with the Southwestern Illinois Dialect Project, Megan conceptualized a project for her senior assignment that considered slang's legitimacy as a means of communication across several centuries. When not busy studying language, Megan volunteers at the Watershed Nature Center and International Institute of St. Louis. Megan says her experiences at SIUE "...have shaped me into a lifelong analytical thinker and have improved my communication skills."

3 Paul Cayo

Nominated by: Dr. H. Felix Lee, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
Hometown: Smithboro, IL
Major: Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering
GPA: 3.94
Graduating: May 2011
Career Goal: To solve complex and challenging problems

Accomplishments: While tackling a dual degree, Paul managed to work on campus in the School of Engineering, lead several student organizations, and rack up numerous honors. And he's named to the Deans' List every semester! Paul loves to solve problems, and he's been able to do that both inside and outside the classroom. He helped Bond Christian Service Camp manage information more effectively by designing three databases and an online registration system for them. Paul is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society, SIUE Joint Engineering Student Council, Institute of Industrial Engineers, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and the Christian Student Fellowship. His favorite class was IME483, Production Planning and Control, where "I had to know how to apply every concept we learned in the class, how to integrate the material, and how to keep each person motivated to do his or her job. And we finished the project on time."

4 Courtney Cyrier

Nominated by: Jaclyn Weisenborn, University Housing
Hometown: Oregon, IL
Major: Biology Medical Sciences

GPA: 3.82
Graduating: May 2011
Career Goal: To obtain her Master's degree in physician assistant studies and obtain certification as a Licensed Physician Assistant

Accomplishments: Courtney's minor in Spanish and her love for children inspired her career goal of being a physician assistant working in pediatrics with a largely underserved Hispanic population. She also hopes to travel to remote parts of the world to provide much needed medical care. At SIUE, Courtney works on campus at the Evergreen Hall front desk, volunteers as a STAR with the Office of Admissions, is a member of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority, the Biology Club, and the Pre-Med Association. Doing all this didn't stop her from being named to the Deans' List for six semesters or inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society. Courtney puts it very well: "My undergraduate study has taught me that an interest in learning about different fields should not be impeded by a lack of congruence or practicality between the two. All fields of education can find some level on which to relate."

5 Allyson Doty

Nominated by: Dr. Ann Popkess, Nursing
Hometown: Beecher City, IL
Major: Nursing
GPA: 4.00
Graduating: December 2011
Career Goal: To be a nurse in a critical care hospital setting

Accomplishments: Allyson got a jump start on her career by working as a Certified Nurse Assistant throughout her college experience. While serving the School of Nursing as a tutor, undergraduate curriculum committee member, diversity service learning committee member, and a member of the Student Nurses' Association, Allyson still found time to focus on her studies...being named to the Deans' List six semesters and inducted into the honor societies of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key, and National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Through her participation in the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) program, Allyson learned to prioritize so that she she could gain valuable research experience and still excel in the

classroom. In addition to doing an externship with Barnes Jewish Hospital Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Unit this summer, Allyson is excited because "...I'm joining a medical mission trip to South America to share my compassion for health, faith, and education."

6 Renée Dow

Nominated by: Dr. Eva Ferguson, Psychology
Hometown: West Peoria, IL
Major: Psychology
GPA: 4.00
Graduating: May 2010
Career Goal: To obtain her Master's degree in art therapy counseling

Accomplishments: An SIUE Meridian Scholar, Renée has achieved much during her time here. She is a member of the Psychology Club, Psi Chi psychology honorary, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Phi Kappa Phi honor society, and Key Club. Her research interests culminated in an honors thesis through the Robert J. McLaughlin Psychology Honors Academy, exploring the effect of family upbringing and culture on creativity in visual art. Renée showcased her talents in the River Bluff Review, Dance in Concert, Phi Kappa Phi paper competition (1st place) and Psi Chi paper presentation (1st place). She has worked on campus as a tutor and at Starbucks, and gained hands-on art therapy experience at a number of agencies including a relief mission trip to Kenya. Renée says that her experiences at SIUE have helped her "...come to a greater understanding of the field of psychology, of research in general, and of myself."

7 Ashley Hemrich

Nominated by: Dr. Laura Pawlow, Psychology
Hometown: Newton, IL
Major: Psychology
GPA: 3.78
Graduating: December 2011
Career Goal: To obtain her Ph.D. in adult clinical or experimental psychology to one day treat those with eating disorders

Accomplishments: A Deans' List student, Ashley found her niche through participation in the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) program under the guidance of her mentor, Dr. Pawlow. There

may not seem to be a link between this former pageant queen helping those with self-esteem and body-esteem issues...but Ashley says, "I consider it my responsibility to serve my community as a role model to young adults and help them reach their full potential." Ashley's research as part of URCA and the Robert J. McLaughlin Honors Academy: "Analyzing Health, Weight, and Attractiveness...Is Tanner Better?" was selected to be presented at the Midwest Psychological Conference in May 2011.

8 Justin Kinney

Nominated by: Dr. David Cluphf, Kinesiology and Health Education
Hometown: Belleville, IL
Major: Physical Education Teacher Education
GPA: 3.89
Graduating: May 2011
Career Goal: To improve the lives of children by inspiring lifelong participation in exercise and wellness

Accomplishments: Justin enjoyed fitness and sports so much in high school and college that he decided to make a career out of it. His field experiences and volunteer work, along with research both inside and outside the classroom, have "...made me the pre-service teacher I needed to be so I could become the teacher I want to be." Justin has volunteered with youth fitness programs on and off campus, including serving as a coach for Young Athletes in the Special Olympics program. This Deans' List student has focused his research and practical work on changing the image of physical education in the schools to being a necessary, core subject that focuses on each child's strengths and interests.

9 Melissa Korn

Nominated by: Dr. James Panico, Special Education and Communication Disorders
Hometown: St. Louis, MO
Major: Speech Language-Pathology and Audiology
GPA: 3.95
Graduating: May 2011
Career Goal: To become a speech-language pathologist serving underprivileged and underserved populations

Accomplishments: Melissa returned to SIUE

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for a second degree as the result of her volunteer work with Mission St. Louis, a community outreach and empowerment program both in Edwardsville and St. Louis. She stated "...my future career as a speech-language pathologist is deeply rooted in the desire to teach, inspire, and empower others." As a Resident Assistant at Cougar Village, Melissa saw the need to provide support to the families who struggle to balance their academic and personal lives. She started two programs, a mentoring program for the children who attend the Family Resource Center before- and after-school programs and the Cougar Village Women's Study Group. Melissa serves the School of Education as a member of the Dean's Dozen, is a member of Kappa Delta Pi honor society, Phi Eta Sigma honorary, Golden Key honor society, Phi Kappa Phi honorary, and Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity.

10 Cody Rincker

Nominated by: Dr. Brad Hewitt, Intercollegiate Athletics
Hometown: Strasburg, IL
Major: Physical Education Teacher Education
GPA: 3.87
Graduating: May 2011
Career Goal: To become a teacher/coach and challenge students to succeed to the best of their abilities

Accomplishments: Cody strives to succeed both on and off the court. As a member of the SIUE Men's Basketball team, Cody was honored as an Ohio Valley Conference Scholar Athlete in 2010 and has been named to the Deans' List for five consecutive semesters. His love of the game prompted him to volunteer at several youth basketball camps and serve as a coach for Young Athletes with Special Olympics. Cody collaborated with the SIUE Early Childhood Center to offer children and their parents an assessment of physical skills in a fun and non-intimidating setting. Finishing up his student teaching assignment in a local middle school, Cody stated that "...during my experience I have felt prepared for any situation that has come up due to my preparation. I knew from the start of my program that I had made the right choice in becoming an educator and led me to become a more confident, better prepared teacher."

11 Robert Santos

Nominated by: Dr. Anne Powell, Computer Management and Information Systems
Hometown: Mascoutah, IL
Major: Computer Management and Information Systems
GPA: 3.83
Graduating: December 2011
Career Goal: To run his own interactive media company focusing on website, software, and video game development

Accomplishments: Robert founded his own company as a high school junior...but he wanted the skills and experience a degree from the School of Business would give him. He says, "I learned to do the work as I went along which was exciting; but, it left me with a lot of room for growth." Robert credits his involvement in a co-op placement through the Career Development Center, participation in the Collegiate Entrepreneurs' Organization (CEO), and his courses with polishing his business practices. Robert is a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society and Beta Gamma Sigma honorary. "Graduation will not be the end of my relationship with SIUE...but rather the beginning as I move on to new challenges and find new ways to contribute to the SIUE community."

12 Natalee Schwalb

Nominated by: Dr. Sonia Zamanou-Erickson, Speech Communication
Hometown: Edwardsville, IL
Major: Speech Communication
GPA: 3.87
Graduating: August 2011
Career Goal: To earn a Master's degree in corporate and organizational communication and work in training and development

Accomplishments: Natalee has been busy during her time at SIUE. This Deans' List student founded a new organization, the Organizational Communication Student Association, and also served as public relations officer. She is a member of Phi Kappa Phi and Lambda Pi Eta honor societies, and received the 2010 Communication Award in Speech Communication as well as the 2010 Esteemed Non-traditional Student Award. While Natalee has been successful both inside and

outside the classroom, she claims her most rewarding experience during her time here was not receiving these honors or accolades. Her Senior Assignment involved working with Opal's House, a shelter and abuse intervention agency for women and children. Natalee says, "I found the fulfillment that I gained through watching the women grow in confidence and ability was all the reward I could ever ask for. I came away far richer, in mind, body, and spirit. And I learned far more than I taught."

13 Courtney Smith

Nominated by: Dr. Barbara O'Donnell, Curriculum and Instruction
Hometown: Morton, IL
Major: Elementary Education
GPA: 3.95
Graduating: May 2011
Career Goal: To teach middle school mathematics

Accomplishments: A transfer student, Courtney jumped right into life at SIUE. She has been named to the Deans' List every semester, and serves as an executive board member of Kappa Delta Pi international honor society. Through her involvement in this organization, Courtney has volunteered for projects such as Literacy Alive in a local school district, Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army, Hope Center, and local food banks. Courtney also provides tutoring at the Madison County Juvenile Detention Center. She says, "the comprehensive and competitive elementary education program at SIUE has given me a tremendous amount of experience in diversity. My involvement with Kappa Delta Pi provided me additional opportunities to become fully prepared for the challenges I will face in my teaching career."

14 Sydney Stahlberg

Nominated by: Dr. Brad Hewitt, Intercollegiate Athletics
Hometown: Morton, IL
Major: Biology Medical Sciences
GPA: 3.80
Graduating: May 2011
Career Goal: To attend medical school and become a physician

Accomplishments: It can be challenging to balance academics and playing a sport at an NCAA Division I university. It's even more challenging when you're a pre-med student! But for Sydney, a member of the SIUE Women's Basketball team, it's as easy as remembering the three D's. While many "would probably think my 3-D's to get through school are Defense, Defense and more Defense...I actually evaluate the difficulty, stay disciplined, and use my determination." Sydney's system allowed her to maintain a high GPA, be named to the Deans' List, play basketball, and volunteer for projects like American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Special Olympics, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and many others. For Sydney, "whether it's holding my ground to take a charge, or trying to master one of the toughest college courses, my three D's will help me face any of the future challenges life throws my way."

15 Gabrielle Williams

Nominated by: Dr. Carolina Rocha, Foreign Languages and Literature
Hometown: Casey, IL
Major: Spanish
GPA: 3.96
Graduating: May 2011
Career Goal: To teach Spanish language and culture

Accomplishments: Gabrielle has been hard at work doing research through the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA) program, resulting in two works: "Freedom in Un lugar en el mundo and Caballos Salvajes" and "Maria llena eres de gracia: Otra mujer perdida o la imagen de inocencia." Both papers were presented at the Saint Louis University French and Spanish Student Symposium in 2010 and 2011. Gabrielle is also presenting her second paper at the 2011 SIUE Senior Showcase, representing her department. But this Deans' List student and Honors Scholar still finds time to contribute outside the classroom as well. Gabrielle is a member of Baptist Student Ministries and Christian Student Fellowship, and volunteers to aid the homeless both in St. Louis and Juarez, Mexico. She says, "...throughout my college career I have strived to live up to the excellent academic reputation of SIUE. It is an honor to be a student here."

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Ubu Roi: A comedy in the toilet (it's a good thing)

ASHLEY SEERING and BLAKE NICHOLS

Alestle Reporters

The Department of Theater and Dance will end its 2010-2011 performance season with Alfred Jerry's "Ubu Roi," a vulgar, crude production that is sure to leave you laughing, and maybe wishing you brought a change of clothes.

This unrefined parody of Shakespeare's plays "Macbeth" and "Hamlet" strives to keep the audience's attention with its humor and the use of water on stage.

The setting for "Ubu Roi" is a sewer, with the cast standing in a shallow pool of water for nearly the entire production. Kirk Dulin, who plays the lead role of Pa Ubu, said the cast had trouble finding their footing because of the slippery scenes. Waterproofing costumes was also difficult, according to Dulin.

Senior psychology major Christina Suggs of Chicago, who is a theater and dance minor, said she has been able to witness some behind-the-scenes aspects of the production, which gives her a better idea of background when she attends the show.

"There's a lot of buzz around the department about the play, and I think it's safe to say the best

thing to expect is toilet humor in a toilet, wrapped in a toilet, inside a bigger toilet," Suggs said. "It should be a lot of fun."

Laura Hanson, costume designer for "Ubu Roi," said it was hard coming up with ideas that matched the sewer theme of the play.

"Thinking of new things for props and costumes was a little difficult," Hanson said. "We had a design meeting before Christmas break and I've been working on the designs since January. The costume shop started working on the costumes at the end of February."

Director Chuck Harper said he loves the costumes and everything about the play, but there was no direct inspiration for choosing to take on "Ubu Roi."

"I've just always really liked it. It's so funny and the lead character, Pa Ubu, reminds me of Homer Simpson, and I love that it's a Shakespeare parody," Harper said.

Harper said the hardest part of directing "Ubu Roi" was portraying its unique style.

"It's not like TV, you have to get all of the actors in the same

world, and get them like-minded," Harper said.

Harper said his favorite part of the play is "working with the ensemble" because they play so many different roles.

Dulin said he had to completely break away from his usual personality to take on the part.

"I don't swear, or talk the way my character does, and I'm also a very healthy, hygienic person, unlike my character," Dulin said.

Dulin said he enjoys his character, however.



Photo by Michelle Beard/Alestle

the production.

"It's not what you think. It will be two hours of poop jokes, and it will keep you laughing," Taylor said.

The production will run at 7:30 p.m. April 13-16 and at 2 p.m. on April 17 in the Dunham Hall Theater. The show is free to all SIUE students with a valid student ID. Adult tickets are \$10 and senior tickets are \$8.

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Breaking down Obama's spending bill

Agricultural funds a vital aspect of government budget

Because of the near-government shutdown last week, a spending plan was been put in place, with Senate action expected today.

President Obama's spending plan aims to eliminate billions of dollars of funding from one of our most vital areas — agriculture.

The proposed spending bill reduces agricultural funds by \$3 billion. Along with this measure is the removal of \$10 million for food and safety inspection.

Though I understand the country is facing



Kari Williams
Opinion
Editor

one of the worst financial crises in history, cutting that much funding from the heart of the country — the farming community — causes concern. Taking funding away from one of the most important industries could cause a ripple effect that trickles down to the farms, potentially causing them to be unable to continue farming.

However, one good aspect of cutting from agriculture is that the government aid program, Women, Infants and Children, will be cut more than \$500 million. I understand that WIC serves as a supplement for low-income families with small children, who work, but can't afford baby supplies. But, cutting from federal aid programs could potentially force those who unnecessarily use, or abuse, the WIC program to find a job and work to help provide for their families, rather than relying on government assistance.

The Agricultural Research

Service, which provides services to everyone from farmers working in the fields to those in grocery stores, will be reduced by \$64 million from fiscal year 2010.

One of the best ideas to come from the spending bill is the amount of cuts to transportation, cutting funding for high-speed rail by \$2.9 billion. I never thought creating high-speed rail was necessary to begin with, and cutting funds to the project is a step in the right direction. The rail, which will cost millions of dollars, is bettering a transportation service that people only used by default, or as a last option.

In another aspect of the spending bill, the defense budget will actually be increased by about \$5 billion. While this is a tremendous amount of funding, especially at a time when just about every other program is slashing their budgets and dealing with the ramifications, the increase almost seems necessary.

By involving our country and military in affairs around the world, it's important that we keep the military well equipped for anything they might encounter. If the defense budget is lowered, and the military needs more financial support in times of war, they will not be able to pull from other funds. It is imperative that our country's defense is strong and ready for anything that comes our way—or anything that we force upon ourselves.

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Uneven budget cuts detract from economic progress

With all the talk in federal spending, deficit, debt ceiling, etc., it's easy to find yourself either lost in the language or completely uninterested. But the federal budget does affect each and every one of us in some way.

I'm not talking about burying our grandchildren in debt, I'm talking about being frisked at the airport, hoping the Mississippi River dikes doesn't flood this year or getting the most accurate weather information during tornado season.

We're all



Jill Cook
Graduate
Assistant

fairly familiar with those over-zealous Transportation Security Agency officers at the airports. TSA is part of the Department of Homeland Security, along with the United States Coast Guard and Federal Emergency Management Agency. In 2010, Homeland Security's budget was a little over \$55 billion.

The proposed budget cuts about \$1.8 billion, or around 3 percent. Considering people receive pay raises and expenses naturally go up — inflation does not affect just the cost of food — a 3 percent cut seems reasonable, especially since our government can always run a little more efficiently.

Flooding is probably an even greater concern in this part of the country. Most of us remember the flood of 1993. The Army Corps of Engineers is the agency in charge of trying to keep flooding to a minimum, and that agency is part of the Department of Energy.

The National Nuclear Security Administration and the newer renewable energies research is also part of this department.

In 2010, their budget was about \$26.5 billion; the proposed budget reduces that by about \$1.7 billion. That's more than a 6 percent cut in the budget.

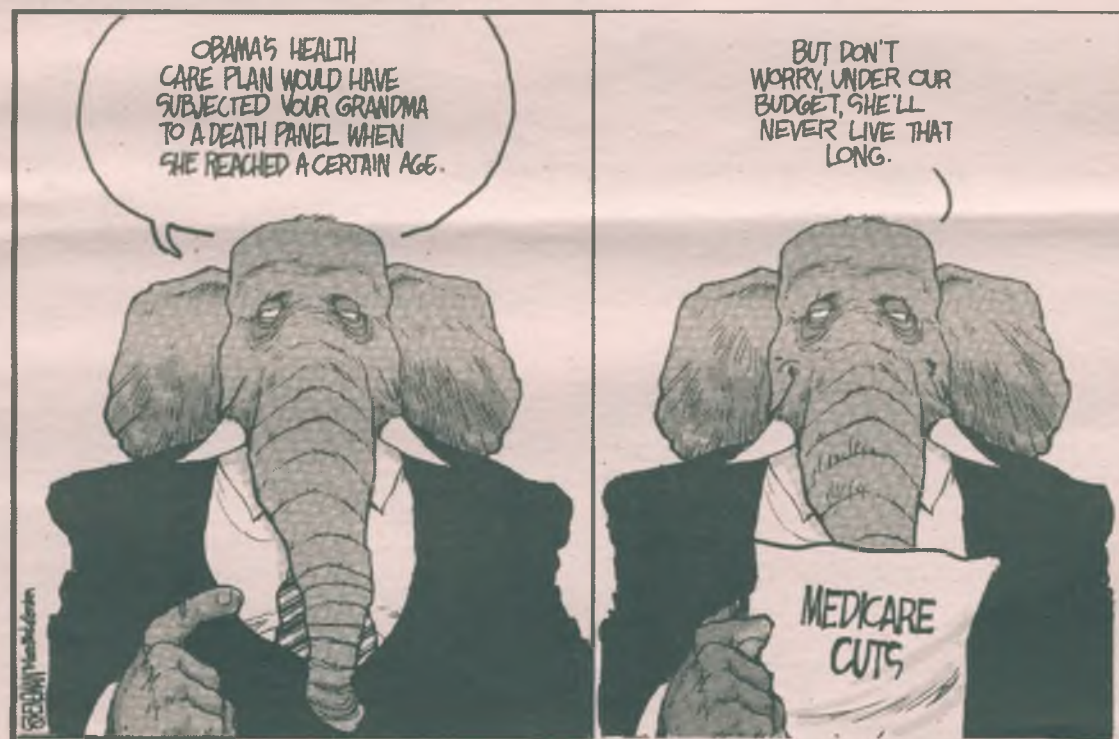
Another section of the budget often looked at is science. This section is hard to quantify in dollars because it falls under different departments. Probably the most important — to us at least — part of this budget is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In 2010, their budget was about \$5.6 billion. The planned reduction in budget is about \$56.8 million. That is only a 1 percent cut.

The disparities should be fairly obvious.

I'm not going to argue against cutting. However, to tell the American people that frisking children at airports is more important than the security of our nuclear power plants seems off. Or it seems political — and not in a good way.

It's well known that each political party has its own pet projects, which I'm sure is the reason for the disproportionate cuts. Instead of fighting to save those pet projects from the chopping block, there should be a flat rate cut across all government departments, including the Legislative and Executive branches.

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How the war funding bill grew

The supplemental bill President Barack Obama will sign is billions more than what he asked for. Here are some reasons why:

Obama's request (in billions)

\$83.4

Bill Congress passed

\$105.9

Added by Congress

8 Air Force C-17s	\$2.2 bil.
Cash for clunkers fund	\$1.0 bil.
7 Air Force C-130s	\$504 mil.
Air Force A-10 wing kits	\$150 mil.
UH-1Y, AH-1Z copters	\$100 mil.
Navy anti-piracy costs	\$20 mil.
Global health program	\$150 mil.
Foreign food assistance	\$400 mil.
Anti-narcotics funding	\$98 mil.
U.S.-Mex. border security	\$46 mil.

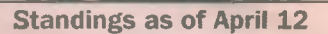
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Eastern Illinois	27-7	(14-1)
Jacksonville State	28-10	(13-3)
UT Martin	24-15	(13-4)
SIUE	19-21	(11-7)
Southeast Missouri	17-21	(11-7)
Eastern Kentucky	21-17	(8-11)
Murray State	13-21	(6-11)
Tennessee Tech	15-18	(6-11)
Morehead State	12-27	(6-12)
Austin Peay	10-30	(5-13)
Tennessee State	10-34	(4-17)

Murray State 0, SIUE 11
Jacksonville State 9, Tennessee State 1
Austin Peay 5, UT Martin 2

7 games scheduled

Toledo at Morehead State (DH)
Memphis at Murray State
SIU Carbondale at UT Martin
Western Kentucky at Tennessee Tech
Illinois at Eastern Illinois

Jacksonville State	23-10	(6-3)
Austin Peay	15-16	(5-3)
Eastern Illinois	10-19	(5-3)
Southeast Missouri	18-14	(4-4)
Murray State	13-17	(4-4)
Tennessee Tech	13-17	(3-3)
Eastern Kentucky	10-22	(3-6)
UT Martin	9-22	(2-4)
Morehead State	5-25	(1-3)
SIUE*	11-19	

SIUC 8, Southeast Missouri 13
Jacksonville State 7, Troy 6
Austin Peay 6, Western Kentucky 17
Eastern Illinois 4, Illinois 1

SIUE at Missouri

Morehead State at E. Kentucky (DH)
SIUE at Murray State (DH)
Austin Peay at Jacksonville State (DH)
Tennessee Tech at Eastern Illinois (DH)
UT Martin at Southeast Missouri (DH)

* - Team ineligible for postseason



Standings as of April 12

National League Central

Cincinnati	8-3	--
Milwaukee	5-5	2.5
Pittsburgh	5-5	2.5
Chicago Cubs	5-6	3.0
St. Louis	4-7	4.0
Houston	3-8	5.0

National League East

Philadelphia	7-3	--
Florida	5-5	2.0
Washington	5-5	2.0
Atlanta	5-6	2.5
NY Mets	4-6	3.0

National League West

Colorado	7-2	2.0
LA Dodgers	6-5	2.0
Arizona	5-5	2.5
San Francisco	5-6	3.0
San Diego	4-6	3.5

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First inning grand slam helps Cougars pound Murray

Three homers, Taylor's one-hit shutout propels SIUE to conference win

JASON FRAZIER
Alestle Reporter

Both the offense and pitching were clicking for SIUE softball as they won their fourth straight game after defeating Murray State 11-0 in five innings Tuesday.

Softball

SIUE did not take long getting on the scoreboard. They promptly loaded the bases in the first inning, letting junior outfielder Brianna Fulginiti step up to the plate. She then unloaded, hitting a colossal grand slam over the center field wall. SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said Fulginiti's fourth home run of the season was a big momentum builder.

"It was huge. It obviously puts everybody at ease immediately," Montgomery said. "It always helps your pitching staff when you score early."

Those four runs were more than enough run support for

senior pitcher Erika Taylor. Taylor allowed only one hit while pitching her fourth shutout of the year. She also struck out seven Racers. The victory was Taylor's 13th of the season, which leads the team.

"She threw well and had command of her pitches," Montgomery said. "She is throwing with a lot of confidence."

SIUE batters were not done creating chaos for Murray State pitchers.

Junior outfielder Paige Sheeder hit a two-run homer in the second inning to increase the Cougar lead to 6-0. She added another home run to her stat sheet when she hit a three-run shot in the fourth. Sheeder is one of the four outfielders Montgomery has rotated in and out of the lineup. Sheeder may have earned some more playing time with her performance.

"In the outfield, whoever hits is going to play. They have all been up and down at some point," Montgomery said. "Paige had a good day today. When

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SIUE COUGARS	11	8	1
MURRAY STATE	0	1	1

someone has a good day it gives them another opportunity to play."

Another member of the outfield platoon would drive in the final run of the contest in the fifth inning. Junior outfielder Megan Murphy came through with a pinch-hit double to drive home junior outfielder Lindsey Barron.

This was the third time the Cougars have faced Murray State this season. On March 22, SIUE split a doubleheader against them and both games were much closer than Tuesday's. Montgomery said she feels her team is a lot better than they were at that point in the season.

"It's the progression of the season. We are playing teams again that we saw earlier in the year," Montgomery said. "I feel like there is a distinct difference in how we are playing right now against them than we played against them before."

The Cougars have rebounded after getting off to a slow start this season. They find themselves only two games below



Photos by Rebecca Blake/Alestle
Erika Taylor pitched a complete game shutout Tuesday, good for her 13th win of the season as SIUE moved into a tie for fourth place in the Ohio Valley Conference.

.500 at 19-21, a vast improvement from their 8-16 record after their first 24 games.

"I know what we are capable of doing," Montgomery said. "Now we are playing with some confidence and poise."

In their last 13 OVC games, SIUE is 9-4. Their conference record is 11-7 for the season and the Cougars are tied with Southeast Missouri for fourth place in the conference.

"We are in a really good place right now," Montgomery said. "We need to continue to win and give ourselves a chance to win the

conference tournament."

The decisive victory got SIUE off to a good start on their upcoming string of road games. Their next seven games will be away from Cougar Field.

"Every win you can get on the road is a plus," Montgomery said. "It's not easy to win on the road."

SIUE will play a three-game series this weekend against OVC opponent Eastern Kentucky.

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Photos by Rebecka Blake/Alestle
Brianna Fulginiti hit a grand slam in the first inning of Tuesday's softball game at Murray State. Fulginiti had five RBI's in the Cougars' 11-0 victory.

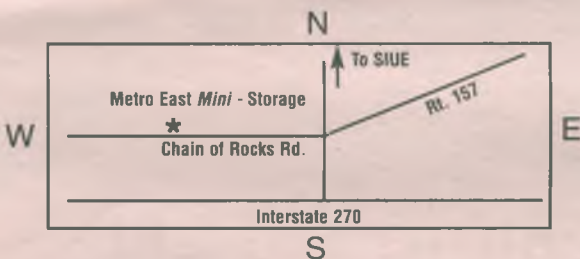
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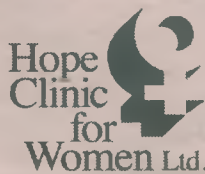
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Season-long slide continues into final week of the season

JASON FRAZIER
Alestle Reporter

After another defeat, the SIUE men's tennis team has just two more chances to get a win.

Men's tennis

The Cougars dropped a 6-1 decision Tuesday to SIU Carbondale, making Head Coach Jason Coomer and his men's team 0-13 on the year.

"We played well today," Coomer said. "We just could not get over the hump."

The Cougars latest losing effort had some close matches in singles play.

Paulo Gonzalez lost to Adam Fabik 7-6, 6-4, and Michael Chamberlain was on the losing end of a closely contested 6-4, 5-7, 1-0 defeat to Carlos Do Val.

The Cougars did get a win from senior Ryan Vogt in one of his final collegiate matches.

Vogt battled back after dropping a first set tiebreaker and defeated Jordan Snyder 6-7, 6-4, 1-0 (10-4) to get the only point for the Cougars on the afternoon.

Coomer said Vogt never gave up in his match.

"Ryan played a solid match for us. He is the type of guy that is going to claw and scrape to the end," Coomer said. "He very easily could have folded after the first set. His determination helped him get the win."



Photo by Jessica Moore/Alestle
Jacob Tanulanond and Ryan Vogt dropped their match at No. 3 doubles 8-6 Tuesday as SIUE fell to 0-13 on the season with a 6-1 loss to SIU Carbondale.

The Cougars' only other victory on the day came in doubles play, where Gonzalez and Justin Spicer picked up an 8-3 win at the No. 1 spot. However, the Cougars were not able to get the doubles point because they fell short in No. 2 and 3 doubles.

"It was a tough one to swallow. No. 1 doubles came out and played well," Coomer said. "Both of the other doubles

matches came down to one break in serve."

The Cougars have played a full Division I schedule this season, and the road has not been easy up to this point. Despite losing, Coomer said the challenges are necessary and an easier schedule would compromise a successful future for the tennis program.

"We played a tough schedule



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this year. We are looking at the big picture and have two more years before we are eligible for postseason play," Coomer said. "We will continue to play the best teams, which will make us better in the long run."

The Cougars never play with their heads down, and appear to the naked eye appear to be a team preparing for the postseason. Instead, Coomer's team is winless. He commended his team's effort despite the rough times they have had on the court.

"One thing about our guys is they will never quit. From a

coaching standpoint, that is all you can ask your players," Coomer said.

Five of the eight players will return next season. While the season may have been a disappointment in the win and loss column, the season has still had value for the future of men's tennis.

"Our younger players have got a lot of good experience," Coomer said. "If this match was played at the beginning of the season, I don't think it would have been nearly as close."

The season concludes for the men this weekend at home. They face Creighton at 2 p.m. Friday and Western Kentucky at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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expectations for themselves and I set some for myself, but I've definitely exceeded them. I've surprised myself."

Caldwell, fresh off a two-home run game Saturday against UT Martin, said the biggest lesson he has learned in the first two months of his collegiate career is how to adjust to the differences in the strike zone from high school.

"I've learned how different it is at this level," Caldwell said. "It took me a while to adjust. In high school you could get by with just talent. Here there's a lot more fundamentals in winning; you have to do the little things to win."

Being inexperienced can lead to mistakes. In the ninth inning of the March 19 home game against Creighton, Caldwell led off an inning with a double to left field and was thrown out trying to stretch the hit into a triple. The Cougars still went on to tie the game, only to lose it in the 10th inning.

Four days later against Bradley, wind gusts upward of 25 mph played a role in two fly balls Caldwell missed in right field that lead to a five-run inning for the Braves. However, Caldwell exemplified poise in putting the mistakes in the past.

"I used to let things bother me," Caldwell said. "I've learned at this level that no one cares what you did yesterday. You need to move on and do better the next day."

Collins said his right fielder's

mentality is one that stands out amongst others.

"He feels as bad as anyone else when he screws up," Collins said. "But he puts it aside and plays on and that's what you have to do at this level. There's no perfect player in this game."

Collins, who has held the reigns of the SIUE baseball team for 33 years, paid his young right-fielder a hefty compliment and said he has seen few players that match the skill level of Caldwell at the plate.

"Probably overall offensively, Devin [Caldwell] might very well be the best freshman I've had," Collins said. "I've had two freshmen that by their sophomore year are as good as he is now."

Collins compared Caldwell to former Cougar right fielder Dave Crouthers who only played at SIUE for three seasons (1999-01). Collins said if Crouthers had stayed all four seasons he would have held several school records, as he currently ranks in the top 10 in many offensive categories.

"He would have been second in hits, might've been first," Collins said. "He would have been first in home runs and doubles, I'm sure. Devin's going to threaten some of those records."

Collins also had high praises for his young shortstop.

"Best defensive shortstop I've had as a freshman by far," Collins said.

By the time both Green and Caldwell become juniors, the team will be finished with its transition into the Division I ranks and will be fully eligible to

compete in the postseason. With Green and Caldwell leading a team that only boasts three seniors into the future, Collins said he expects his recruiting to pay off.

"That was our goal, that was when we were fully eligible to be good enough to be in the tournament, to be one of the top six teams," Collins said. "Obviously, someday we'd like to be a front-runner. I think they'll be the kind of guys that'll lead this team. They're mentally tough."

Green, who like many that play the shortstop position in the area, grew up idolizing Cardinals' Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith. Green said the opportunity to play in the post-season someday is one that excites him. Green also said the team is already a contender within its conference.

"I can't wait," Green said. "We've played two OVC teams already and I feel like we have been better than both teams we've played. Yeah, we lost two out of three this weekend, but we're better than UT Martin. We should have won those games."

Caldwell, one of the few baseball players that opts to bat without batting gloves, is aware of the team's future potential.

"We've had conversations about if we all stay here until we're seniors the potential we have to do something great," Caldwell said. "I hope to keep everyone here. As we gain experience we are going to win a lot of games."

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