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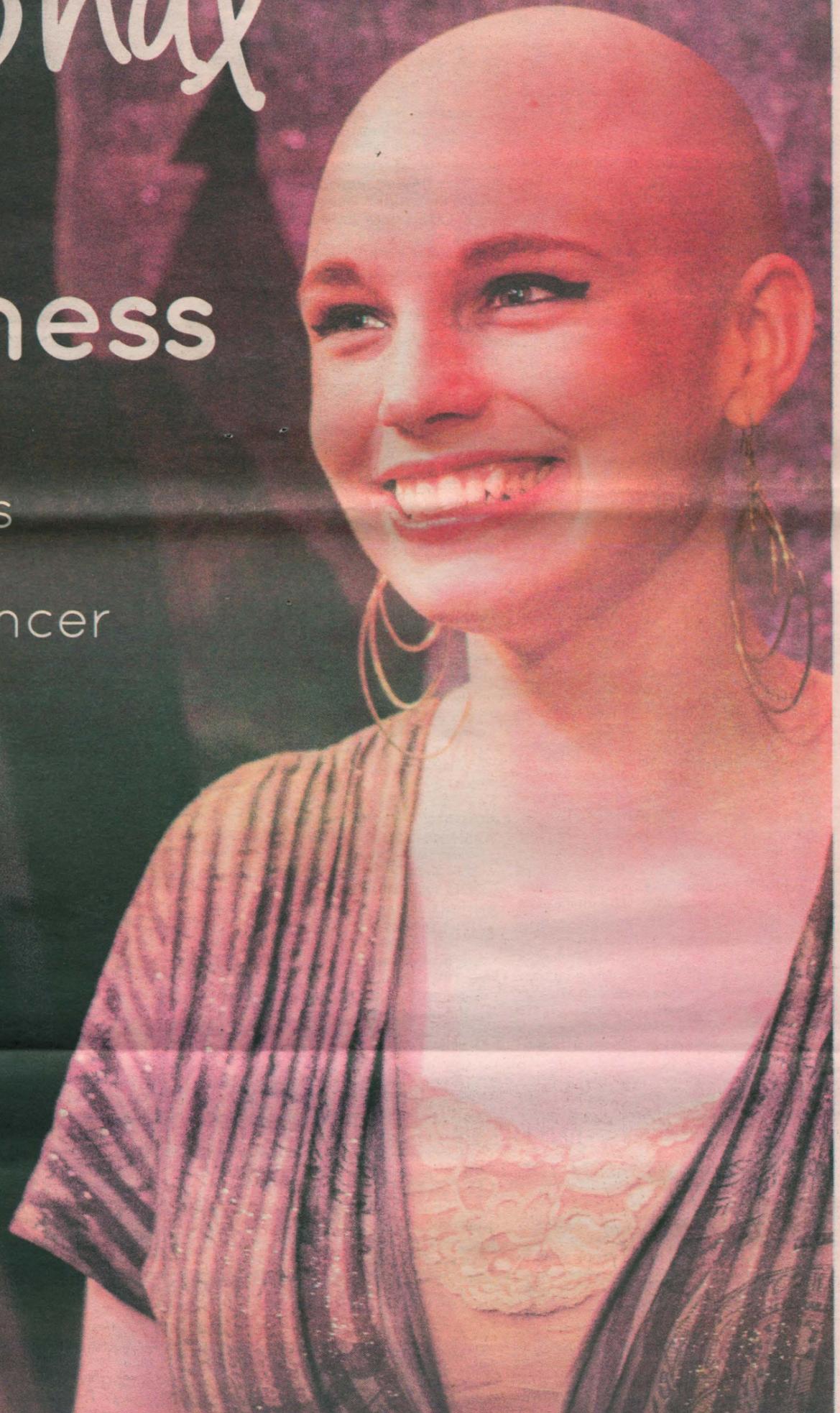
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A kiss, selfie & invitation to talk about God: Evangelist elicits unique responses from students

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With a Bible in one hand and a large sign reading, "God is angry for you have sinned" in the other, an evangelist drew a crowd of students Friday as he preached his beliefs from the Free Speech Area surrounding the Rock.

From 10:30 a.m. until about 3 p.m., Steve, a born-again Christian who chose not to give his last name for personal reasons, came to campus on the cold day with his wife Tina and their four young children.

While some students said they found Steve's message and delivery hostile, he said he was, for the most part, impressed with the respect the students showed him. He has experienced aggressive campus communities, and said SIUE was different in that many listened to him, were patient and asked questions.

"We were able to dialogue. I would honestly say this was like a perfect day," Steve said. "It was a really great day."

Steve said his family travels the country together, spreading their message in as many places as they are able financially.

"More than anything, I want people to know that we're out here not because we hate them, not because we want to condemn them or anything," Steve said. "We're out here because we love them, and I truly believe there is a day of judgment. I truly believe that those who don't believe in Jesus will end up in hell, and the most loving thing I can do is to come out there and warn them about that and to talk to them about how if they repent and believe in Jesus that they can be saved."

Freshman cultural anthropology major Rodrick Robins, of Florissant, Mo., liked Steve's message but said his delivery could use some adjustment.

"A college campus is a very liberal, open-minded community most of the time, and Christians are looked down upon because, traditionally, they're very conservative and very close-minded," Robins said. "Now, I don't doubt his message at all because, as a Christian, his message is 100 percent accurate, but for this particular point in time and place of where he's presenting his message and how he's presenting his message, like with the giant sign, with the loud microphone, it's not welcoming to people who don't know Christ."

Freshman biology major Nick Yuhas, of Decatur, said, had Steve's message been refocused, it would have gone over better with the students who surrounded the Rock.

"People prefer love over hate, and he's talking about punishment rather than how to be saved," Yuhas said. "It's kind of pissing people off because they don't want to hear that."

Freshman speech communication major Lauren Mehaffy, of Quincy, said public demonstrations like Steve's should not be allowed on campus at all.

"I'm all for people spreading their beliefs. I really am because I think it's important for people to get a taste of everyone's, but I don't think something like this is right," Mehaffy said. "I think it should be more like little cards being handed out and then if people want to continue that [conversation], they can contact you. I just think that stuff like this creates issues and fights no matter what the religion is."

Steve did bring cards with him that his children handed out to those passing by or stopping to watch, which spurred criticism from a few students in attendance.

"I don't want to be away from them. They don't want me to be away from them. I

would say that's the main thing," Steve said. "But also, to be honest with you — you could ask them — they want to come out. If they would've known I came out today without them, they would have said, 'Daddy, can I go with you? I wanna come with you.' Right?"

A few of his nearby children responded, "Yeah" in unison.

Steve's wife Tina said bringing their children provides them with valuable lessons.

"Being out just makes the Bible come alive," Tina said. "We understand that people are going to yell at us, but we also understand that there are police around and their job is to protect the preacher. If we don't anticipate a big crowd, we draw our kids around and keep them close to us. It turns out the people are just saying what the Bible says they're going to say."

Mehaffy said her parents allowed her the freedom to decide her beliefs for herself, so seeing Steve's children with him at the Rock made her uncomfortable.

"I think it is so sad that his kids are being forced to come up here and hand out these cards that preach his beliefs because they're not old enough to have their own set of beliefs yet," Mehaffy said. "I don't think it's right. I think it's a dirty move."

Tina said there was never any question that the children should come with them.

"We want to train up our children in the way of the Lord so they're part of our family," Tina said. "They join us on the streets. ... The reality is, we want them to see sin for what it is, how wicked it is, not glorified."

The cards the children distributed listed numerous Bible verses and highlighted Steve's main points: God is holy, righteous and just; you have sinned against God; God hates sin — your sin condemns you; turn away from sin; repent of murder, hate, stealing, lying, drunkenness, fornication, homosexuality, hypocrisy, abortion, witchcraft, loving pleasures more than loving God and more.

After standing back and listening to Steve preach for a while, freshman psychology major Samantha Hinshaw, of Hudson, became angry. She decided to make a sign that read, "God hates haters."

Hinshaw and freshman pre-pharmacy student Rebekah Bartholomew, of O'Fallon, held the sign so that Steve might see it as they watched from one of the grassy knolls in the Stratton Quadrangle.

Bartholomew said she was drawn to the quad after hearing Steve's voice projected and seeing the large sign he held.

"What caught my eye is the top of the line [on his sign] says, 'God is angry,' but I'm like, 'I thought God was supposed to be loving. Why is he angry? I thought he was supposed to forgive people,'" Bartholomew said. "Then I came over and I saw people holding up a sign and I'm like, 'OK, I get it. He's probably preaching hate and I'm going to stand with the non-haters over here.'"

Bartholomew said Steve had every right to demonstrate even though she thought his tone was upsetting.

"If the [Gay-Straight Alliance] can have a bake sale in some place, then an uber-Christian should be able to spread his word in another place because this campus is so diverse," Bartholomew said.

Junior Caleb Chapman and sophomore philosophy major Jeffrey Elliott, both of Edwardsville, said they were growing tired of what they described as a hateful message from Steve. The two straight men shared a kiss in front of him.

"The reason I did this is because I believe that no matter what, love conquers all," Chap-



Steve, a born-again Christian who chose not to give his last name for personal reasons, speaks to students on the Stratton Quadrangle about his beliefs.

| Photo by Christian Lee/Alestle

man said. "Love is a pure force."

Elliott received the kiss, asking for a male volunteer, and Chapman came forward. Elliott said he wanted to make a statement.

"Good people can be friendly without condemning other people as evil," Elliott said.

Elliott said he did not agree with Steve's message, but he was happy with the result of his coming to campus.

"This one guy has come out and look — black, white, man, woman, straight, gay, young, old — hate has brought these loving people together," Elliott said. "There are Christians in this crowd. There are Muslims in this crowd. There are Hindus in this crowd. There are atheists, humanists. There's at least one Wiccan that I know for sure. This is the most wonderful demonstration of ... how we shouldn't let the hate of a few distract us from what we all have in common. I'm actually glad he's here today. These people would never mix normally. This is beautiful."

Junior psychology major Brittani Karnish, of Troy, Ill., said watching the demonstration was troubling for her.

"I just think he's being a good missionary by preaching the word of God, and I don't really understand why everyone is lashing out and proving that they're atheists because whenever he's saying he's a Christian, the atheists in the crowd are no better [in] the saying, 'I'm an atheist.' They're basically doing the same thing," Karnish said. "I just think that every-

one should stay civil, and the crowd is not being very civil to me. And he's done some things like interrupting people. That's not good either. I just think there's wrong on both sides."

At one point during Steve's demonstration, sophomore biology major Gerry Butler, of Homewood, said he felt the need to bring some positive energy to the event, so he entered the Free Speech Area and posed for a photo with the evangelist behind him.

"Everyone is attacking each other and I just wanted to lighten the mood with a selfie," Butler said.

Sophomore chemistry education major Tom Hantak, of Metamora, and a member of Cru, formerly Campus Crusade for Christ, also felt the need to stand up in front of the crowd, but his goal was to invite students to find him later if they wanted to ask questions about what they were hearing from the evangelist.

Hantak said that while preaching from the Bible can be effective in spreading the word of God, he values personal conversations. He did not disagree with Steve's message or delivery, he said he just wanted to give students another option.

"Any believers want to evangelize. ... If I knew a train was going to hit you, I would tell you. Now, what we believe is the gospel of

Getting personal with cancer awareness

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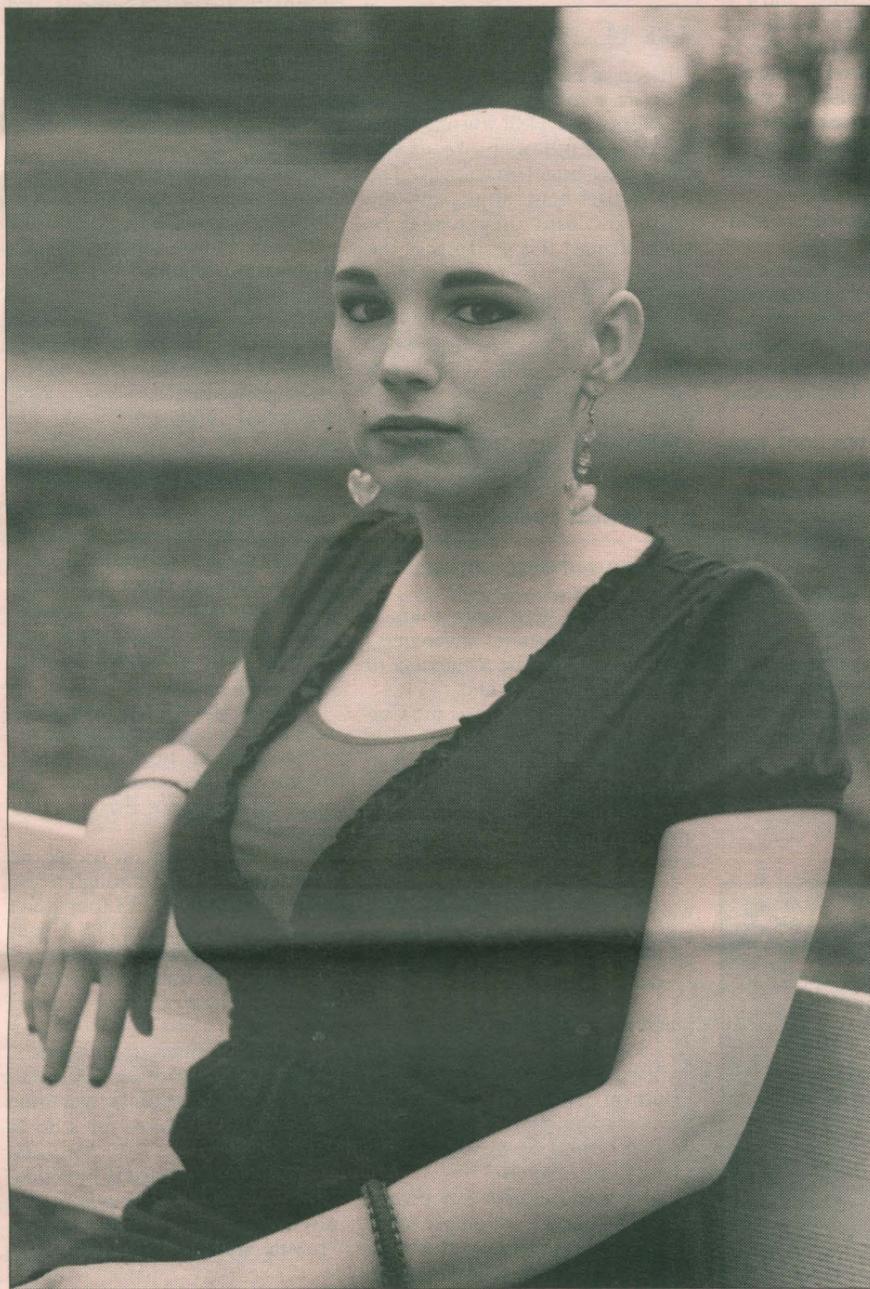
Breast cancer is almost unheard of for anyone in his or her 20s; however, there is no age discrimination for this illness.

Society is aware of different forms of cancer thanks to campaigns like Cancer Awareness Month in February, the No Makeup Selfie challenge and yellow Live-

strong bracelets, but AWARENESS requires more than donations. As one SIUE student battles breast cancer at an early age, this disease is hitting close to home, and personal vigilance is a key for early detection.

A student's battle

Junior mass communication and theater performance major Jozette Spaid, of Carlinville, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.



Junior mass communications and theater performance major Jozette Spaid, of Carlinville, was diagnosed with breast cancer at 22 years old. | Photo by Abbie Speiser/Alestle

"I knew the lump was there about nine months before I even had the biopsy done or even went to the doctor about it. It was small back then, and I didn't really think anything of it," Spaid said. "I stopped checking myself, but then around Thanksgiving, I noticed that the lump was a lot bigger. It started giving me some pain. ... They did a biopsy on me, and took a sample of it, and then they diagnosed me."

Spaid's chemotherapy treatments mean a visit every other Friday to Springfield, and the side effects are often fatigue, nausea and hair loss.

"I'm so thankful I've not actually thrown up. I don't know how that hasn't happened. There have been times where I sat ready to, but I'm so stubborn that I wouldn't let myself," Spaid said.

Spaid said her treatments would have left her feeling sick the entire weekend if it were not for the anti-nausea medication she receives from her doctors.

"If I didn't take the nausea pills, I would be [nauseous] all day for sure, especially the Friday, Saturday and Sunday," Spaid said. "Those days, I actually take separate anti-nausea pills the doctor gives me. They're just samples because each of those pills are \$400. I'm very lucky the doctor's office gives me those every time."

Upon graduation, most students will have to begin payments on student loans, but Spaid's financial burden includes that and her medical expenses not covered by Medicaid.

"I haven't received any bills for going to chemotherapy itself, but I know that's going to be a pretty penny," Spaid said. "I think most of this stuff is going to be out of my pocket. I do know there is one shot [Medicaid] is paying for. It actually raises my white blood cell count. The shot alone is \$4,000."

To help alleviate some of the financial burden, Spaid's roommate, senior social work major Savannah Bates, of Carlinville, organized a benefit in their hometown.

"The benefit raised over \$5,000, which is awesome. That only put a very small dent in her medical bills," Bates said. "I know she told me one shot she received is worth \$6,000, and that's just one shot. I don't know all the details, but we didn't even make enough money for that one shot."

Awareness without action and education

Early signs of a lump are one of the keys to survival, yet there are many studies available on PubMed, a website that provides free, reviewed medical journals, indicating that the majority of women neglect to perform regular breast self-exams.

"My mom has always told me to [do a self-exam,] but I didn't do it regularly. Then, one time I did, and I noticed the little lump was there," Spaid said.

Though women are well-informed and reminded to practice breast self-exams upon their annual gynecological appointments, young men are not always told to check for signs of testicular cancer.

Senior biology major Adam Wilkerson, of Mt. Olive, said he was not aware testicular cancer occurs in most men between the ages of 15 and 35. He was also never told to do a self-exam.

"Even if I was told to, I don't know what the hell I'd be looking for," Wilkerson said.

There are many online sources teaching how to properly conduct a testicular self-exam, but PubMed's research papers have reported a low number of young men doing so.

While the Livestrong Foundation's main platform is focused on testicular cancer, its goal is to support those already suffering from the disease. Their mission and values state very little about promoting education methods.

According to Nora Evans, a National Cancer Society Relay for Life Specialist, testicular cancer is not one of the organization's main focuses either.

"Testicular cancer is not one of our current platforms right now, so we're not taking it to our guerilla marketing. We're focused really on colorectal cancer and breast cancer," Evans said.

SIUE's Colleges Against Cancer Vice President Michelle Probst, of Teutopolis, said one of the reasons there is lower emphasis on testicular cancer self-exams is due to a difference in female and male attitudes.

"I feel like guys need to become more aware of it. I think in guys, there's a stereotypical attitude. If a problem arises, they'll take care of it, whereas, it's precautionary for females in most cases. There are obviously exceptions," Probst said.

Wilkerson said the marketed awareness programs are not doing enough to educate the public on their own health, but it does have its benefits.

"I would say it's probably trying to make it more likeable to support it," Wilkerson said.

However limited education about testicular cancer checks may be, it is a cancer known to have the highest cure rate if caught early.

Evans said, though the NCS does not focus on marketing awareness for all forms of cancer, the organization's members work to educate doctors on when to suggest self-checks to patients. Their website also contains a wealth of education and resources including statistics, symptoms and programs for those with the disease.

With a plethora of programs and resources available online, Bates said people have an awareness of the diseases' existence,

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Christ is so big, it's life changing, it's determining whether you go to heaven or hell. It's all of that," Hantak said. "As Christians, we have that conviction to want to tell the world. Tell others and encourage others. Challenge others."

Hantak said something good came out of Steve's demonstration.

"I would not have [spoken out] if he wasn't here, so I can say that God worked in that way," Hantak said. "He's working through all the side conversations. He's working through all the people who came up and said what they had to say."

Steve said his goal was not to change students' minds about religion. He wanted to get them thinking.

"I do not believe I can change anyone's mind. I believe that God needs to give someone faith. God didn't change my mind. God gave me faith. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God, and so our goal is to come out here that people might hear the word of God and by hearing it, they would believe," Steve said. "I want other Christians to talk to these people and to talk about what we had to say. I want people to read the scriptures and to read and see if what I said was true. Is it truly biblical what I said? Was I speaking the scriptures or was I just speaking my own opinion?"

This kind of investigation is important

for college students, Steve said.

"We come to the college for several reasons. First of all, it's a place of learning. ... They're out here to dialogue with people and to learn things," Steve said. "On top of that, we believe in the schools that are being taught in the schools would be speaking against God, but I would say that's a minor point to why we're out here. The major point is that it's a place of learning and it's a place where there's a lot of people and, oftentimes, the students will engage and we're able to speak with them."

Sophomore special education major Lashai Spencer, of Chicago, said she felt more like Steve was judging students.

"His purpose is to be there for the salvation of college students, but the thing is, he does more angering of the college students rather than [trying] to save them," Spencer said. "There is a better way for it to be delivered than to be sitting at a college campus holding a sign and pointing at people saying, 'You're wrong.'"

When Steve is not preaching on college campuses, he said he works his day job delivering newspapers.

"I'm just like everybody else. I've got a family. I put on my shoes and tie my shoes just like everybody else does," Steve said. "But I understand that people will look at us and think that we're strange."

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Sophomore biology major Gerry Butler, of Homewood, (left) and freshman nursing major Teria Clemons, of Chicago, (right) capture the evangelist in the background of their selfies. | Photo by Brian Arme/Alestle

SG will no longer meet in summer: Fall program, travel requests due now

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Since the student senate will not be meeting this summer, program and travel requests for the start of the fall 2014 semester will need to be made to the current senate before the spring semester ends, according to Student Government Vice President Nasir Almasri.

Additionally, next year's student senate will expand from 12 to 16 members, including two elected graduate students and two appointed freshmen.

These changes came at the SG meeting Friday, when the current senate amended the SG constitution through unanimous approval of Senate Bill 14-07-04.

Almasri said the senate will not be meeting in the summer to avoid allowing inexperienced senators to vote on important issues before they can be properly trained.

"First of all, they're voting on programs and travel requests when they don't fully understand it yet, and the other problem is they're making votes on executive board members, and they don't necessarily know what executive board members do," Almasri said.

The executive board members will be interviewed and appointed by the newly-elected president, who then must be approved by the current senate.

"This senate knows what the executive board should look like," Almasri said. "Next year's senate is going to come in and be like 'I don't know what the executive board does. This person sounds smart, great.'"

Early last fall, four parties put on by Greek organizations that received SG funding caused controversy for having underage drinking present, as well as concerns that the events were put on to recruit future Greek members. The fraternities and sororities typically request SG funds in the summer, so Almasri said SG will reevaluate the way it deals with fall parties.

"Last year, those groups came in, and frankly, they fit their programs into the rules. They went about re-

questing things on time," Almasri said. "Obviously, people could argue there could have been better ways to spend that money, and we're going to change that up a little bit. I don't think we're going to see 10 parties. [The parties] could obviously be looked at as recruitment events. I'm not saying that they are recruitment events. They've already passed, and I'm not going to sit here and make a judgment on them."

According to Almasri, freshmen who apply to be a senator in fall 2014 will be interviewed by the SG executive board. The executive board will then make a recommendation to the senate members who will vote to decide which two applicants to add to the senate. Both freshmen senators will not vote until the spring semester.

Almasri said SG is hoping to attract student leaders to SG early in their college careers.

"The goal is that they get experience, that we get really strong student leaders right in the beginning and hopefully retain them," Almasri said. "I think we do a good job getting good student leaders, but it'll be nice to have two freshmen and their friends will be like 'Oh, you're in Student Government. I'm interested now.'"

The two new graduate senator positions were added in order to better represent the graduate school in SG, according to Almasri. Unlike the freshmen, graduate senators will be elected during SG elections in the spring. Almasri said of the current four graduate students running for senate, two will fill the graduate student positions. The remaining two can still be elected to the general 12-student senate if they receive enough votes.

The current student senate only has one graduate student, Caitlin Dentamaro, who was appointed by Student Body President Alexa Hillery following Senator Matt Horton's resignation due to class conflict.

Read more about Student Government's March 28 meeting at alestlelive.com.

SIUE POLICE BLOTTER

3-28-14

An officer investigated reports of a subject preaching on the quad and confirmed he had a permit, and it was valid until 4 p.m.

3-29-14

Officers, a building engineer and the fire department responded to Woodland Hall lounge area, which was full of smoke. It was caused by burnt macaroni. The fire department aired out the dorm and said they would be back around 9 a.m. to test the smoke detectors to determine why they did not sound.

Kendall A. Clemons and Marshall D. Frenchie were each taken into custody from a traffic stop and transported to the SIUE Police Department.

Clemons was arrested for driving on a suspended license, issued citations for speeding 40 mph in a 25 mph speed zone and driving while suspended. Frenchie was arrested for unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver. Clemons and Frenchie were each fingerprinted, photographed and processed. Both posted bond and were released.

3-30-14

Officers followed up on a previous case and conducted a consent search at Prairie Hall. James D. Fagan was taken into custody and transported to the SIUE Police Department. Fagan was arrested for unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful possession of alcohol, and was fingerprinted, photographed and processed. He posted bond and was released.

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but these marketing campaigns lack personality.

"I don't necessarily think it should be 'cancer awareness.' Maybe it should be awareness of those people," Bates said.

According to Probst, the Colleges Against Cancer organization does work to support those battling the illness, and they raise awareness.

Probst also said their meetings are one way to help further educate students about different cancers.

"At our meetings, there's always a cancer of the month that we talk about, and we have a sheet we give on statistics on how it can be prevented," Probst said.

Student Involvement

Students wanting to get more involved with cancer awareness activities on campus can participate in the upcoming Relay for Life event that will be held 6 p.m. Friday, April 11, at Korte Stadium.

Bates said another way anyone can be involved is by simply offering more encouragement to people they know who are dealing with cancer.

"On Facebook, Jozette posts all of her updates. There are so

many people who comment and encourage her, support her and tell her that they're praying for her and they're thinking about her," Bates said. "She told me in the beginning, 'Wow, I didn't realize so many people were aware and ready to give me support.'"

Spaid said she has been fortunate in receiving both financial and moral support from her family, friends and the community, but many others do not always get the same help.

"There are so many people out there who are going through worse or the same thing and they don't get the same support that I have had. That affects me so much. It really makes me want to be a better person and help others out," Spaid said.

Students interested in participating in the Relay for Life event can find more details by searching Facebook for "Relay for Life at SIUE 2014!"

Anyone interested in providing financial support for Spaid can visit giveforward.com and search "Jozette Spaid."

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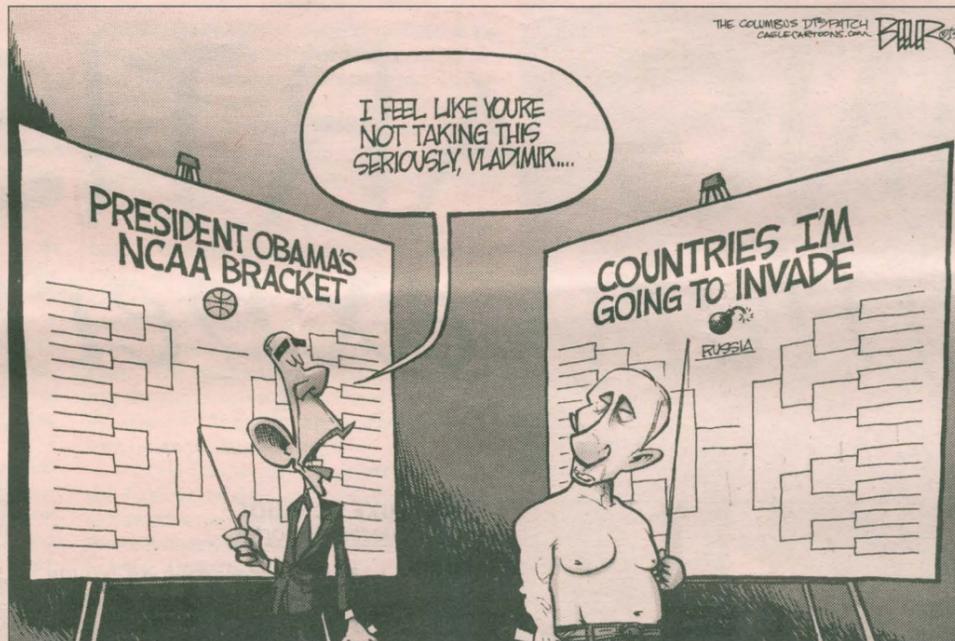
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Don't 'Save the Tatas,' save the women

Cancer is a subject about which we all need to be more aware; treatments are consistently more effective when there is early detection of the illness. This is why it's so incredibly vital to have awareness campaigns.



Nathan Sierra
Copy Editor

The earlier the detection, the more treatment options are available, which allows for the best and most appropriate treatment to be more tailored to the patient. But, it's important to make the distinction between saving the person and saving the organ or tissue in question.

Sometimes, despite the various options, the best treatment option

involves the reduction or removal of the tissue in question. Because of this fact, I strongly believe the slogans used for breast cancer campaigns are, more often than not, incredibly selfish, counterproductive and flat-out harmful to the real goal-saving lives.

Large parts of breast cancer awareness campaigns wrongly focus on the preservation of breasts. Yes, in an ideal situation regarding the treatment of breast cancer, the patient walks away healthy and with both breasts. However, and I can't stress this enough, that is the ideal situation — one which is, unfortunately, far from the norm.

Out of the people I've known who have had breast cancer treatments, the majority have had some form of tissue removal, often eventually resulting in full mastectomies. So when I hear phrases like "I <3 Boobies" or "Save the Ta-Tas" in regard to breast cancer,

I can't help but get angry and feel the speaker is woefully misdirected in his or her statement.

The goal of the campaign is to save people, not breasts. That is, by far, the important message here. Focusing on the preservation of breasts hurts and alienates women who've had or are considering having a mastectomy.

It is true that the awareness brought about by the slogans is important. The slogans grab people's attention while still being associated with the issue. More attention means more money donated for the cause and that's not even counting the money that is donated from the slogan-embellished merchandise.

I think that there can be other clever ways to grab our attention. Ways that don't rely on such a crude message to bring home their point.

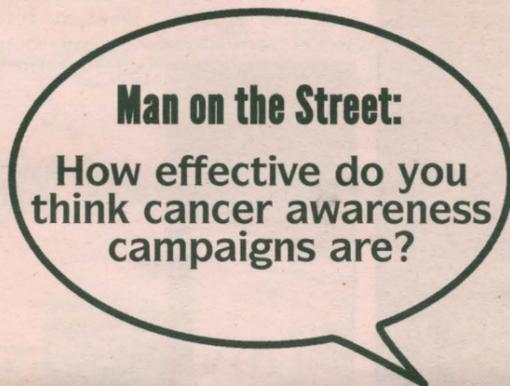
I know what the organizations are going for, and "laughter heals" is

a common message the campaigns emphasize that I can agree with for the most part. The seriousness and severity of cancer often scares people from, perhaps ironically, discussing it with their physicians. The campaigns do well to help dissipate some of that fear, I believe.

Still, the lightheartedness of the slogans that revolve around the idea of breasts themselves has the unintended side effect of changing the goal from saving the person to saving the breast.

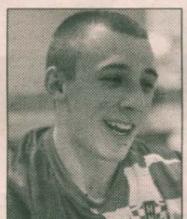
Do not get me wrong: In no way do I want there to be less funding for breast cancer research. I still want more and more awareness for the importance of all early cancer detection. I hope the next merchandise you pick up promotes the value of the person, not their features.

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"I think they're really effective for people who have cancer and those who do not have cancer. These campaigns let us know the negatives and the positives. They're very useful. If I would like to change them, I'd make them more public."

Preethi Thakur
Electrical engineering graduate student
Andhra Pradesh, India



"They don't state the facts; they just say why. I'd like to see the results. That's me; I'm all about the results. I want to see where [the money] went, how it was done."

Timothy Grgec
Sophomore civil engineering major
Riverton



"I haven't really seen any in the newspaper, but I'm sure they're just as equally effective. They're not necessarily appropriate, but they work if you're trying to reach the male population [ages] 15 to 20. I know I wore that [Boobies] bracelet from the time I was a sophomore in high school to senior [year]."

Michael Young
Freshman criminal justice major
Aurora



"I feel like they are effective for some cancers. But some people still don't really focus on it because people are like, 'Oh, I want to be tan because it's what's in.' When my grandmother was younger, they told her she had cancer, and she kept smoking. I think that older generation had different viewpoints."

Nicky Lutsky
Sophomore history major
Streamwood



"I think they are effective in bringing awareness, and people get to know it's a growing issue in our country. However, I think the reason it can be ineffective is because people only relate to it if somebody they know has cancer, or somebody they know [is] affected by it. If someone they know [is] affected, then it becomes like, 'Oh, let me join this campaign.'"

Jeremy Asiedu
Junior mass communications major
Chicago

What do you think about the breast cancer campaigns "I <3 Boobies" and "Save the Tatas"? Answer our poll at www.alestlelive.com.

YOUNG ARTISTS get gallery experience



SIUE Early Childhood Development Center staff use art to foster young minds to learn about and discover the world around them. When asked which art piece was his, this young artist of a faculty member excitedly showed his parents. | Photo by Abbie Speiser/Alestle

LUKE SCHMIDT
Alestle Reporter

A new generation of young artists from the SIUE Early Childhood Center displayed their work in the Morris University Center Art Gallery for one week. Their work was effectively the final exhibit at that location, soon to be remodeled and repurposed beginning in the middle of April.

Some of these artists, barely big enough to hold the tools required for the job, are the children of SIUE faculty and staff. Some are the children of students and others come from the Edwardsville community.

SIUE Early Childhood Center Director Rebecca Dabbs said the event is a way for her students to display different projects created throughout the school year.

"At the end of each year, we hang it all up and display it," Dabbs said. "We do this exhibit in conjunction with Young Child Week, which is an advocacy group [that] promotes the importance of supporting young children and their families."

Dabbs said she and her staff use art as an invaluable tool to foster young minds to learn about and discover the world around them.

"One of the prevalent themes this year is birds. We have bird feeders outside of our classroom

windows, and the kids became fascinated by the birds," Dabbs said. "The students have also watched for birds when we go for walks around campus. We study different topics that the children are interested in, and art is a major part of that learning process."

One young artist, James Sinaldi, age 5, of Edwardsville, said his imitation of Vincent van Gogh was the first painting he has ever done, and he enjoyed the process.

"I have never done this before," James said. "It was fun, and I would do it again."

James' mother and SIUE alumna Tyann Sinaldi said the Early Childhood Center does an exceptional job developing the young minds of the next generation.

"It is a great program. They do such a good job with the children," Tyann Sinaldi said. "I couldn't imagine my son in another program. It is not your average pre-k program. They are creative and challenge the students to succeed from a young age."

Parents interested in the Early Childhood Center should explore its respective page on the SIUE website. Enrollment is granted on a space-available basis with priority going to SIUE faculty and students.

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The children of SIUE faculty and students participated in a gallery art show of the pieces they made throughout the year. The artist of this piece titled 'Animals' is 3 years old. | Photo by Abbie Speiser/Alestle

Political figureheads to debate student-written questions

LUKE SCHMIDT
Alestle Reporter

Political strategist James Carville will debate former U.S. Attorney General Roberto Gonzales on the hotly contested issue of immigration in the United States at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3, in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center.

The first half of the debate will focus primarily on the issue of immigration, while the second half will open up to other issues.

According to Arts and Issues Director Grant Andree, the event will be in collaboration with several other humanities events, including the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium and the Saint Louis Humanities Festival.

"The theme for the [CAS] colloquium is movement. We picked two speakers that we thought could present a good debate on immigration," Andree said. "The idea being that immigration is closely linked with the movement of people. We want to explore some of the causes and effects of this issue."

Some of the aspects to be discussed will include: The North American Free Trade Act and how it affects immigration, the search for a definition of illegal immigration and how the Affordable Healthcare Act affects both legal and illegal immigration.

While the spotlight may be on these two figureheads of American politics, it is the students and faculty of SIUE who are working behind the scenes, writing questions for the debate, setting up production and making sure the stage is set for a fair discussion.

Twenty five students from the Political

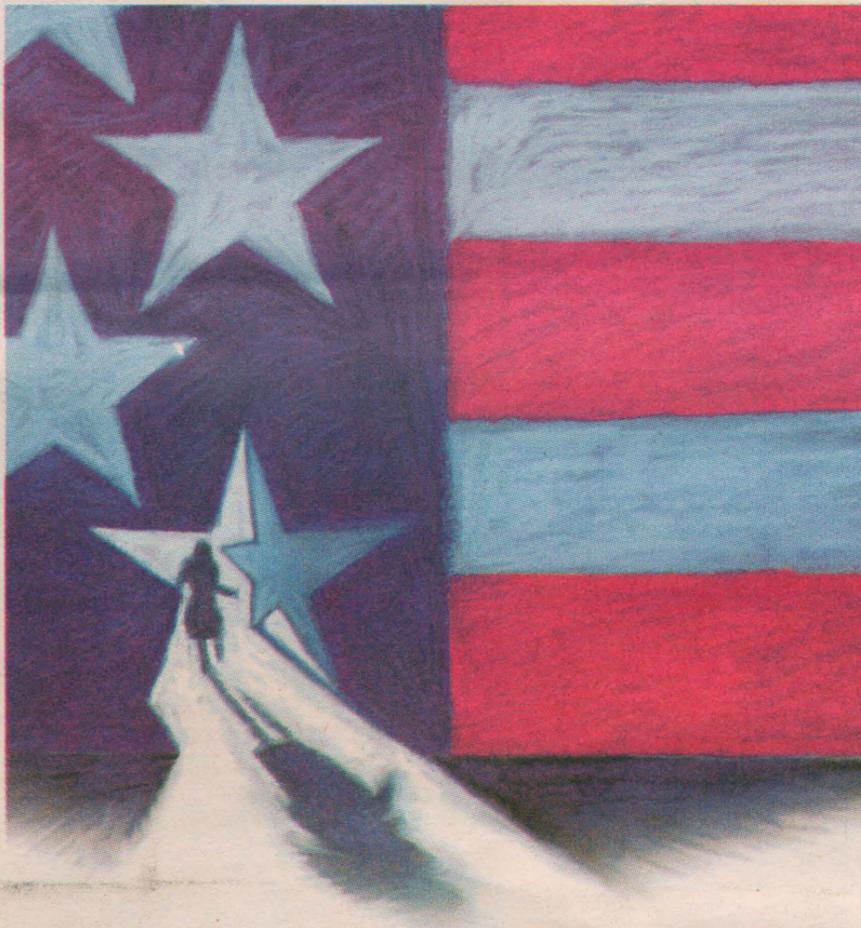
Science Department drafted questions on numerous aspects of the immigration debate in this country. They worked alongside SIUE faculty, as well as the Carville and Gonzales teams, in preparation for the event, according to Nasir Almasri, political science major and Student Government vice president.

"I think what is great about this debate is that the questions were drafted entirely by SIUE political science majors. Our students were selected to draft the questions, which were then narrowed down to nine possible questions," Almasri said. "The students involved with generating the questions will also have a chance to sit down with the speakers after the event in a more private setting."

Craig Steiner, an administrator within the College of Arts and Sciences, overseeing production of the event, said involvement was limited not only to the Political Science Department.

"We have student involvement across the board for this event, from the Political Science Department to the speech communication people who are studying the language and oration of the debaters," Steiner said. "The Mass Communications Department is producing the debate in the style of a televised event. They have done a tremendous job as my people on the ground helping this event come into fruition."

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Baseball

	OVERALL	OVC
SE Missouri	17-10	10-2
Jax. State	17-10	9-3
Tenn. Tech	23-6	8-4
SIUE	10-15	8-4
Murray St.	13-12	7-5
E. Kentucky	12-15	4-5
Morehead St.	12-15	5-7
Austin Peay	10-17	3-6
Belmont	9-18	2-7
E. Illinois	7-20	2-7
UT Martin	3-22	2-10

Mar. 28 results

Tenn. Tech 1, SIUE 3

Belmont 1, Morehead St.
Jax. State 8, E. Illinois 2
SE Missouri 13, UT Martin 9
E. Kentucky 2, Evansville 8

Mar. 29 results

Belmont 8, Morehead St. 6
E. Kentucky 1, Evansville 12
Jax. State 23, E. Illinois 15
Murray St. 7, Austin Peay 2
SE Missouri 9, UT Martin 3
Tenn. State 8, SIUE 5

Mar. 30 results

Belmont 3, Morehead St. 2
Jax. State 8, E. Illinois 6
Murray St. 6, Austin Peay 4
SE Missouri 11, UT Martin 1
Tenn. Tech 10, SIUE 6
E. Kentucky 3, Evansville 2

Softball

East	OVERALL	OVC
Jax. State	23-8	8-2
E. Kentucky	14-12	4-2
Morehead St.	6-16-1	3-3
Belmont	9-20	3-6
Tenn. State	14-23	2-7
Tenn. Tech	10-26	2-8
West		
SIUE	12-17	6-2
UT Martin	15-16-1	5-3
E. Illinois	22-10	4-3
Austin Peay	16-16	5-4
Murray St.	16-17	5-4
SE Missouri	7-18	2-5

Mar. 26 results

Morehead St. 3, W. Illinois 10
Evansville 8, Belmont 0
MTSU 2, Jax. State 4
W. Kentucky 3, Murray St. 2
Morehead St. 3, W. Illinois 3

Mar. 29 results

Austin Peay 4, SE Missouri 1
Tenn. Tech 3, Belmont 4
Austin Peay 4, SE Missouri 13
Jax. State 10, Tenn. State 0

Mar. 30 results

Tenn. Tech 6, Belmont 3
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Morehead St. at SIUE (3 p.m.)
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Kain Colter, a star quarterback and receiver who completed his college football career in December, gestures toward United Steelworkers International president Leo Gerard as he answers questions following the announcement that several Northwestern football players wish to join a labor union during a press conference at the Hyatt Regency in Chicago Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014.

[Photo by Antonio Perez/Chicago Tribune (MCT)]

Union push could forever change college sports

BARRY HORN
The Dallas Morning News (MCT)

Imagine a Final Four at which the hot topic of conversation is the salaries of the college players on the court. Who's the most overpaid? Underpaid?

Come Saturday's semifinals you could be sure the media would compare how much Wisconsin junior guard Traevon Jackson earned to play on the national stage in sold-out AT&T Stadium with how much his father, Jim, earned during the dismal days he played for the underwhelming Mavericks at Reunion Arena.

As for Julius Randle, a freshman sensation at Kentucky, the debate might center on if more money awaited as a Wildcats sophomore or an NBA rookie.

What if commercials during college television broadcasts featured freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors compensated for their appearances?

Student-athletes in college's giant revenue producing sports - football and men's basketball - may be transformed into student-athletes over the kicking and screaming protests of the NCAA.

It could happen in the not-so-distant future. Former Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel may have been born a decade too soon.

A giant step in that direction came last week when a regional National Labor Relations Board in Chicago ruled Northwestern University football players should be

recognized as employees with the right to form a union and bargain collectively with the school.

It was a blow for Northwestern, universities around the country and the NCAA, which historically has preferred participants who play intercollegiate sports to remain amateurs to the core.

But inevitably in a golden age of billion-dollar television deals and million-dollar coaching contracts, not to mention high-dollar shoe and equipment deals, athletes are seeking more say in their own lives.

For now, Northwestern says it will appeal the decision up the NLRB chain. In the end, however, the case probably will wind up in the federal courts. There it would join a pair of lawsuits filed on opposite ends of the country designed to see that college athletes are compensated for their sweat beyond their scholarships.

Players Seek Reforms

Pay for play is not the immediate intention of the movement to unionize college athletes, says Ramogi Huma, a leader in the athletes' rights movement.

But it probably could become a byproduct of collective bargaining, Huma acknowledged.

Huma is advising the Northwestern players in their NLRB case and is consulting one of the federal lawsuits. It was filed in New Jersey last month by an attorney who has successfully battled the NFL, NBA, NHL and Major League

Baseball.

Meanwhile in California, a 4 1/2-year-old lawsuit seeking to end the NCAA's restrictions that prevent athletes from cashing in on their name, likeness and image is finally set to go to trial in June.

What Huma's College Athletes Players Association is focused on, its founder said, are issues such as guaranteed lifetime coverage for sports-related medical expenses; improved procedures for reducing head injuries; the right to pursue commercial sponsorships; stipends to cover expenses while in school, and the right to move from school to school without being forced to sit out a season.

"We are looking for the players to be given a seat at the table to discuss physical and financial issues of their participation," Huma, a former linebacker at UCLA, said in a telephone conversation from his home base in Riverside, Calif.

"We are not re-inventing the wheel," he said. "All professional sports have unions. ... Whatever schools and college players want to do would be negotiated at the bargaining table."

The NCAA, conferences and schools have long maintained that their's are not professional sports. Rather, the scholarships that include tuition, room and board are payment enough for their "student-athletes."

Still sensing a change in the environment, the NCAA, which traditionally has exhibited glacier-like movement, recently

liberalized its rules to expand payments.

NCAA president Mark Emmert cited the rules changes last week when the subject of pay for play was elevated for discussion on an NBC Sunday morning Meet the Press.

"[Athletes] can get a suit and tie from their athletics department," Emmert said. "They can get a flight home for an emergency. So it's a very different world than it was five years ago."

Emmert added he has pushed for a \$2,000-per-player stipend to help further defray athletes' "miscellaneous expenses." Critics, including Huma, contend that isn't nearly enough in an era in which basketball and football players help bring in millions of dollars to their schools and conferences.

No matter. The NCAA's member universities voted down the attempt at largesse.

Revenue is expanding

Huma has been pressing for college athletes' rights since 2001. He said he and his original organization, The National College Players Association, remained in the wilderness until relatively recently when a confluence of events, propelled by increased media interest, moved the issue center stage.

Stimulating the seismic shift, he said, are ever-increasing billion-dollar football and basketball television contracts; focus on multi-million dollar contracts for coaches who aren't

Softball splits against UT Martin

BEN LEVIN
Alestle Sports Editor

The SIUE softball team split a doubleheader against Ohio Valley Conference rival UT Martin Sunday. The Cougars won the first game of the day 7-2, but could not repeat their success in game two, losing 9-2.

Head Coach Sandy Montgomery had mixed feelings about the day. She said the games seemed like complete opposites of each other.

"In the first game, I was very impressed," Montgomery said. "We played very well. Pitched well. Hit well. Played good defense. We handled them the way I felt we should. In the second game, we didn't bring our A game from a defensive standpoint, pitching standpoint or an offensive standpoint. When you do that you're not going to win."

In the first game of the day, the Cougars were powered by a five-run second inning, where the team took a lead it would hold for the remainder of the game. UT Martin had three errors in the inning, but Montgomery said the errors were due to SIUE's power at the plate.

"To start the inning off, we were hitting the ball extremely hard at the kids who made mistakes," Montgomery said. "They played their middle infield very deep, and they have a very fast infield, which I think was to their detriment. We created some of those errors from the way we were hitting the ball."

Sophomore Hayley Chambers went all seven innings for the Cougars, giving up two earned runs on two hits. Chambers also had 11 strikeouts in the game.

In game two, UT Martin came out swinging, and by the

end of the first inning, the Cougars found themselves down 6-1. Senior Erin Greenwalt started the game for the Cougars, but got only one out before she was pulled in the bottom of the first inning after giving up five earned runs.

Montgomery said she could not determine what went wrong for her players, but admitted they did not show up for the second game.

"I'm not going to make any excuses," Montgomery said. "I don't know if we were overconfident or we just came out a little flat, but we were just not ready to play. UT Martin is a good hitting team, and you can't take an inning off against any team in this conference. The first inning didn't bode well for us. It was tough for us to recover after that."

After a start of the season that has seen the Cougars play only three home games, the team opens April with 10 of its next 11 games at Cougar Field. Montgomery said she believes her team will take advantage of the time at home, and hopes the team can get some critical wins.

"We've been on the road for a long time," Montgomery said. "It's tough. It's grueling. It's not easy to play on the road. We're excited to come back home and hopefully get back on the winning track."

With the match-up against SIUC canceled on Wednesday, the Cougars next play a doubleheader versus OVC foe Morehead State. The first game of the doubleheader is at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 5, at Cougar Field. The second game is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

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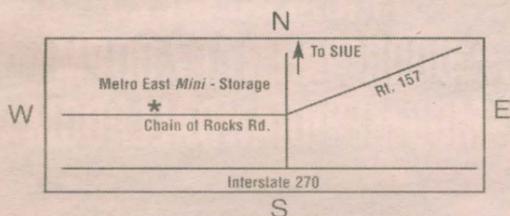
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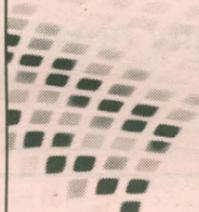
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barred from skipping off to a new deal at a new school; concussion awareness, and academic scandals that make "student-athlete" an oxymoron.

In 2010, CBS, with new partner Turner Sports, tore up their old deal with the NCAA and agreed to a revised 14-year contract to televise the men's NCAA Tournament that is worth \$11 billion. That's a 41 percent increase in revenue over the old deal.

In 2012, ESPN agreed to pay \$5.64 billion over 12 years to create the College Football Playoff, which will introduce a football Final Four later this year.

The NCAA's Emmert said the men's basketball tournament money supports "everything that goes on in college sport" at the Division I, II and III levels.

"So the vast majority of the revenue flows into the NCAA, goes right out to the universities either directly or indirectly through the support of these championships," said Emmert, who according to NCAA tax returns had a compensation package of \$1.7 million in 2011, his first year leading the organization. That was up 46 percent from his predecessor's.

"The money's not going to colleges and they're sitting on it. It's supporting 450,000 kids. It's a big, big amount of money."

Huma said his College Athletes Players Association believes there is enough money for revenue-producing football and basketball athletes to get whatever they can negotiate.

Just take the Final Four coaches coming to North Texas, who are earning millions.

Kentucky coach John Calipari is in the midst of a five-year, \$37.5 million deal. That's \$5.5 million a season. A USA Today database that included coaches who took their team to the 2013 NCAA Tournament had Florida's Billy Donovan at \$3.7 million and Bo Ryan of Wisconsin earning \$2.4 million. Connecticut's Kevin Ollie, a second-year coach who like Calipari did not lead his team to last year's tournament, is in the midst of a five-year, \$7 million deal.

What if those coaches, and coaches at other Division I schools, made less money and the savings benefited their players? What if schools spent less on administrators' salaries and facilities?

The National College Players Association would at least like to bring the issue to the bargaining table.

"If the players had their collective bargaining, this year's Final Four would not be changed one bit," Huma said. "The players would be out there playing their hearts out, and the fans would be cheering just as loud.

"Only difference would be players would be more a part of the decision-making process," he said. "The NCAA has been living a dream. That can't continue."

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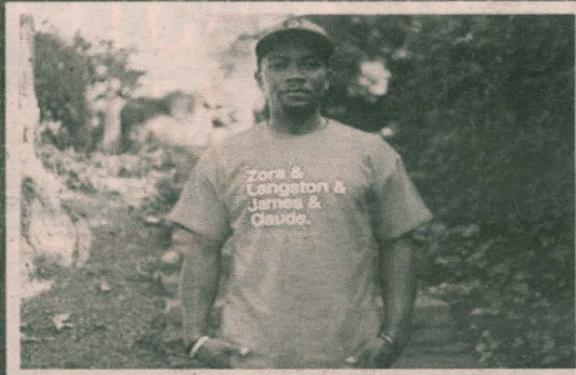
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