

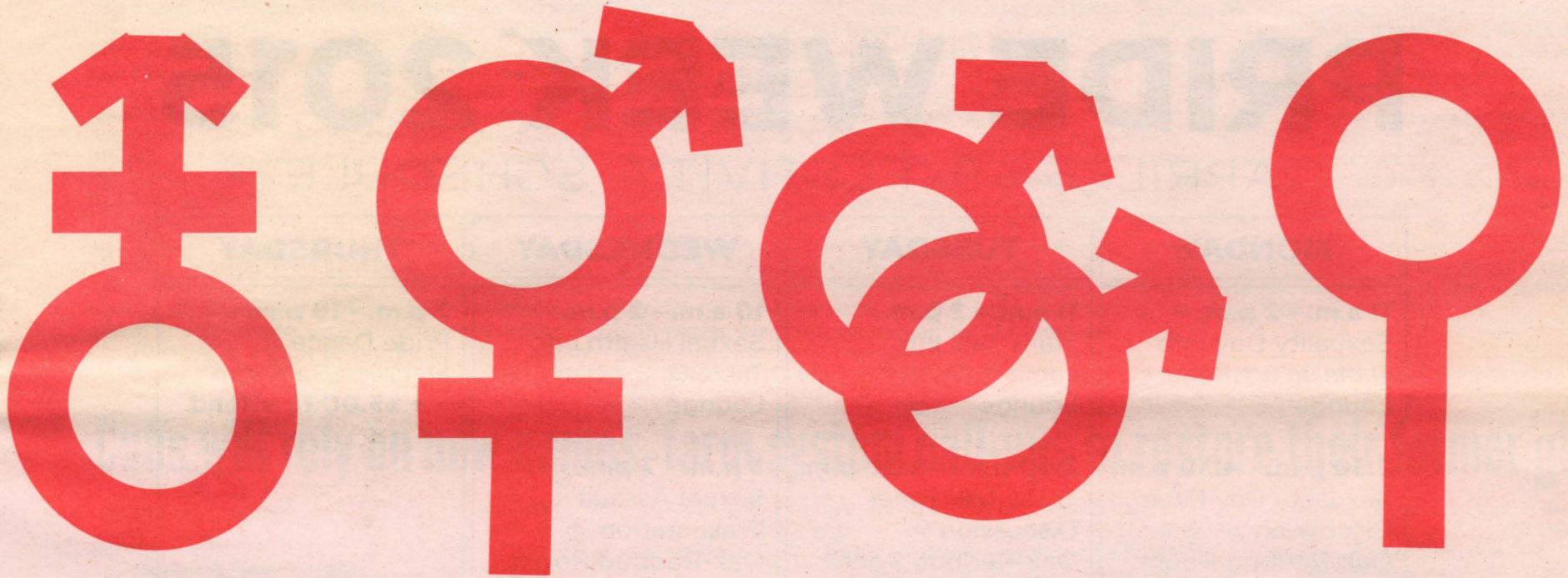
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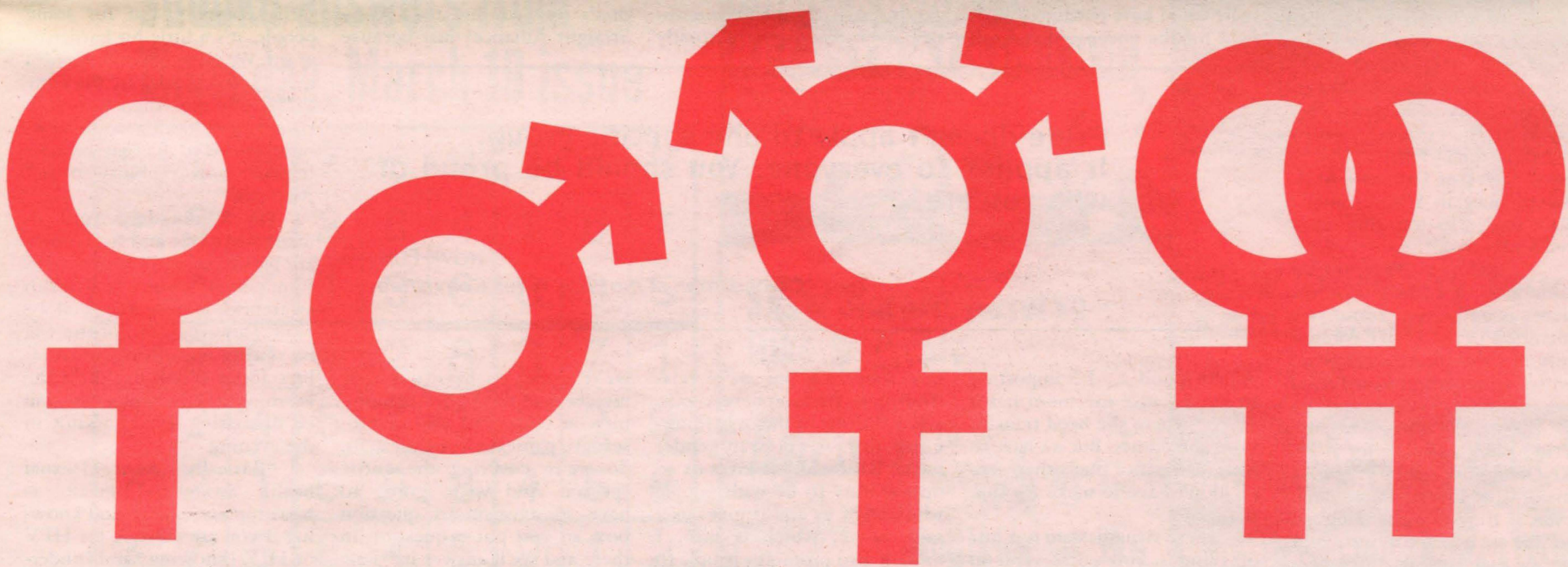


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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<p>11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sexuality Day Info Table @ Goshen Lounge</p> <p>2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sexuality Day Panel Discussion @ Oak-Redbud Room</p>	<p>11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Trans Talk Info Table @ Goshen Lounge</p> <p>2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Trans Talk Panel Discussion @ Oak-Redbud Room</p>	<p>10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sexual Health Info Table @ Goshen Lounge</p> <p>5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Sexual Assault Presentation @ Oak-Redbud Room</p>	<p>7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Pride Dance @ Meridian Ballroom + \$5.00 to attend</p>

Delta Lambda Phi to host first SIUE Pride Week Students encouraged to participate, support LGBT community

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Alestle Reporter

For the first time, the university's fraternal organization Delta Lambda Phi is hosting an entire week for celebrating the diversity among people on campus.

Dre Rice, chairman of the Pride Week Committee of Delta Lambda Phi and a sophomore mass communications major from Edwardsville, said this week is for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community to help people learn about them. From Monday, April 6 through Thursday, April 9, there will be events all over campus.

"Pride Week is a week of [LGBT] themed events because there are a lot of groups that have info weeks and they have their own little info tables — like I know the [National Pan-Hellenic Council] does info weeks for their organizations — but there aren't really LGBT related tables or like info weeks except once in a blue moon," Rice said. "To me, this represents advocacy."

According to Rice, the encouragement from fellow students is important to not only members of the LGBT community, but also to the campus as a whole in moving toward modern times.

Briana Stewart, who is a Pride Week delegate for Alpha Xi Delta and a junior English major from Effingham, said that even as times are changing and people are becoming more accepting of each other's differences, LGBT people still face obstacles every day.

"People have started to open up to the idea of LGBT, but it's still a huge issue and I

know that because I have so many friends in the LGBT community. I still hear stories of people being made fun of and bashed on social media or they aren't included in certain activities simply because they are gay or lesbian," Stewart said.

Co-chairman of the Pride Week Committee of Delta Lambda Phi Travis Fulk, a senior biology major from Effingham, said homosexuals are not allowed by the Food and Drug Administration to donate blood without making a personal sacrifice.

"Red Cross has openly come out and said they would allow gay people to donate blood if the government would allow it, but the FDA doesn't allow it," Fulk said. "That's partially why I have remained abstinent for the purpose that I can

wanted us to apply for gender-neutral housing, when we're not gender neutral," Fulk said. "I know a lot of people in the LGBT community are uncomfortable doing the same things that heterosexual couples would do just because they feel like they'll either be looked at or seen differently than anyone else. And that includes anything from like holding hands or kissing or anything in public. To a degree, you can argue that and just say it's because they're uncomfortable with it, but also to a degree, it's true. We see it. We don't make it up."

In order to cope with this adversity, Rice said Delta Lambda Phi and events like Pride Week were created.

"We're the fraternity for gay, bisexual, trans and progressive men. We're not a totally

are all completely different things. And they're just not covered in the other weeks. This week is more about including everyone [and] not making it exclusively about the LGBT community, but trying to include everyone and kind of say why it's different based on how you identify," Fulk said.

The week will kick off with a sexuality day on Monday, April 6, which will focus on awareness for the various sexual orientations that fall under the LGBT spectrum, as well as others. There will be an informative table during the day and a panel for people to ask questions about different forms of sexual expression.

"I'm most excited for the Sexuality Panel on Monday, and that's hosted by the [Gay-Straight Alliance] just because

"And that's actually one that I'm going to be speaking in because there are transgender people on this campus ..." Rice said. "I'm going to give general information about what trans means, what it means to say you're transgender and have people ask questions because it's kind of awkward sometimes to go up to somebody and ask them questions when you don't know them."

In fact, Rice said the event he is most excited about is the Trans Talk on Tuesday because it will help bring understanding to a topic that is not fully understood today.

"Of all the groups in the LGBT community, I think that trans is one of the most misunderstood because it's not necessarily complex, but for some people, it's a little bit harder to grasp. We grow up with the idea that sex and gender are the same thing and that there are only two genders. So, I'm really looking forward to Tuesday because it gives more visibility to us," Rice said.

On Wednesday, April 8, many sororities and fraternities are participating in order to inform people about sexual health awareness, as well as sexual assault. Stewart said sororities will be setting up informational tables about sexual health in the morning and the fraternities will be discussing sexual assault in the evening.

"Basically what [sexual health awareness] means is knowing your status and knowing if you are positive for HPV or HIV, [knowing] and [understanding] what it means to be sexually aware of your own health," Stewart said. "We're going to have tables up in the

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Travis Fulk

Co-chairman of the Pride Week Committee

donate blood. ... It's important to me because my mom has a disease where she needs transfusions sometimes. But we have to make a sacrifice that other people don't have to make for that purpose."

These struggles are not just off campus. Fulk said several on-campus problems are surfacing as well.

"I'm actually in this situation right now, where one of my roommates for next year is a transgender man and they

new fraternity, but we're relatively new. We accept everybody, and we're one of the only fraternities that accept transgender men," Rice said. "It gives us an opportunity to be with people who accept us and it gives us a safer space, which is nice. I think it also promotes people to be open with themselves."

Although Student Government hosts Sex Week, Fulk said Pride Week is more inclusive.

"Sex, orientation, gender identity and sexual expression

we're going to have not only members of the LGBT community on there, but also heterosexuals, pansexuals and asexuals. So we're covering the entire spectrum. And we're going to have an anonymous question box, so you put a question in there and we'll answer it," Fulk said.

Tuesday, April 7 will be more specific, consisting of a Trans Talk. Rice will be speaking at the occasion in order to bring clarity on what it means to be transgendered.

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going to have tables up in the Goshen [Lounge] and basically we are going to try to raise sexual awareness about yourself. We're going to be handing out condoms. If you can roll on a condom onto bananas correctly, you're going to get a blow pop. And we're going to have sexual awareness facts and stuff too."

The week's festivities will be concluded with a dance on Thursday, April 9. Fulk said the purpose of the dance is to give people an opportunity to jubilate themselves.

"The dance is just to kind of bring a nice light feeling to the end of the week. The dance is for anyone to attend and it's supposed to be a celebration — not a celebration of LGBT and not a celebration of heterosexuality; it's supposed to be a celebration of you. So, that's what we're going for and that's why we're calling it the Pride Dance," Fulk said. "Pride doesn't apply to one specific group. It applies to everyone. You should be proud of who you are."

Students are not the only people who will be attending the Pride Dance. Stewart said drag queens from the metropolitan area may also make an appearance.

"[Delta Lambda Phi] is trying to get drag queens to be at the dance, both students that dress in drag and they're also trying to get outside drag queens from the St. Louis area to come in," Stewart said.

While the week is all about rejoicing in the contrasts between people and offering support to peers, Fulk said the most crucial part of the week is the information it will provide students with.

"I think it's really important because while there are a lot of people, especially now, who are supportive of LGBT rights and things like that, they're just honestly misinformed about some things. And the reason it's so important to me is because I've seen the misinformation and I've seen it passed on," Fulk said.

"SIUE is a very LGBT-friendly campus. We have a 4.5 out of 5 ranking on the LGBT scale, so that's really nice. But when you go out of SIUE, out of this safe space, there are more things that we deal with. And education is the best tool," Fulk added.

Pride Week is not only a triumph for members of the LGBT community. It is a week that is giving people an opportunity to learn about a subject that impacts most people's lives.

Stewart said Pride Week is breaking a fence that often separates people.

"I think there's this barrier between the LGBT community and other students and it's like, 'I don't want to offend people by asking, so I'm just not going to ask.' And what Pride Week is doing is taking down that barrier and saying, 'It's okay to ask questions. It's okay to not understand or not know what this means, but here we are and we want to explain and educate you on it,'" Stewart said.

No matter how educated people feel on a subject, there is always room for improvement. Fulk said even people who are accepting of the LGBT populace, misinformation can be destructive.

"Issues as far as prejudice and being uninformed and not knowing it, those transcend to more than just college and high school students. Those are fluid all throughout society. So those things need to be addressed," Fulk said. "So even if you feel like you are an informed person, going to these events to show that you want to either expand your knowledge or reinforce what you already know, I think that just kind of says something about you as a person, especially if you have the option to do it."

Since Delta Lambda Phi created this week in order to help students learn, Stewart said as students there is only one thing we should do — engage.

"The best thing an SIUE student can do on Pride Week is just go to things. If you see a meeting or an activity, just go, attend and participate — be a part of it," Stewart said.

Most of the events taking place during Pride Week are free and Fulk said the objective of the week is to get students to partake in it.

"The best thing that could happen would be turn out. So having people come to the events would be the best thing," Fulk said. "The week is not about making money, fundraising or anything like that. It's strictly about being informative. So having lots of people show up to all of the events would be really nice."

Delta Lambda Phi is not the only organization that is hoping for attendance at Pride Week's events. Although it is hosting Pride Week, Rice said several organizations and people are involved who are not even part of the LGBT community, including people in the Inter-Fraternal Council and the Pan-Hellenic Council.

Due to many stereotypes of fraternities being discriminatory

against homosexuals, Fulk said assistance from fellow Greeks on campus holds importance.

"It probably means more to us than anything else, the fact that [other organizations] are helping, especially in fraternity and Greek life because there are still fraternities in the United States that openly do not allow you to be gay and be in their organization," Fulk said. "If you are gay, they ask you to go back in the closet or they just don't let you join. ... So, the fact that they are taking that step to prove that Greek life on campus is really open and trying to be diverse is really nice."

Despite the help Delta Lambda Phi has had in preparing for Pride Week, Fulk said it has been working hard to plan this event since last year.

"We put a lot of work into it because it's the first one, so it's obviously going to take the most amount of planning. We spent months on it, we've been working on it since last semester. It's definitely exciting to be this close and get ready to start it and kick it off," Fulk said.

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New dean for School of Education, Health and Human Behavior

Recently appointed Curt Lox discusses future plans, university enrollment

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Curt Lox was recently chosen as the new dean for the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior. Lox was appointed dean of the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior in early March 2015 by the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Parviz Ansari.

Lox, who obtained his Ph.D. in kinesiology from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign previously served as chairman of the Department of Kinesiology and Health Education from 2009 to 2014 and was chosen as interim dean for SIUE in June 2014. Among several high-priority goals, Lox plans to increase enrollment rates and alleviate potential threats that upcoming budget cuts present.

After a selection process by a search committee charged by Ansari, he was forwarded the names of a few candidates, from which he selected Lox. Ansari said he selected Lox because he exhibited the most potential for the job.

"Every time we're having a new dean, the question would be, 'What is it that this person can do for the school as an advocate of that school?' Being able to make sure that the school is on the right track and being able to move forward as a member of the university and as such, he has done a good job and I believe that he will be able to carry the mission of the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior in a meaningful way. He can carry the job, and he has the right qualifications," Ansari said.

According to Secondary Education Program Director Randall Smith, Lox's knowledge and experience in the School of Education, Health and Human

Behavior, as well as his knowledge of courses and programs in other departments made him an excellent choice for the new dean.

"I don't think the other candidates quite had the grasp of both worlds when they came to apply here," Smith said. "Curt [Lox] will listen to people. He will take all the information he can possibly gather, he pulls it all together and then he has to make a decision; you may not agree with his decision, but you'll at least get all the information — and he's done this before."

Lox said one of his priorities will be to examine curricula across the board to figure out how to best deliver information to students of all types such as undergraduates, graduates and international students.

"We need to look at every department and every program to see if it's updated and it's meeting the needs of today's students; I mean, we definitely have to do that to get a good idea of what the student needs are and try to deliver them to

name was chosen last year in an attempt to better represent the mission of the department. The department has been successful in comprehensively reorganizing their operations that the name change pertains to, according to Ansari.

Lacheryl Lewis, academic adviser for the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior, said the name change appropriately captures the purpose of the school and its department.

"I think it fully encompasses what we do here," said "We're not only a licensing and certification program, we also have a psychology, health, science and exercise science under the umbrella, so it kind of fully explains the goals of our department."

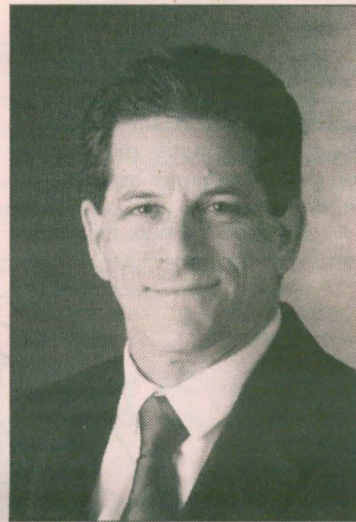
As budget cuts loom in the near future, Lox said he has been working to soften the impact that it could leave on students, faculty and staff including leaving positions that have been vacated by staff members open.

"We've had a number of people leave our school, mostly

classroom sizes and courses that can be offered, so we're working really closely with the provost and the chancellor to find ways to make up for that loss. I know that I can say that both our teacher preparation administration programs have taken a big hit but those faculty are working very hard to bring those enrollment numbers back up, and again, that's in recruiting of students; it's in the updating of the curriculum, and the numbers are coming back up."

According to Smith, the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior is faced with several issues in an economic aspect, such as decreasing enrollment rates and unnecessary, unrealistic budget cuts.

"One thing that's going to be interesting is the number of students and where they're having to recruit and get students at, because they're making it more and more difficult for some students to get their certification," Smith said. "It's almost like we're trying to get the best of the best but weeding out



Curt Lox has been chosen to serve as the new dean of the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior. | Photo via siue.edu

“We have to help overcome that public perception that [education] is no longer a good area to go into. It absolutely is, and partly our job is to let everybody know we still need strong students in there. The region, the state and the country need strong students going forward and the need will still be there in the future.”

Curt Lox
Dean of the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior

them. I think that's a critical thing going forward for us," Lox said.

The first step in updating the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior was updating its name. Formerly the School of Education, the new

staff and faculty, for either other positions or retirement," Lox said. "Right now, we won't be filling those positions and that's what we hope will help us get to the budget cuts that will be required. [A budget cut] means less services and has impacts on

everybody before they even come to us. First of all, you got to get the legislature to get us some money because they're cutting percentages that are just unbelievable. The other thing is, when it comes to all of this testing that they're doing, some of

it is over-test."

Despite the threat of future budget cuts, Lox said he is optimistic about student enrollment rates because of SIUE's reputation and its value compared to other universities.

"Even though we'll be raising tuition potentially, we'll still be toward the bottom in terms of the cost relative to other schools, I think we are, relatively speaking, a great value for the money, particularly given the reputation of the university in general in terms of the quality of our school, the quality of our programs and students we prepare," Lox said. "We hear back from community agencies, hospitals and school districts about how much they just love to see our students apply for positions and they come asking us for our students, so our reputation is very, very strong."

According to Lox, SIUE's enrollment rates may never reach the amount in 2011, its largest ever at 14,235 incoming students compared to just

Penn State to launch review of Greek system

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The Philadelphia Inquirer
(MCT)

A task force will review Pennsylvania State University's Greek system in the wake of revelations that a fraternity shared online pictures of naked women while they were asleep or passed out, the school's president said Monday.

"This comprehensive examination of fraternity and sorority life and its culture will not be simple, and it may not be comfortable," Pennsylvania State University President Eric J. Barron said.

His announcement came in a statement Monday evening but had been in the offing for days, after news of Kappa Delta Rho's private Facebook pages stirred a growing chorus of calls for action.

The task force will include alumni, students, experts, trustees and representatives from national organizations, and will be led by the school's vice president for student affairs, David Sims.

The group will assess whether fraternities and sororities meet their core values, the state of sexual misconduct and alcohol abuse, race and diversity awareness, accountability for misconduct, what might improve the system and whether the school and the Greek system's student, alumni and national branches are working in concert.

Greek life affects only a fraction of the more than 95,000 students enrolled at Penn State campuses statewide. About 6,500 students belong to 88 fraternities and sororities on the main campus in State College.

But as he has since the scandal

broke, Barron acknowledged that fraternity misconduct has become a problem across the country.

"For decades, fraternities and sororities have played an important role in Penn State, providing leadership, community service and support to their members and the university," Barron said. "However, incidents of alcohol misuse, hazing and sexual abuse here and across the nation are all too common and demand immediate attention."

Penn State's announcement came on the same day police in Virginia suspended their investigation

after a former fraternity member tipped police off to the invitation-only pages' existence in January.

The postings remain under police investigation. An affidavit on the case did not appear to be aware the pictures were being taken. The Facebook pages also included information on drug sales and hazing, according to police.

News of the pages mobilized about 100 students to rally Friday in support of the women in the pictures and to push the university to action.

One of the organizers of that event, Lauren Lewis, said Monday she was concerned the task force would lack teeth.

"A task force is also a way to keep the issue at bay before people move on to something else," Lewis said, a senior from Tyrone, Pa. "I think there's more that needs to be done."

Aaron Portner, a junior from Philadelphia and former president of another Penn State frat, Beta Sigma Beta, said fraternity brothers voiced "disgust and shame," but not disbelief, upon hearing of the Kappa Delta Rho allegations. He believed the task force was overkill.

"It's important to hold specific people accountable and not go on a misguided moral crusade" against Greek life, Portner said.

Barron said there will be no rush to judgment for the members of Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. There have been calls for the expulsion or suspension of the chapter's members, Barron said, but a police investigation and review by the Office of Student Conduct are underway.

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President of Penn State

into allegations of gang rape that were chronicled in Rolling Stone magazine and have since come under scrutiny. Charlottesville police said they could not substantiate the claim.

And two weeks ago, a Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter in Oklahoma was caught chanting racist lyrics.

Kappa Delta Rho's chapter in State College was suspended last week by its national organization

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amount in 2011, its largest ever at 14,235 incoming students compared to just 11,421 in 2014.

"It may not get there for a whole host of reasons, some of which are specific to SIUE, but many of which are really teacher education in general, Lox said. "Many students are not interested about going into teacher education as they've been in the past for obvious reasons. If you're a student and you're considering a career and you hear about what's going on in public

schools with teachers and the availability of jobs, you may be less inclined to want to move in that direction. We have to help overcome that public perception that this is no longer a good area to go into. It absolutely is and partly our job is to let everybody know we still need strong students in there. The region, the state and the country need strong students going forward and the need will still be there in the future."

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Sigma Alpha Epsilon to create confidential hotline for racist incidents

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The national leaders of the embattled Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity plan to create a confidential hotline for reporting racist incidents such as the chant that thrust the group's University of Oklahoma chapter into the spotlight, fraternity officials said Wednesday.

The hotline was part of a package of new diversity initiatives announced in Chicago by SAE executive director Blaine Ayers, who oversees 15,000 undergraduate fraternity members, only 3 percent of whom are black.

"Now we must begin a task of seeking forgiveness and taking steps to ensure that this never happens again," Ayers said Wednesday at a televised news conference.

Two weeks ago, University of Oklahoma officials almost immediately threw out that campus' 163-member SAE chapter after video emerged of fraternity members singing a racist chant on a bus. SAE national leaders suspended the chapter pending an internal review.

University officials, responding swiftly to national outrage, expelled two men they identified as leaders of the chant, despite skepticism from legal experts who thought the chant was protected by the 1st Amendment. The chapter has since retained Stephen Jones, the high-powered attorney

who once represented Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

On Wednesday, the fraternity's national leadership described the chant as an isolated and unsanctioned incident, but also said they are investigating reports of similar incidents at other chapters and launching a new set of diversity initiatives.

"How can you know? How can you call it an isolated incident?" one reporter asked Ayers. "That's what the investigation is for," the executive director replied.

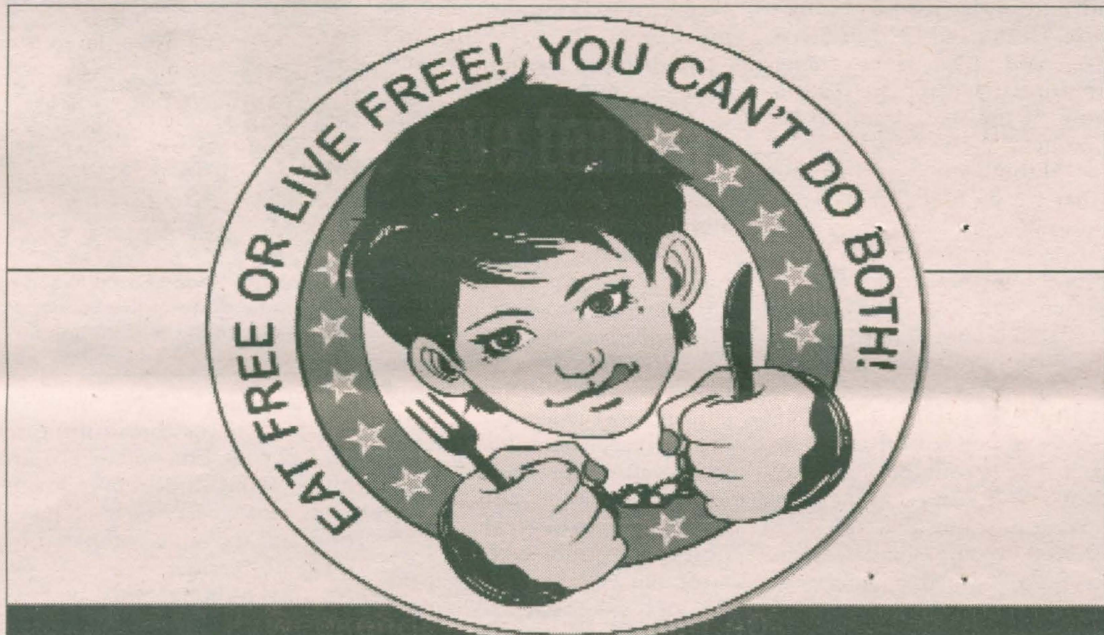
Ayers said the fraternity's executive leadership was planning to add "a director of diversity and inclusion," the first such position created by any major fraternity or sorority.

All SAE members and staff will be required to take diversity training to be rolled out at chapters next week, Ayers said, and national leaders plan to create a "national advisory committee on diversity and inclusion" made up of undergraduates, alumni and outside experts to address diversity issues.

The new confidential hotline for reporting racist incidents would be similar to a hazing hotline that the fraternity created a decade ago, Ayers said.

"We will investigate every call," Ayers said, adding that if any discrimination is found, "We will be swift in our response."

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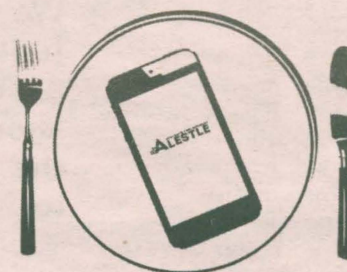
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Mass Communications professor honored

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Alestie Advertising Manager

Suman Mishra, an assistant professor in the Mass Communications Department within the College of Arts and Sciences, has been recognized for her upstanding talent and commitment to excellence by the Office of the Provost.

Mishra, a native of India who has been a part of the SIUE faculty since 2009, was recently selected to receive a \$500 gift through the Provost's "Teaching Excellence Award" campaign.

According to a news release by university officials, the selection committee chose Mishra for recognition, as she brings a "global perspective" to the Mass Communications Department. Following her arrival in the department, the release states Mishra has "been active in updating mass communications curriculum to reflect emerging trends and global perspectives."

Mishra earned a doctorate in mass media and communication from Temple University, as well as two master's degrees: one, an advertising degree from Michigan

State University, and a second in public relations and advertising management from the Institute of Management Studies in India. Mishra has also achieved a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, India. She has extensive professional experience in advertising and marketing as well, having worked for the international advertising agency Ogilvy & Mather, among others.

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THIS WEEK IN GREEK

Thursday, April 2

Alpha Xi Delta is hosting a fundraiser for its philanthropy, Autism Speaks, at 54th Street Bar & Grill. If you mention the fundraiser, 15 percent of your bill will go toward Autism Speaks.

Saturday, April 4

Alpha Sigma Tau is hosting Golf Scramble. Registration costs \$200 per team of four people or \$60 per individual. Registration for the event will begin promptly at 7:30 a.m., and the event will start at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, at the Fox Creek Golf Course in Edwardsville. All proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity.

Monday, April 6

Applications for Springfest King and Queen are due by 4:00 p.m. The applications are available at the front desk of the Kimmel Student Involvement Center.

Tuesday, April 7

Greek Royalty voting via Penny Wars begins for Greek Week 2015. Tables will be set up from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in both Center Court and the Goshen Lounge.

3-24-15

While performing a vehicle lock-out, an officer was told that a subject had an active and confirmed warrant out of Greene County. Laurie Watson was taken to the East St. Louis Police Department where she was processed. Watson posted a cash bond of \$10,000 and was released.

3-25-15

Latrina C. Scott was arrested for disorderly conduct and transported to the SIUE Police Department where she was processed. Scott was unable to post the \$1,500 cash bond and was taken to the Madison County Jail.

Officers arrested Sara C. Borji in Edwardsville for felony possession of cannabis. Borji was transported to the SIUE Police Department where she was processed. Borji was unable to post the \$1,000 cash bond and was transported to Madison County Jail.

An officer came upon a two-vehicle accident at Lot 10 and North University Drive. There were no injuries reported. Adrienne A. Brammeier was issued a citation for failure to yield to avoid an accident. The offense occurred on North University Drive at P3 Road.

An officer responded to the Evergreen Hall laundry room regarding clothes being stolen from a dryer.

3-26-15

An officer responded to the Cougar Village Commons to take report of suspicious packages intended for a resident in 424 Cougar Village.

3-27-15

Officers checked on a vehicle parked in the bike trail parking lot on Stadium Drive. The vehicle had a cover on it. The officer said there was just a subject sleeping inside.

An officer issued a citation to Justin T. Miles for speeding 43 mph in a 25 mph speed zone. The offense occurred on South University Drive at University Park Drive.

An officer issued a citation to Ashley N. Heater for speeding 64 mph in a 45 mph speed zone. The offense occurred on South University Drive at Stadium Drive.

An officer issued a citation to Sydnee M. Redlich for driving while using an electronic communication device. Redlich also received a written warning for speeding and for not having her driver's license on her person.

3-28-15

Officers responded to Lot 4 to check on a report of a vehicle throwing items out and then taking off. The subject was contacted and said he would clean up the items.

Officers responded to an active fire alarm at building 412 of Cougar Village. There was no

smoke and no fire. The alarm was activated by cooking and then restored.

3-29-15

An officer went to Cougar Village to perform a welfare check on a student. The officer was unable to make contact with the subject, but the subjects residents agreed to forward the message.

An officer issued a citation to Brandon Stewart for expired registration and a written warning for disobeying a stop sign. The offenses occurred on Couth University Drive at University Park.

An officer responded to Cougar Village for an active fire alarm. There was no smoke and no fire, and the alarm was activated by a blow dryer.

3-30-15

An officer checked Woodland Hall after receiving a call from a family member who was attempting to locate a juvenile subject possibly staying in the residence hall. The subject could not be located.

An officer issued a state citation to Joshua T. Funneman for driving with expired registration and no insurance. The offense occurred on Stadium Drive at South University Drive.

An officer issued a state citation to John C. McCorkle for expired registration. The offense occurred on South University Drive at Stadium Drive.

At a routine traffic stop on South University Drive, an officer arrested Stenesha D. Fortner for driving without a license, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle and no insurance. The offenses occurred on South University Drive at Stadium Drive. The vehicle was towed from the scene. Fortner was transported to the SIUE Police Department where she was processed. Fortner posted \$150 bond and was released.

An officer checked the area of the Cougar Lake Pool for a report of a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle was located, but the situation was already being handled by Parking Services.

An officer issued a state citation to Sara D. Tucker for speeding 61 mph in a 45 mph speed zone. The offense occurred on South University Drive at Stadium Drive.

An officer met with subjects regarding harassment through text messages. The subjects wanted to document the incident but did not want to file charges.

An officer issued a state citation to Ryann Bank for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and a written warning for driving with one headlight. The offenses occurred on South University Drive at South University Drive.

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Mass communications professor brings students big-screen advice

MADISON O'BRIEN
Alestle Reporter

As a child, Vickie Mumper's mother claimed she had a rare case of "televisionitis" — her eyes were always glued to the screen. She was drawn in by the endless possibilities of the imagination, but she could not help but wonder what went on behind the scenes.

Mumper, who was born and raised in Illinois, started her career in the mass communications field at the age of 19, interning for the Channel 11 news, while also attending SIUE.

After she graduated at the age of 21, Mumper packed up her belongings and, with only \$800 in her pocket, drove 2,000 miles to the City of Angels, Los Angeles, Cal.

"When I got to California, I was a mess," Mumper said. "I was going everywhere, handing out my resume to every network station there was."

Mumper's first gig was working in the mailroom for CBS News.

"I was using the old 'get your foot in the door trick,'" Mumper said.

Glamorous or not, Mumper said her time spent in the mailroom turned out to be time well spent.

"I learned what they didn't teach me in college. I caught on to how to dress for the job and I learned how to talk to people," Mumper said. "I met everyone who worked for CBS, because no matter who you are, everyone gets mail."

Mumper got her big break while she was doing freelance research, working for CBS News.

At the time, Mumper said CBS was doing a big special on baseball legend Reggie Jackson. The producers of CBS New York and CBS L.A. were looking for the original Reggie Jackson candy bar, which was not being made anymore.

"The producers had a bet that I couldn't find the candy bar. I called all the places that would have it, but ironically, they were being shipped to China," Mumper said.

Mumper said she had the brilliant idea to call the dock office where the candy bars were being shipped.

"I traded the dock worker two CBS sports caps and in return got a box of Reggie Jackson candy bars," Mumper said. "The next day, I got called in with the producer of CBS Sports and was asked if I wanted to work for them."

Out of all of the jobs she experienced, Mumper said the most fascinating was with CBS Sports.

"I got to travel the world, and nothing gets better than that," Mumper said. "I was an associate director during live ice-skating events in Tokyo, and that was the best moment of my career. When you are working live, your adrenaline is running so high and you have so much responsibility. If you mess up, the whole network is at stake."

Mumper said moving to California to follow her dream turned out better than she could have ever imagined.

"I saw what I wanted when I moved there, what I wanted in a career — you know the stuff you can't get working locally," Mumper said. "It was so exciting because everything I ever wanted I could now do and be a part of."

As Mumper's career in California came to an end, she moved to Orlando, Fla. At the time, many television industries were moving to Orlando and Mumper was determined to keep up. She began working as a stage manager for companies such as Nickelodeon and Disney.

After spending quite some time in Orlando, the indus-

tries she worked for began to disperse across the country, and Mumper decided it was time for her to get a graduate degree.

After 30 years of excitement and travel, Mumper wanted to come back to her roots and teach what she knew to aspiring students.

"I graduated from SIUE and know what it's like to want to get out of here and do something with your life. I wanted to tell students about the real experience that nobody else talks about, like having to work in the mail room," Mumper said.

Junior mass communications major Zack Rodeghiero, of Staunton, said he loves hearing all about Mumper's experiences, making him excited for his future career.

"Her input gives you real-world answers instead of fantasies in a book," Rodeghiero said.

Rodeghiero said mass communications classes can be very demanding and time consuming, but Mumper eases the stress put on her students by always being there to help.

"The class goes by really quick, but she's very lenient," Rodeghiero said. "No matter what problem you are having, she is always there with a quick response when you need her."

The most important aspect Rodeghiero has been taught by Mumper about the mass communication career path is to always be on time if you want to be in the field, and it is an absolute must to have a tough skin.

Junior mass communication major Brendan Overton, of Wood River, said it is nice to have someone who has actually been in the field that can give the class not just information, but insight on how things in the real world actually work.

"With not only her career being so successful, but her husband being an award-winning photographer, that gives her more credibility," Overton said. "It shows her students that her and her family are the real deal; it makes people want to listen."

Although Overton says mass communications is an exciting field to get into, he has learned that it is not all fun and games.

"With each class, I have realized that this field is tough, but [Mumper] has definitely opened my eyes and put future job goals into prospective," Overton said.

Mumper does not regret coming back here to teach what she knows best.

"I work with some amazing professors and I really like the diverse group of students here," Mumper said.

Mumper wants students to know that the key aspect of the mass communications industry is all about time.

"People notice you when you show up early and when you're the last one to leave a set," Mumper said.

The best advice Mumper can give to students is to always pursue what you love.

"You have to just keep trying. Even if you have to take a crappy job to pay the rent, never give it up," Mumper said.

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"I wanted to tell students about the real experience that nobody else talks about, like having to work in the mailroom."

Vickie Mumper
Mass communications teaching assistant



Kendrick Lamar's highly anticipated 'To Pimp a Butterfly' shatters expectations

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Alestle Copy Editor

West Coast rapper Kendrick Lamar, also known as K-Dot, has gone above and beyond with his latest musical masterpiece, "To Pimp a Butterfly," delivering a collaboration of funky instrumentals and retrospective poetry that confronts issues of race, sex and money with brazen originality.

Lamar's name reached widespread recognition after his major debut album release of "Good Kid m.A.A.d City" in 2012, which told the autobiographical story of his upbringing in the crime-ridden streets of Compton, Calif., and how it shaped the way he perceives the world. Since then, Lamar has been changing the game of hip-hop from the "bling" era into something more politically and socially aware.

"To Pimp a Butterfly" is guaranteed to be like nothing you have ever heard before. The album combines hip-hop, funk, jazz, blues and soul influences to create a layered sound that catches your attention at first; but Lamar's poignant and complex lyrics will definitely require more than one listen to fathom.

This record reflects a dark indignance from Lamar about racial injustice and the exploitation of fame. The opening track, "Wesley's Theory" introduces the title of the album and applies the metaphor directly to the entertainment industry's "pimping" of successful black artists.

After sampling a 1973 throwback by Boris Gardiner, the funk musician George Clinton spits the lyrics, "When the four corners of this cocoon collide/You'll slip through the cracks hoping that you'll survive/Gather your wind, take a deep look inside/Are you really who they idolize?/To pimp a butterfly."

These words signify how artists may emerge from their cocoon as a butterfly and must remember to stay true to themselves; however if artists becomes consumed by the success of the music industry, they are essentially being pimped and are no better than the idols they had originally escaped.

In the song "Institutionalized," Lamar examines the idea of wealth's malignant power that often controls people with the thought of becoming rich. Lamar wrestles with the notion of both the poor and rich being "institutionalized" by classism and money, respectively. "I'm trapped inside the ghetto and I ain't proud to admit it/Institutionalized, I keep running back for a visit." Although Lamar has left his "cocoon" and made something of himself, he recognizes that his roots are in Compton and will inevitably return.

Lamar surprises listeners with a live recording of the Grammy Award-winning single "i" that serves as the album's auspicious anthem of self-love. Toward the end, a fight among the crowd interrupts his performance and a frustrated Lamar addresses the audience asking, "How

many we done lost?" referring to the countless fatalities from gang violence and police brutality. He pleads for progressive action and states, "We ain't got time to waste time."

Delicately weaved throughout each song, stanza by stanza, is a cohesive poem that ties the project together. "To Pimp a Butterfly" wraps up with "Mortal Man" that begs the question, "When shit hits the fan, is you still a fan?" The 12-minute track reveals an unbelievably natural conversation between Lamar and what seems to be the ghost of Tupac Shakur. Borrowed from a Swedish interview in 1994, Lamar transcribed questions to correspond with Shakur's authentic responses, now 20 years old, but still applicable to modern-day society.

Overall, Lamar has created an album full of raw and complicated emotions, sending an explicit message to his followers about ongoing social issues. "To Pimp a Butterfly" is on a whole new level in the game of hip-hop, but more importantly, Lamar is inspiring an entire generation to continue fighting for change.

"To Pimp a Butterfly" is now digitally available on iTunes and Spotify. Hard copies of the album hit store shelves Tuesday, March 24.

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Man on the Street

"Basically, I was in high school at the time, and I had called my mom very frantically. I was like, 'Mom, I think I got somebody pregnant. I don't know what I'm going to do. Are you going to help me?' She was really upset, and I let it go on all day. Then when she got home, I was like 'Oh, by the way, it's April Fools'."

Julian Shaw
Freshman
Carbondale



"While my friend was at school, I skipped, like, the first two or three classes to do it. It was in my senior year of high school. I went and bought like five or six things of Saran Wrap and a little bit of Vaseline. And I wrapped the plastic wrap all the way around his car and all the way around the top. I kept going around till I ran out of rolls. Then I took the Vaseline and did a light layer over all of it, so he couldn't, like, grip it or pull it off. He didn't know it was me. I went out there with him, and I was like, 'Who would do this to your car?' He still doesn't know."

Amir Afshar
Freshman
Highland

So this was actually two years ago. My sisters came up and they had those mint Oreos, but they secretly filled them with toothpaste. So I got really excited that the mint Oreo was going to be really good, and I ate it and I literally threw up because it was so gross. What they did was funny, but sometimes April Fools' can be taken too far."

Kortney Correa
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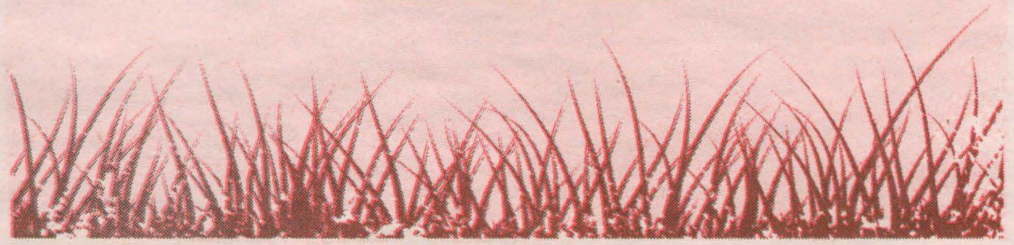
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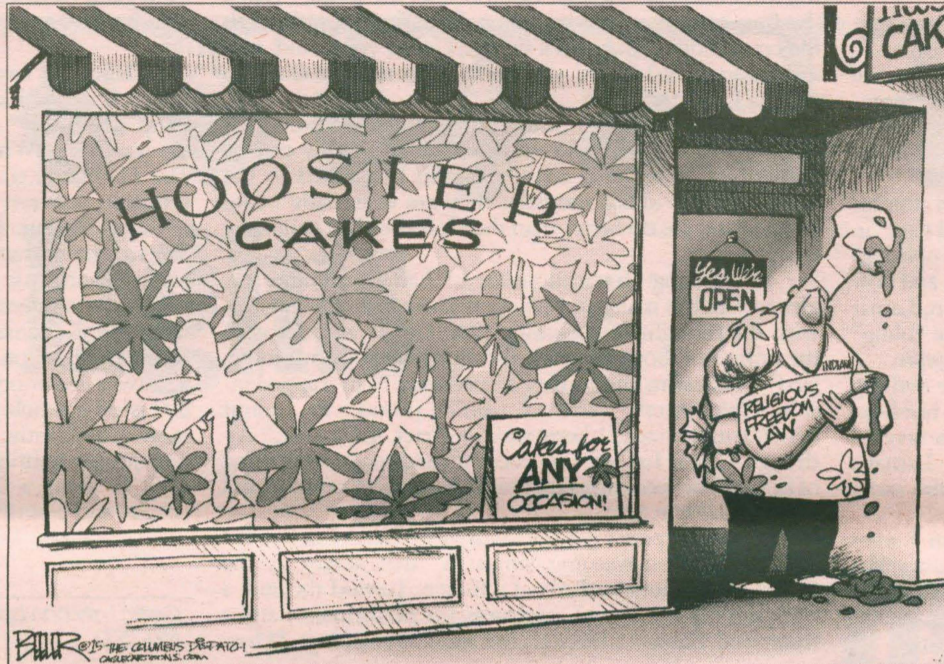
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Indiana's new bill stirs up unintended controversy

On Thursday, March 26, Indiana's Republican Gov. Mike Pence signed a bill that states Indiana's government cannot "substantially burden a person's exercise of religion."

In a ceremony closed to the public and the press, Gov. Pence passed

a pharmacist refuses to fill a lesbian woman's heart medication? The list goes on.

But then you have the other side of the story: What if the baker refuses to bake the cake for the gay wedding and the florist refuses to sell the flowers because it is against their religion and the gay couple starts a boycott against those businesses that runs them out of business? Is that fair to the baker and the florist for defending their religious beliefs? No, it is not.

In an interview with The Indianapolis Star, Gov. Pence said, "This bill is not about discrimination. And if I thought it was about discrimination, I would have vetoed it."

However, what Gov. Pence fails to realize is that turning away individuals based on race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or religion is technically discrimination.

This new law could allow businesses to discriminate, and is attempting to justify discrimination by arguing for "religious freedom." While I am all for protecting religious freedom, I do not support discrimination of any kind. And while I am all for individual rights, I do not support denying religious freedom either. I believe there is a better way to achieve a "happy" medium instead of this new bill.

While people are trying to defend individual rights, the widespread #BoycottIndiana will do more harm than good. Boycotting Indiana is going to hurt both homosexuals and heterosexuals. It would punish the community as a whole.

Elizabeth O'Donnell
Alestle
Copy Editor

Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act that will have the unintended consequences of discriminating against the LGBT community if it conflicts with the religious beliefs of the business owners.

This newly passed bill could allow businesses to turn away lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender customers, under the defense of "religious freedom."

Those who support the bill give examples such as a baker refusing to bake a wedding cake for a gay couple's wedding, or a florist refusing to sell flowers for the same wedding. If the business can claim it acted on religious grounds, the new law could potentially protect them from lawsuits.

But what happens when this law goes too far? What if an EMT refuses to help a gay man left in critical condition after a car accident because homosexuality is against his religion? Or a doctor refuses to treat a gay couple's child? Or

Now is the time for Christians to rethink stances on LGBT issues

Christianity is a painful term for quite a few people; it brings back harsh memories and a feeling of judgment. As a Christian myself, this is a painful truth to face. To me, the idea of judging people is totally against what Christianity is.

Dani Wilson
Alestle
Reporter

I believe the time has come that we remember what Jesus was really about, step off of our pedestals and stand beside the people Jesus would have spoken up for in his time — the outcasts, the sinners, the societally unclean, the people with whom nobody wanted to associate.

Galatians 5:14 says, "The whole law can be summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Earlier this month, I witnessed one of the most heartbreaking things I have ever seen. A pastor hosting a traveling faith-based youth choir gave an extremely homophobic sermon that left many of the kids feeling hurt.

Since I attend the church that normally hosts

the choir, I expected the kids to be able to find comfort in the adults running the group.

Instead, the spiritual director of the choir responded by telling the rest of the group that this sermon was spot-on, inoffensive and even compassionate. She went on to tell a group of 80 high school students and their parents that the speaker was correct — that homosexuality was condemned and sinful and they were wrong to be hurt.

But we are supposed to love "them" anyway, the pastor said.

Maybe I am speaking from a hippie, New-Age theology here, but absolutely nowhere in the Gospel have I seen Jesus say, "Your entire identity is wrong, but it's OK. I guess I love you anyway."

What I did see, according to Jesus' words in Luke 6:37, "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come out against you."

Biblically speaking — for those Bible scholars out there who are shaking their heads in disgust — the verses held so tightly to about homosexuality are focused on abusive and damaging relationships. These scriptures do not speak to loving and faithful relationships between members of the same gender.

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This is where the line is drawn. There is no black and white, no "this side is right," and no "this side is wrong." This is only gray area. There needs to be compromise.

If this new law survives the barrage of critics, perhaps businesses defending religious freedom could be polite about refusing service and point LGBT customers in the direction of another business that would be happy to help them. If an LGBT individual were turned away, gracefully bow out, and understand the business is the one losing out on your patronage. Respect is what is needed.

People need to realize, just because they do not agree with another's lifestyle or support it, that does not mean they should not still treat them with respect. Every person has as many rights as the next person.

In the end, it does not really matter that someone is gay. Or that someone has a religious belief that makes them uncomfortable serving someone gay. In the end, all that matters is respect. You do not have to agree with someone or his or her lifestyle, but you should respect him or her.

Should a law like this make its way to Illinois and Edwardsville, I can only hope that we will handle this gracefully, in a way that is fair to both sides. I thank respect for both parties and compromise would be essential in that situation.

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It is time for us to realize what we are preaching. Christianity is a religion based on unconditional and relentless love that we have poisoned into something that we use to slap people around and tell them they are wrong when they are not like us.

Our responsibility and the commandments we were given were all based on love. Somehow we have twisted that love and made it into a pedestal where we stand to look down on people. Our impossible judgments against people who do not fit our religious bill have caused way too much hatred and hurt in this world.

Step up alongside the people who are continually being hurt by this poison. Show people — all people — what real love is like. Do not require parameters to accept people. Love and acceptance should come without judgment.

It is high time the LGBT community had more allies in the Christian world. It is time for Christians to become supporters — instead of opponents — to start doing something positive in the world.

It is time to really do what Jesus would do.

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Has Indiana's newly passed Religious Freedom Restoration Act gone too far?

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Baseball

	OVERALL	OVC
SE Missouri	17-10	9-3
SIUE	9-13	9-3
Belmont	13-11	6-2
Austin Peay	14-10	8-4
Murray State	11-17	7-5
Jax. State	16-9	5-4
Morehead St.	13-13	5-7
Tenn. Tech	10-16	4-8
UT Martin	8-17	4-8
E. Kentucky	7-16	2-6
E. Illinois	0-20	0-9

Results from March 27

E. Kentucky 11, Morehead St. 10
Jax. State 6, Air Force 0

SIUE 8, SE Missouri 4

Austin Peay 9, Tenn. Tech 3
UT Martin 7, Belmont 4

Results from March 28

Jax. State 7, Air Force 6
Murray State 18, E. Illinois 7
Morehead St. 11, E. Kentucky 10

SE Missouri 10, SIUE 0

Austin Peay 9, Tenn. Tech 8
UT Martin 5, Belmont 4

Results from March 29

Morehead St. 20, E. Kentucky 6
Murray State 8, E. Illinois 4

SE Missouri 22, SIUE 8

Austin Peay 12, Tenn. Tech 10
Belmont 34, UT Martin 10
Air Force 7, Jax. State 4
Murray State 8, E. Illinois 2

Results from March 29

Illinois State 18, E. Illinois 14
Murray State 9, SIUC
UNC Asheville 14, Tenn. Tech 5

Softball

	OVERALL	OVC
Jax. State	23-8	7-0
SIUE	27-6	9-1
Tenn. Tech	19-14	6-4
Murray State	18-12	4-3
E. Kentucky	14-18	5-4
UT Martin	16-15	4-5
Belmont	9-19	4-5
Morehead St.	11-14	3-4
E. Illinois	10-16	3-4
Austin Peay	6-19	3-7
SE Missouri	5-17	2-7
Tenn. State	9-21	2-8

Results from March 25

Austin Peay 8, Samford 6
Austin Peay 8, Samford 7
UT Martin 7, MTSU 2

SIUE 3, Missouri State 2

MTCU 6, UT Martin 2

Results from March 28

Morehead St. 7, E. Kentucky 4
Jax. State 10, Tenn. State 0

SIUE 12, SE Missouri 3

UT Martin 8, Austin Peay 6
Morehead St. 6, E. Kentucky 5
Tenn. Tech 7, Belmont 0
UT Martin 10, Austin Peay 2
Jax. State 4, Tenn. State 0

SIUE 7, SE Missouri 0

Results from March 29

E. Kentucky 10, Morehead St. 0
Austin Peay 6, UT Martin 3
Tenn. Tech 9, Belmont 8

SIUE 8, SE Missouri 4

Jax. State 6, Tenn. State 1
E. Illinois 3, Murray State 1
Belmont 9, Tenn. Tech 5
E. Illinois 7, Murray State 6

Results from March 30

Murray State 4, E. Illinois 0
Morehead St. 5, Cleve. State 4
Cleve. State 3, Morehead St. 2



University of Alabama Interim Head Coach John Brannen (pictured left on left image) and University of California-Berkeley Assistant Coach Jon Harris (on right image) were announced as the two finalists for the men's basketball head coaching position on Sunday, March 29. Both coaches visited the university the week of March 30, with Brannen appearing on Monday and Tuesday and Harris visiting on Wednesday and Thursday.

Photos courtesy of rolltide.com and Twitter

Men's basketball announces new head coach candidates

BEN LEVIN
Alestle Sports Editor

The men's basketball search committee announced the two finalists for the head coach vacancy on Sunday, March 29, after Lennox Forrester's contract was not renewed following the 2014-15 season.

University of Alabama Interim Head Coach John Brannen and University of California-Berkeley Assistant Coach Jon Harris will visit SIUE starting Monday, March 30, to make their cases for the

position.

Brannen, who is in his sixth season at Alabama, was promoted to the interim head coach position this season and led his team to a first-round victory against the University of Illinois in the National Invitational Tournament.

Brannen has also coached at Virginia Commonwealth University — where he helped recruit players critical to the Ram's 2011 Final Four appearance — St. Bonaventure University, Eastern Kentucky University and the College of

Charleston.

Harris, who has coached at Cal since April 2014, has been with Head Coach Cuonzo Martin for the past seven seasons, including three-year stints at Missouri State University and the University of Tennessee.

Brannen will visit SIUE on Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31. He will meet with "Cougar season ticket holders, SIUE corporate partners and community members" at 5 p.m. Monday, March 30 in the Cougar Pavillion at the Charles

and Mary Lukas Athletics Annex at SIUE.

Harris will have a similar reception at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, his first day of a two-day visit to the university.

The Alestle will continue to report news about the SIUE men's basketball head coach position as more information is presented.

Alestle Lifestyles Editor Caitlin Grove assisted in the reporting of this story.

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Softball offense ignites to give team a 10-game win streak

BEN LEVIN
Alestle Sports Editor

After a weekend where pitching was the top story, the softball team's offense showed the Ohio Valley Conference its bats were not too shabby either, smashing seven home runs against Southeast Missouri State during a three-game sweep.

With three victories during the weekend, the Cougars are on a 10-game win streak and are in second place in the OVC with a 9-1 record.

Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said she was impressed with how the Cougars handled themselves with the bat during the weekend.

"I was very happy with our offense and just our approach at the plate," Montgomery said. "The kids did a great job this weekend; I mean, we had 40-plus hits on the weekend. We were really swinging the bat."

Montgomery said a key to the offense's success was commanding respect from the opposition's pitchers.

"[I saw] just a real, offensive-minded approach," Montgomery said. "We were not letting the pitcher control our at-bats, and that's crucial to success. The kids were more relaxed and just really saw the ball well. We were hitting all the way through the lineup."

On Saturday, March 28, the

Cougars hit three homers in their first game, including two in a seven-run second inning. Senior outfielder Brittany Toney hit a solo shot — her fourth home run of the year — to get the Cougars on the board. Later in the inning, junior pitcher Haley Chambers hit a grand slam for her team-high fifth homer of the year, giving the team an early 5-0 lead.

Douglass threw a one-hitter, going the full seven innings and striking out seven batters.

On offense, senior shortstop Alex McDavid led the team with three hits, one of which was a two-RBI double in the seventh inning. Chambers, senior outfielder Rebecca Gray and junior outfielder Jordan LaFave finished the game with two hits.

"The kids did a great job this weekend; I mean, we had 40-plus hits on the weekend."

Sandy Montgomery
SIUE Softball Head Coach

In the fifth inning, junior infielder Rachel Keller hit the final home run of the day, smacking a two-run blast to put the game out of reach for SEMO. It was Keller's second home run of the season.

Chambers won her 15th game of the year, going the full six innings, while allowing three earned runs. She also struck out eight batters.

In the second game of the day, the Cougars did not hit any home runs, but still defeated the Redhawks 7-0 in freshman pitcher Baylee Douglass' 10th win of the season.

While McDavid's three-hit performance was impressive, she was not done with her big weekend at the plate. On Sunday, March 29, McDavid hit two home runs, her third and fourth of the season.

In the second inning with the Cougars trailing, McDavid hit a solo shot, which helped start a four-run inning. McDavid closed out the game with a two-RBI blast in the seventh inning to secure the victory for SIUE.

The two other home runs hit by the team on Sunday were hit by Chambers — her sixth of the year — and LaFave.

Chambers improved to a 16-3 in the victory, going seven innings while allowing four earned runs. Chambers tops the OVC in almost every pitching category and is also the conference's hit leader.

While statistically the Cougars have been fantastic, winning is the most important thing. Montgomery said getting three victories on the road will be important if the Cougars hope to repeat as OVC champs.

"You have to be able to win on the road if you're going to be able to win a championship," Montgomery said. "The fact that we could sweep was huge. SEMO's got some offense."

SIUE returns home for four games this weekend, two against Jacksonville State and two against Tennessee Technological University, on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4, respectively. Montgomery said it will be no easy task keeping the Cougars' win streak.

"They're both teams that are contenders in the conference," Montgomery said. "They are both playing well. They both have good pitching and can score runs as well. We're going to have to play well to come out on top this weekend."

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Men's tennis struggles at the University of Wisconsin

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After winning on Wednesday, March 25, the men's tennis team continued its win-lose pattern, losing 4-1 versus the University of Wisconsin-Madison on Friday, March 27, leaving its record evenly at 8-8.

Head Coach Jason Coomer said going in, the team knew it was facing a challenge.

"I couldn't be more proud of how the guys competed," Coomer said. "If we can carry over that level of competition into this weekend in conference, I think we'll have an opportunity to do well. At the end of the day, we walked away from there with a loss, but there were many positives to take away."

During Friday's match, the Cougars lost all three of their doubles matches. In the first doubles match of the day, seniors Nicolas Vincent and Stephen Washuta fell to their opponents 6-1. In the No. 2 match, redshirt junior Marten

Jonsson and junior Nico Kuehn lost by a score of 5-2. In the final doubles match, sophomore Matthew Hutchinson and junior Patrick Gaffigan were defeated 6-2.

Coomer said overall, doubles play could have seen improvement and focus.

"I think we came out thinking we needed to be perfect, and we saw the effects of that in those matches by us making too many mistakes too early in points," Coomer said. "I think once we settled down a little bit, we definitely played stronger and stronger and without question earned their respect."

The team lost five of its six singles matches, with each match going two sets. In match No. 6, Washuta won by the score of 6-3, 7-5.

Coomer said during play, the Cougars continued to battle throughout the night.

"[Wisconsin] is a team that has been playing nationally ranked programs very close as of late, and looking up and down the courts at

that match, we had an opportunity to pull the upset," Coomer said. "Give Wisconsin credit; they found a way to get it done in tough situations — but we certainly didn't make it easy for them."

Coomer said despite the loss this past weekend, the team looks very promising, going into conference play.

"Our conference is wide open at this point if you look around at some of the recent results. If we show up and we play to our abilities, there's not a team in the league that we cannot beat," Coomer said. "If we show up and don't bring our best effort, the league is too close with regard to talent level to put yourself in that situation."

The Cougars will be traveling to Jacksonville, Ala. for their next match at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 3, at Jacksonville State University.

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Junior Jacob Perkins attempts to handle a return against Austin Peay State University on Saturday, March 21. | Photo by Christian K. Lee/Alestle

Pitching struggles lead to 1-2 weekend for baseball, move to second in conference

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Despite a hot start to the weekend, the baseball team ultimately dropped its series against Southeast Missouri State University this past weekend, losing the final two games by rather large margins.

On Friday, March 27, the team dominated in an 8-4 victory. Getting off to a quick start, SIUE scored in the bottom of the first inning on a double off the bat of senior catcher Parker Guinn.

After giving up four runs in the top of the second inning, SIUE answered back with three runs to tie-up the game. Senior outfielder Nick Lombardo reached on an error, scoring both senior outfielder Denton Reed and junior infielder Skyler Geissing. Following this, senior infielder Chase Green doubled, scoring Lombardo.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, sophomore infielder Keaton Wright singled, scoring Lombardo. The team grabbed its final RBI of the night from a double off Green's bat.

Senior starting pitcher Ryan Daniels earned his second win of the season, going five innings and giving up four runs, only one of which was earned on six hits with four strikeouts. Junior pitcher Ryan Agnitsch

closed out the game, pitching four innings with zero runs on two hits.

Head Coach Tony Stoecklin said the team went out and played well during Friday's game.

"I thought [Daniels] pitched well; he went five innings and only gave up one earned run. We played good defense and put up eight runs, so it was a good game overall," Stoecklin said. "[Agnitsch] was fantastic, he did a great job — he's done a great job all year. The key to him is he throws strikes and he competes and he's been doing that well."

On Saturday, March 28, the team fell by the score of 10-0. Junior pitcher P. J. Schuster received the loss, despite pitching six innings and giving up five runs, only two of which were earned. Sophomore pitcher Mike Miller came in for relief, giving up another five runs on two hits.

Stoecklin said the downfall on Saturday was the challenge of the opposing pitching.

"[For] one, we faced a guy who threw pretty well," Stoecklin said. "He really took us out of our approach at the plate. I don't know if we started off with a poor approach or if a good pitcher just took us out of our approach, but at the end of the day we didn't score any runs and he struck out 11 guys, so you've got to tip your cap that their starter did a pretty good job on the mound."

The Cougars incurred four errors on

Saturday, off the gloves of Lombardo, Guinn, Geissing and junior infielder Collin Book.

Stoecklin said Southeast Missouri's pitching not only threw off the team's offense, but its defense as well.

"We just lost our focus overall; once their starting pitcher was rolling against us, we lost our concentration overall as a team and we just didn't play well," Stoecklin said.

Sunday, March 29, the team was defeated by a score of 22-8. In the bottom of the first inning, SIUE came out on top with a three-run home run by Guinn, his seventh of the season. In the bottom of the second inning, Reed scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Lombardo.

In the bottom of the third inning, freshman infielder Mario Tursi sent one over the wall, followed by an RBI double by Lombardo, giving the Cougars a 6-2 lead.

Unfortunately this lead did not last long, with Southeast Missouri scoring eight runs in the top of the fourth inning. Despite scoring one run in the bottom of the fifth off a fielder's choice, courtesy of Reed, and another run in the bottom of the sixth with an RBI single by Geissing, SIUE failed to make a comeback.

On defense, junior pitcher Jarrett Bednar received the loss, pitching just 3 1/3 innings, giving up nine runs on nine hits, leaving his record 0-4.

Stoecklin said overall, the team

performed poorly during Sunday's game.

"It was an extremely windy day — a difficult day to play — and I think that affected us as a team," Stoecklin said. "It took us out of our approach at the plate. We tried to elevate and get the ball up in the wind — hit it over the fence — and that's not your best approach, and that's not our approach to hitting."

Stoecklin said the pitching started off well, but ultimately fell apart.

"As pitchers, we were worried about making mistakes and then hitting the ball up in the wind and we started nibbling and getting behind and we walked way too many batters — that's what led to the 22 runs we gave up," Stoecklin said.

Stoecklin said despite losing the series, he feels confident going into conference play this coming weekend.

"I think the middle of our lineup is swinging the bat pretty well," Stoecklin said. "The key for us though is continuing to play great defense and great pitching — that's going to be the key to our season."

The Cougars' next game is at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 2, at Belmont University.

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Senior Braxton Klavins jumps off the block in a meet during the 2014 season. Klavins opened the outdoor season with a first-place finish in the 400-meter race on Friday, March 27, at the WashU Invite. | Alestle file photo

Track and field opens outdoor season with impressive showings

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The men's and women's track and field teams opened its outdoor season with a full weekend. Athletes competed in the Vanderbilt Invitational in Nashville, Tenn. and the Washington University Invitational in St. Louis, Mo.

The teams picked up 11 top-five finishes between the teams on Friday, March 27, and six on Saturday, March 28.

Head Coach Eileen McAllister said she was impressed with the teams' performances at both meets.

"It was a solid start. We definitely had some positive things happen; overall, some solid openers. I thought they performed well," McAllister said.

McAllister said Friday night's WashU Invite allowed athletes to compete in the 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer races, which are not held at many meets throughout the season.

"The 10K race is pretty rare, so when we plan out our schedule for the season, we have to make sure that we include at least one or two of those," McAllister said.

This was a good decision for the Cougars, as it allowed senior Luke Padesky to record a personal best in the 10K. He finished second with a time of 31 minutes, 11 seconds.

"He was just outside the SIUE No. 3 all-time mark," McAllister said.

Senior Braxton Klavins finished first in the 400-meter run with a time of 46.76 seconds. McAllister said

she is excited to see Klavins, the Cougars' top competitor in the 400m, succeeding.

"It's great to see him competing," McAllister said. "He's had to deal with a lot this year, personally and athletically, and he's persevered."

A personal best was also set by senior Greg Block, earning his way to the SIUE No. 3 all-time mark in the hammer throw. His 187-foot toss beat his previous record by nine feet.

Juniors Jessica Oranika and LaDonna Caston both had top-five finishes in the 200-meter dash. The two women also excelled in their other events as well. Oranika ran the 400-meter in 54.31 seconds, opening this season with times near those of last year. Caston opened up the season in the 100-meter hurdles with a faster finish than the end of last season.

"Both of them were NCAA first-round qualifiers last year. I know they have high goals for themselves," McAllister said.

Another notable performer was freshman Brittany Thomas, who competed in the 200-meter and made her collegiate debut in the 100-meter dash, finishing third.

"Thomas had a solid weekend," McAllister said.

Transitioning from indoor to outdoor creates a different atmosphere for the track and field athletes. McAllister said the outdoor season is longer than the indoor, particularly this year since the conference meet was moved back a few weeks.

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Major League Baseball Previews and Predictions

St. Louis Cardinals will use experience, familiar faces to return to championship

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Unlike some National League teams that went out and essentially bought entirely new teams, the 2015 St. Louis Cardinals will look much like they did last season, both on the field and in the standings.

The Cardinals, the most successful team in the NL for the past five-plus years, had an active winter by their standards, acquiring outfielder Jason Heyward from the Braves and signing relief pitchers Matt Belisle, Jordan Walden and Carlos Villanueva, but that was nowhere near the amount of change teams like the Cubs or Padres have done in the offseason.

After making it to the NL Championship Series, who could blame the Cardinals for not wanting to make big changes? The team's formula of using its farm system has been successful and inexpensive. Just like in previous seasons, the new players on the team were systematically picked to improve areas the Cardinals were struggling in.

Heyward is a great pickup for the team, greatly improving the right field position that was played by

Randal Grichuk and the late Oscar Taveras in 2014. Heyward is an established professional, a career .262 hitter who has shown some pop — something the Cardinals desperately need. More importantly, Heyward won a Gold Glove in right field in 2014, meaning the team will have a solid defensive presence playing next to the occasional defensive liability that is center fielder Jon Jay.

Jay, who had a nice year in 2014, along with veteran outfielder Matt Holliday, round out an outfield that should be one of the best in 2015. Due to his occasionally poor fielding, Jay needs to hit around .300 — a mark he hit last season — to be useful to the Cardinals. Holliday, arguably the most consistent player on the Cardinals, will undoubtedly hit close to .300, a home run total in the 20s and hit in about 100 RBIs as he has for most of his career. His power has gone down as he has aged, but he should not have to be the biggest power threat the Cards have.

That award goes to Matt Adams, the big left-handed first baseman, who was average, at best, last season. His .288 average was good, but striking out 114 times and only hitting 15 homers is unacceptable for someone at the first base position, where many of the best hitters in

today's game play. Adams' power will be a crucial component to the 2015 team, and if it is not there, the Cardinals may not see the success they are expecting.

Another critical player to the team's success is third baseman Matt Carpenter, who only two seasons ago finished the Most Valuable Player voting in fourth place. Transitioning to third base — one of his natural positions — Carpenter's defense was sketchy last year, and when he was not playing well with the mitt, he struggled at the plate as well. His average and on-base percentage was fine — he walked almost 100 times in 2014 — but 111 strikeouts is not a stat you want to see from a lead-off man.

Some have questioned whether Carpenter's spot at the top of the lineup is still justified, given that he has shown power in the past, but the two-time All-Star's approach at the plate is too brilliant to not have him as a lead-off man, where he not only can get the game started by getting on base, but also is more likely to have the most at-bats on the team.

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Cubs will rely on new names, farm system call-ups to restore their former glory

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October 6, 1945 became one of the saddest days in Chicago Cubs history.

Seventy years ago, the Cubs entered game four of the World Series against the Detroit Tigers.

William "Billy Goat" Sianis, owner of the infamous Billy Goat Tavern, bought two tickets to game four to support the Cubs.

Sianis, wanting to bring his team good luck, brought his pet goat Murphy to the game. Before entering the park, the ushers stopped Sianis and Murphy from entering, telling Sianis no animals were allowed in the park.

The owner of the Cubs at the time, Phillip K. Wrigley, was going to allow Sianis in, but said, "No" to the goat. When asked why, Wrigley answered, "Because the goat stinks."

Sianis flung up his arms in rage and

exclaimed, "The Cubs ain't gonna win no more. The Cubs will never win a World Series so long as the goat is not allowed in Wrigley Field."

From that day on, the Cubs were "officially" cursed, but many of their loyal fans think 2015 could be their year of redemption.

Being a Cubs fan in Cardinals territory is certainly intimidating; there is no doubt wearing Cubs attire in Southern Illinois turns some heads.

The Cardinals are good — let's face it — even though that is something no Cubs fan ever wants to admit. Although we are not in our home territory, we stay loyal to our "Cubbies."

Cubs fans never lose sight of the hope they have for their team, especially this year when Cubs baseball is starting to change directions.

No one can deny that the Cubs have an advantage with their manager Joe Maddon, new member pitcher Jon Lester and even

minor league player Kris Bryant.

Maddon is essential to a team like the Cubs. He does not put a lot of pressure on his players. The absence of pressure is especially crucial this year, considering the Cubs have already been picked by certain national outlets to win the World Series.

A manager like Maddon, who is as rational and calm as he is, should be a huge benefit to the team.

Lester has a lot to live up to this year, acting as the Cubs' knight in shining armor. The left-handed pitcher, who had a 2.46 ERA between Boston and Oakland last year, could be the key to the Cubs' success.

Although keeping outstanding third baseman Bryant in the minor leagues has raised a lot of controversy, it was the right move for the Cubs.

Bryant still has some work to do before playing with the big boys. This spring, Bryant struck out in more than 25 percent of his plate appearance and fanned 14 times in 40 at bats.

Giving Bryant more time in the minors not only ultimately gives him the upper hand but also helps the Cubs out as well.

The Cubs can get an extra full season of his play, while giving Bryant an opportunity to improve his contact skills while staying away from the spotlight.

The Cubs also have some good things going on in the bullpen, led by Hector Rondon, Justin Grimm and Pedro Strop.

With arms like Neil Ramirez and Jason Motte, this could be the most talented pen the Cubs have seen in a while.

In the all-time classic movie, "Back to the Future II," Marty McFly travels to the year 2015 to discover that the Cubs are world champions. There is no say in whether the movie's prediction will be true, but the future for the Cubs definitely seems to be bright.

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