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Safe Zone trains faculty

JOSH STOCKINGER
NEWS REPORTER

university's budget for the Department of Cultural and Social Diversity.

The emblem is an upside-down pink triangle in a green circle. Its purpose is to make students aware of safe zones.

"I think discrimination has generally been ... a problem ..."

~ Kevin Cannon

The SIUE Safe Zone Committee will host the first of two faculty training seminars Friday to educate employees about problems students may face because of their sexuality.

Sociology professor Kevin Cannon heads up the committee that links gay, bisexual and lesbian students to non-discriminatory environments on campus. These areas are considered safe zones.

"The main purpose is to provide educational issues of gay, bisexual and lesbian students going to school here," Cannon said. "I think discrimination has generally been somewhat of a problem on all campuses forever."

This year's training sessions will only be the second round of seminars since the committee formed in 2002. Committee events are funded through the

Cannon said the sessions teach faculty how to make their availability known to students, as well as how to provide a comfortable environment for students dealing with discrimination.

Faculty members will receive a copy of the committee's resource manual, which discusses homophobia, tolerance and interpersonal communication and provides more than 120 pages of resource material.

Trained faculty members later display the safe zone symbol in a place visible to students.

Each session is open to 25 faculty and staff members. Cannon said around 70 members attended three sessions last year.

This year's training sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Multifunction Room of Woodland Hall. Faculty members should contact Cannon at 650-3295 for reservations.

The population of gay, bisexual, lesbian and transgender students is not measured at SIUE.

The Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual Alliance is the university's only student organization focused on alternative sexuality. Theater and dance professor Roger Speidel became the organization's director this year.

Speidel said he guesses 10
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Hit the leafy trail



KWAME ROSS /ALESTLE

A student enjoys the fall foliage on a ride through the nature trail that connects to the SIUE campus. Students can enjoy the last of the fall weather before winter storms hit.

Hug a tree, kiss a shrub



APRIL BUEL /ALESTLE

A row of 194 shrubs graces the sidewalk on Circle Drive near Bluff Hall and Lot E behind Dunham Hall. The red chokeberry bushes were planted Monday by Facilities Management.

Trade Center to make export easy

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

Chief Executive Officer and co-founder of LR International Inc. Ric Franz will present the seminar. Franz, who has conducted export seminars for more than two decades, has more than 25 years of experience in logistics. This will be his fifth seminar at SIUE.

The SIUE International Trade Center will present "How to Make Exporting Easier and Profitable: Export Documentation" at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Hackberry Room of the Morris University Center.

"The speaker will be focusing on the documents that are required to ship products from the United States to any other markets overseas," International Trade Center Director Silvia Torres Bowman said.

"Ric Franz is the president and CEO of LR International, and it's a freight forwarding firm in Chicago near Chicago's airport," Torres Bowman said. "He is a member of the Illinois District Export Council. He's a well-known speaker, and he
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For more information contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686or visit the website at www.siu.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP

Raise Your Voice holds presentation on weapons

KRISTEN REBER
NEWS REPORTER

The Raise Your Voice series continues with a presentation discussing weapons of mass destruction by political science professor Denise DeGarmo. The hour-long discussion will be at noon Thursday in the Board Room of the Morris University Center.

"I'm going to be discussing why there seems to be this apparent lack of motivation for students or youth," DeGarmo said. "I'm (going to be discussing

and finding out) why students or young people aren't interested or if they are interested, why they aren't becoming more involved with the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction."

DeGarmo, who has been with SIUE for four years, also serves as the adviser of the Raise Your Voice student committee. Raise Your Voice, which has discussed such issues as voting, is a new addition to campus activism.

"This is the first year that we've been doing (Raise Your Voice)," DeGarmo said. "This is

also my first presentation for Raise Your Voice, but I have done other presentations on campus."

While Raise Your Voice schedules presentations once a month, in February the group will grow more active.

"February is going to be big for us because it's our civic engagement month," student committee member Rene Lewis said. "On the fourth of February, we have one called Refraining from Diversity, and we have several other ones underway for February."

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percent of college students are gay, bisexual or lesbian.

"It's very, very hard to gauge," Speidel said. "Probably a lot of people have not realized how many of these students there are. No polls are taken."

Speidel said around 15 students attended the last GLOBAL meeting. The organization is separate from the Safe Zone Committee, but Speidel said the committee is beneficial to members.

"They're starting to provide real information, and they're pushing equality as important as other areas," Speidel said.

A group of men at SIUE recently began organizing the first predominantly gay fraternity in the St. Louis area. Eight students have already pledged Delta Lambda Phi.

Cannon said the committee has received negative feedback in the past, but he is not aware of any this year. Cannon said negative comments usually come in e-mail form.

Assistant Provost and Vice Chancellor of Cultural and Social Diversity Rudy Wilson said the committee has received more support than discrimination.

Wilson said the university is tolerant to the existence of alternative lifestyles.

"We're not at a hate stage," Wilson said. "At least we can say everyone has a right to be here. I think that's a good thing."

Cannon said the committee's next big project is to get the university to extend insurance benefits to domestic partners of gay, bisexual and lesbian faculty members. The benefits are currently only available to marital partners.

The committee will discuss the issue in a workshop Friday, Nov. 14.

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has been one of the most active speakers in the field."

From the seminar, an exporter will gain additional knowledge and a better understanding of exporting decisions.

"Mainly small business and anyone who takes care of

documents (should attend this event)," Torres Bowman said. "(Also) logistic managers, credit managers, production managers and anyone who is involved in the documentation process (should attend)."

The seminar will cost \$80, which includes the day's

"networking" lunch, parking and a collection of materials for additional information. Payment can be at the door or through the International Trade Center.

For further information, contact Silvia Torres Bowman at 650-2452.

Campus Scanner

Lecture: A lecture on Effective Promotion, Merit and Tenure Portfolios: Inclusion of Assurances of Student Learning Assessment will be from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday in the third-floor conference room of the Lovejoy Library.

Turkey Palooza: The Campus Activities Board offers turkey bowling, pin the tail on the turkey, turkey search and pumpkin pie eating contests from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Goshen Lounge. Refreshments, T-shirts and other prizes will be awarded.

SLDP: The Student Leadership Development Program offers a module on Leadership Challenges for Men and Women from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Monday in the Morris University Center Board Room. A second module will be on Professional Etiquette from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the same day in the same location.

Faculty Research: Focus on Faculty Research is a series of informal lectures on methodologies and resources for scholarly research.

Everyone is invited to attend the lecture from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Tuesday in the third-floor conference room of the Lovejoy Library.

Blood Drives: The Red Cross is holding blood drives from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Edwardsville High School, 6161 Center Grove Road, in Edwardsville, noon to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at SIUE and 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church, 300 E. Lorena Ave., in Wood River.

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Tobacco Counseling: The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. Registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction counselors staff the toll-free line. Counseling is free to residents of Illinois. Those interested should call (866) QUIT-YES. Hot line hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Alcoholics Anonymous: The Gut Level Group meets at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Religious Center. This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon.

Parking Services offers helpful advice on car maintenance



JOSH STOCKINGER
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE Parking Services will host a vehicle maintenance workshop at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Facilities Management Conference Room.

Parking Services Committee member Laura Scaturro said the event's capacity for students and staff has already been filled.

After receiving around 25 requests for seats, Scaturro said the committee had to stop accepting reservations.

"You can only get so many people around a vehicle," Scaturro said.

Participants will learn car basics like how to change oil, check fluid levels and jump-start a battery. A demonstration vehicle will allow for hands-on learning.

The workshop will feature Curt Watters, former vocational

automotive technology instructor at the East St. Louis Community College Center.

"He's very good," Scaturro said. "I just wish we could do something to make room for more students and staff."

Scaturro said this semester's workshop differs from those in the past because the vehicle will be displayed on a hydraulic lift for better visibility.

For now the workshops will continue to be once each semester.

"We're trying to show Parking Services is doing some good things," Scaturro said. "Not just giving out tickets."

Sharon Berry heads SIUE Financial Aid

ALEXIS GROSCH
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE has a new director of Student Financial Aid effective Nov. 2.

New Director Sharon Berry has been serving as acting director of Student Financial Aid.

"She brings a lot of knowledge and skills to this position," Assistant Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management Boyd Bradshaw said.

Berry has a lot of experience in financial aid services. Berry spent four years as director of financial aid at Harris-Stowe State College and five years at Southwestern Illinois College as the director of financial aid and student employment.

"The college did a search, and I went through the whole interview process," Berry said.

The position was vacant for two months before Berry

finally got it.

"Putting Sharon in this position is a wonderful opportunity for Financial Aid and SIUE," Bradshaw said. "Sharon will continue to lead us forward."

Forward thought is exactly what Berry had in mind.

"I don't want to make changes, but I don't want to break something that is working," Berry said. "I have some new ideas on streamlining."

One example Berry mentioned was 76 percent of returning students applying for financial aid turn in the applications late, which causes longer lines.

"We are open to any suggestions there are to improve that," Berry said. "One of the least utilized services is e-mail. The e-mails are generally answered in 24 to 48 hours. Questions such as when refund checks are sent out can be answered through e-mail."

Forum to chew on housing bias

BRUCE KLOSTERMANN
NEWS STRINGER

The Food For Thought speaker series continues Thursday in the Religious Center with a presentation called "Housing Discrimination" by John Farley, chair of SIUE's Sociology and Criminal Justice Department.

"I'll be looking at the patterns of racial housing segregation in the St. Louis

metropolitan area," Farley said. "I'll be exploring the differences (in housing segregation) in different parts of the metro area, the trends over time, and I'll be putting them into a national context."

Farley has written several publications, including textbooks, on the subjects of race and ethnic relations and the causes and consequences of racial housing segregation.

Thursday's presentation will

be the second in the Food For Thought series this semester.

"We're planning to have speakers of multiple perspectives (for the discussion)," Shurtleff Baptist Campus Ministry Director the Rev. Paul Burden said.

According to Burden, several events are being planned for the spring semester as well.

For more information on the Food For Thought speaker series, call Burden at 650-3206.

Have Tons of Fun

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and drinks.

The Student Fitness Center will hold its family event, Tons of Fun, from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday. Tons of Fun is free for everyone. The event will have inflatable rides, games, clowns and food

All students, faculty and staff are invited to come with their families. Patrons must be accompanied by a child. For more information, contact graduate assistant Keith Becherer at 650-3245 or at kebeche@siue.edu.

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From the Editor

Students work for right to fly Old Glory



In Monday's St. Louis Post-Dispatch there was a story about two 21-year-old St. Louis University students who won an argument about whether they should be able to hang an American flag from their campus apartment balcony.

The university had a 4-year-old policy stating, "Nothing is to

be hung from balcony/patio, including but without limitation to flags, strands of lights, wind chimes, or any other items. Violation may result in confiscation of such items for the remainder of the academic year."

Due to the protests of the two students who have been displaying the American flag since shortly after the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, the school now exempts American flags from the list. One of the students even wrote a letter to his congressman to help change the rule.

The two students had been told to remove the flag from their apartment balconies or face a fine.

The president of the university, the Rev. Lawrence Biondi, refused to change the

rule, but as the deadline for a showdown came closer, school officials looked into the case and decided to let the American flag be displayed if students choose to do so.

One school official said, "This was just the proper thing to do."

You bet it's the proper thing to do. The flag is the symbol of America, and if people are going to support their country and want to fly an American flag, they should have that right.

I understand rules are made for a reason, and that having things hanging from balconies can look tacky and maybe cluttered, but there are exceptions to every rule, and I think this one was a good decision.

I'm glad to know people's opinions do count for something

and that two college students who voiced their opinions and stood up for what they believe can actually make a difference.

I bet when those two students first hung up the flag, they never thought their opinions would change a rule that had been in effect for four years.

This is what America is all about.

Freedom of speech and the ability to voice your thoughts and opinions are things I think we take for granted too often in this country.

I think these students should be commended for standing up for themselves and bringing a little bit of patriotism onto an American college campus.

Nicole R. Gaudreault
Editor in Chief

Letter to the Editor

Hard work will not go unnoticed

The Mr. Miaka Pageant, in the Morris University Center Conference Center Oct. 30, was a very pleasurable experience for most of those in attendance and participants alike.

After all, an evening during which six multitasking men have the opportunity to show the world what they have to offer, whether it be in fashion, written expressions, culinary arts or comedy, is worth an hour or two.

What had some feeling as if they wasted their evening was not the participants, nor the outcome of the event.

The behavior of a few individuals threatened to

overshadow the event's purpose, as well as the hard work and effort put in by the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

So this will not be the event during which a talented individual won a scholarship. Nor one where the purpose of the pageant, which is to raise funds for charity and health research is remembered by many.

Instead, it will be known as the event during which a certain group's comments became personal attacks.

It will be known as the event in which an audience member was ushered out by an AKA for standing inches from the stage

during a segment and hurling insults at a contestant. It will be known as another event in which a good cause was nearly eclipsed by childish behavior – unless that changes today.

I would first like to congratulate the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha for sponsoring such an event. Not only is it a positive aspect of your organization, but a chance to give back to the community.

The overall purpose of the event will not be forgotten, and your hard work and efforts in planning and hosting the event will not go unnoticed.

Secondly, I would also like to thank the

contestants for taking the high road throughout the contest and showing maturity when presented with immaturity.

There is little doubt that, whether winning a prize or not, each of you accomplished something by stepping onstage for an evening and sharing your gifts with those in attendance.

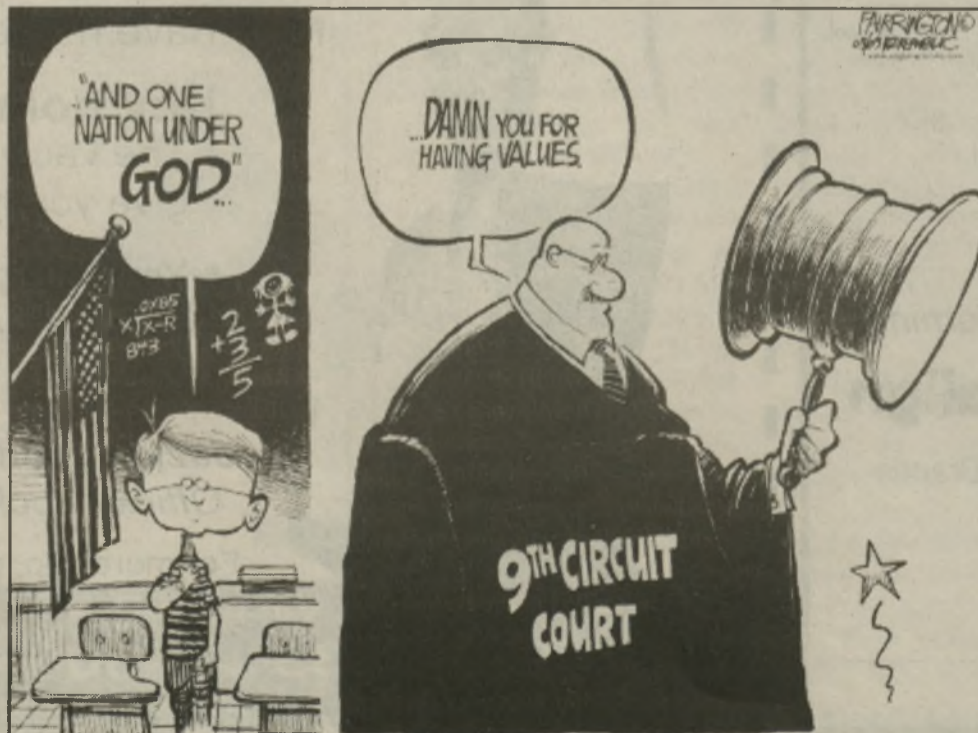
Normally this is the point in which an average letter would ask those who have negativity to stay home from such events in the future.

Instead, I hope everyone learned something that evening: when faced with adversity, the ones we applaud at the end of the evening are the ones who are standing onstage in front of us, as opposed to being shown the door.

This may not change anyone's mind, but the options are always available.

Next time, will you respect those who are trying to accomplish something positive or present yourself in a less-than-flattering light? The choice is yours.

Thomas C. Phillips III
Junior



Quote of the Day

"You get the best out of others when you give the best of yourself."

~Harry Firestone

Alestle Poll Question

Do you think it was a good choice for school officials at Saint Louis University to let the two students fly the American flag on their balcony?

- Definitely, especially since Sept. 11.
- I guess, it's not that big of a deal.
- No, the school should've stood by the policies.

Do you keep up with the news in Iraq on a regular basis or would you rather not think about it?

- I keep up with it consistently. – 46%
- I really don't care to watch any more of it than I have to. – 8%
- I don't watch it unless it just happens to be on television. – 31%
- Every now and then I will see what's going on. – 15%

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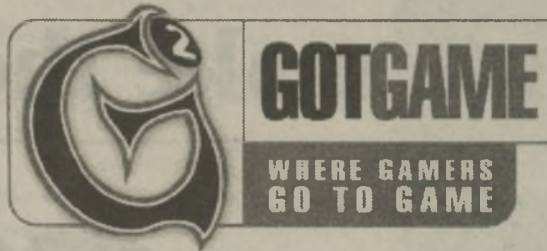
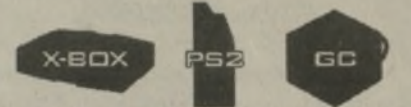


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Grad assistants make the best of teaching

NICOLE SHORT
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Most universities employ graduate assistants in some or all areas of study. But certain questions arise as to whether these students teaching other students are really effective or not.

While some universities may have difficulty with their graduate assistants, SIUE seems to have a fairly effective program for monitoring and preparing students to teach in the classroom.

Most graduate assistants at SIUE teach introductory courses.

Chris Stevens, a second-year music graduate student, teaches Music 124, an introductory music theory class.

Stevens also helps co-conduct the University Band.

Stevens had some experience giving private lessons and directing other bands before undertaking the music theory class.

Overall, Stevens said, he doesn't think he has problems with his class.

"It's a pretty smooth running class," Stevens said. "I encounter typical problems that every instructor does, such as students not showing up to class and doing poorly as a result."

One problem some may think graduate assistants encounter is a lack of respect since they are not regular professors. Fortunately, Stevens said, he has never encountered this problem.

"Every once in a while, a student will challenge me to see how well I know the material, but soon enough they learn that I do," Stevens said.

Stevens has a fairly mainstream approach to teaching his classes.

"I put the responsibility for their success in their hands," Stevens said. "They determine their grade by their performance."

Darryl Coan is Stevens' adviser for his classes.

Before entering the classroom alone, Coan and Stevens met regularly to discuss many different things that are supposed to happen in the classroom.

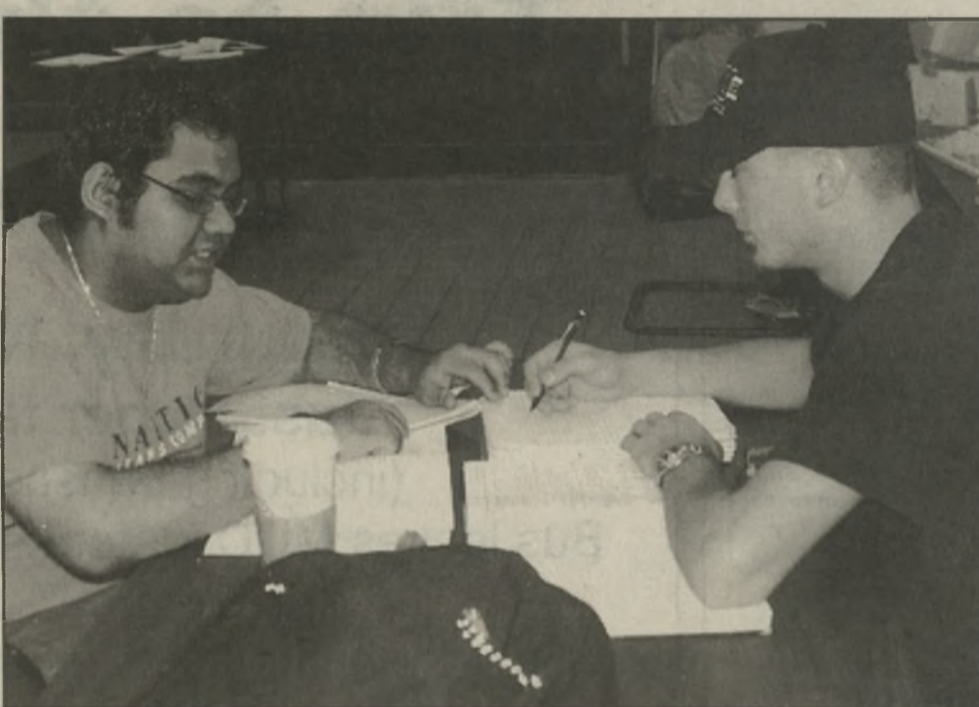
"We talked about teaching strategies beforehand once a day for a couple hours the week before the class started," Stevens said. "And now I touch bases with him at least once a week, and he asks me how things are going and helps me if I need it."

Matt Hoormann is also a second-year grad student in the Music Department. Hoormann co-conducts the University Band with Stevens and also works in the music library.

Hoormann is a trombone player who showed proficiency in his undergraduate years and was invited to participate in an assistantship with music professor John Bell. The assistantship is co-conducting the band.

Like Stevens, Hoormann said he does not encounter any problems with students refusing to give him respect as an instructor.

"In the music setting, students are so willing to be there that they don't cause any problems," Hoormann said. "They are actually very well-behaved."



MINDY SMITH/ALESTLE
Top, graduate assistant Crystal Myers, left, helps freshman Meshawna Sharkey in the Writing Center. Assistants work with students in the lab to improve their writing skills. Bottom, graduate assistant Dhaval Patel, left, shares his knowledge of math with freshman Andy Glenn. Grad assistants also tutor students in the math lab.

Hoormann said feedback from his students also helps him.

"I know that I am not the best conductor, but I've never really had any complaints," Hoormann said. "Mostly students give me constructive criticism and tell me how I can better meet their needs as performers."

Besides helping students perform better, Hoormann said being an assistant has helped him in a big way.

"I've never been in front of students before," Hoormann said. "Mostly, this class has brought me back to the roots of music education and helped me to explore that field. It has also helped me to articulate myself more as a musician."

Bell, Hoormann's adviser, strictly monitors his graduate assistants and has a competitive application pool for positions.

His student assistants are not in charge of the band themselves, but rather help with conducting, something Bell said he believes cannot be observed.

"You can't watch someone conduct, you have to do it," Bell said.

All possible grad assistant candidates must pass an audition.

Bell said he holds the positions in very high esteem.

"It is extremely important to me that whoever stands in front of students is well-qualified," Bell said. "I want it to be a positive experience for both student and assistant."

Bell said he feels Hoormann is respected by other students because of his accomplishments.

"Because Matt has been here for so long and because he is such an accomplished musician, students respect him," Bell said.

Overall, Bell said, he sees the graduate assistantship as a way for students to gain much-needed experience while under guidance.

"This is a chance for young conductors to work on skills under my supervision," Bell said. "They learn to read people and get a feel for how hard one can work a musician on a particular day. I work with them on their technique and

work out any problems they have."

For those who think professors have grad assistants to make their job easier, Bell said to think again.

"It actually makes my job harder," Bell said. "I don't have graduate assistants to make my work easier. I use them as a model for young students of an individual who is developing professionalism. It reinforces my principles that I teach in class about professionalism and what it means."

Aside from the Music Department, many other departments such as math, speech communication and mass communications have graduate assistants helping teach classes.

Leah Warhoover is a speech communication graduate assistant who teaches Speech 105, Public Speaking.

This is Warhoover's second year for teaching. She taught Speech 103, Interpersonal Communications, last year.

Before applying for a graduate assistant position, Warhoover took education classes during her undergraduate career.

Like the other grad assistants, Warhoover said she does not believe her students think of her differently, but rather she said she thinks they relate better to her.

"I'm more of the same age as my students, so they're more comfortable talking to me," Warhoover said. "Some people have a problem with young females teaching in the classroom, and they don't give me as much respect as I'd like them to, but this is a rarity."

Warhoover said she believes a teacher has to earn respect from students, no matter who the teacher is.

"If you establish credibility in your classes, then you shouldn't have a problem," Warhoover said.

Since she is close to the age of most of her students, Warhoover said she feels students sometimes have a problem in wanting to be friends.

"It's hard for students not to want to become friends," Warhoover said. "But I have to draw the line between teacher and student, and I try very hard not to get that close to my students."

Warhoover said she also finds it hard to discuss some topics with students in her Interpersonal Communications classes.

"It's hard to discuss certain controversial subjects in class because I don't know where students are coming from," Warhoover said. "Sometimes they tell me private things, and I am not a psychologist, so I have to refer them to counseling services."

Warhoover said when she first started teaching last year, she sometimes felt guilty when students did not do well.

"I go into every class thinking every student will try their best, and I will pass everyone with an A," Warhoover said. "When students don't do well, I used to feel like it was my fault, but I soon realized that it wasn't. Every year there is that one person who is apathetic and doesn't try. When they get their grades, they are always the first ones to complain and say that it is your

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fault. But really, it's their problem."

Some students with graduate assistants in their class said they don't see a difference between them and their full-time professors.

Freshman Bridget Cartwright has a graduate assistant in her treble chorus class.

Cartwright said she thinks her assistant and professor are alike.

"My grad assistant is just as good as (music professor) Dr. (Joel) Knapp," Cartwright said. "He teaches in a different style, but I learn just as much. I'm sure he gets his teaching techniques from Dr. Knapp."

Cartwright said she respects her graduate assistant as she would any other professor and thinks most students do too.

"No one treats him any differently than Dr. Knapp," Cartwright said. "He's there every day and he does some songs, so he's basically a regular part of the class."

Freshman Karen Lane has Hoormann and Stevens for her graduate assistants in University Band.

Lane said she enjoys having a younger person teaching her class.

"Having a younger conductor is an advantage in some ways," Lane said. "For

example, it hasn't been that long since they have been in our position, so they are more familiar with what we can handle as musicians and know that students don't like to be put on the spot."

Lane said she thinks personality has a lot to do with how much respect a person earns, whether it be a professor or a graduate assistant.

"I think my grad assistants have enough character to earn our respect," Lane said. "We can joke around with them but still respect them."

Some students have teaching assistants who merely monitor their chemistry labs, but freshman Brenna Thomas' class is actually taught by a grad assistant.

Thomas said she might benefit more if she had a regular professor, but she said she's not concerned.

"I think I might learn a little bit more with a professor who has been teaching for longer, but my grad assistant is a really good teacher," Thomas said. "I don't think that I am being harmed academically by having him."

Thomas said she likes her assistant in some ways better than a regular professor.

"Our GA is relaxed and not as uptight as a regular professor can be," Thomas said. "Plus, he's

a graduate of SIUE, so he's already done the work we're doing."

Unlike Lane and Cartwright, Thomas said she does feel students in her class try and take advantage of the graduate assistants.

"I think students do try to take advantage of him," Thomas said. "But he is quick-witted and puts them back in their place when they do."

Freshman Sarah Ruffatto said she enjoys having Warhoover for her graduate assistant.

Ruffatto said she likes her better than a regular professor.

"Leah relates to me better because she's younger and less uptight than my regular professors," Ruffatto said. "When she teaches, she makes things fun, so I remember more information and I am less likely to space out."

For some students who think that having a grad assistant will get them less work, Warhoover may offer a surprise.

"I respect Leah as any other professor," Ruffatto said. "Her grading is strict, and her tests are as hard as any of my other professors'."

SIUE offers graduate students the opportunity to teach classes so both teaching assistants and students can learn along the way.

Faculty jazzes up the Goshen



APRIL BUEL/ALESTLE

Reggie Thomas on piano and Jason Swagler on the saxophone play a jazz concert with other faculty members in the Goshen.

Vocal Jazz Ensemble gets ready to sing with soul

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

Music professor Reggie Thomas is a busy man.

After performing in the Goshen Lounge Monday afternoon with other music professors, Thomas packed up his equipment and prepared for rehearsal with students for the biannual Vocal Jazz Ensemble Concert from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sunday in the Dunham Hall Choral Room 1109.

The concert, sponsored by SIUE's Music Department, is free to students and the public.

The concert was the brainchild of Thomas, who established the event eight years ago. Thomas said the event has become a popular one in the last few years.

"The Vocal Jazz Ensemble has been in existence for about eight years on campus," Thomas said. "There is a variety of musical selections performed from things such as Duke Ellington to more contemporary stuff like Earth, Wind, and Fire."

The seven vocalists, all SIUE students, compose the ensemble this year. Backed by a live rhythm section and horn section, they include senior theater major Laura Coppinger, senior jazz performance major Jennifer Cozort, senior music major Allison Day, senior music

business major Jamie Jones, freshman music major Evan Smith, sophomore music major Ashlie Lawhead and junior jazz performance major Brian Owens.

Thomas said the performance pieces are customized to mesh with the group's overall personality and change every year to avoid

"The music for the ensemble is always tailored towards the personality of the group ..."

~Reggie Thomas

stagnating. "The music for the ensemble is always tailored towards the personality of the group," Thomas said. "We make up new arrangements every year for the performances. They're not all new, but there are a few that are. Also, this year there will be more solo performances by several of the students in the ensemble."

The Vocal Jazz Ensemble Concert also performs regularly around the area, including the Botanical Gardens in Missouri, the Sheldon Concert Hall in St. Louis and area schools and junior colleges as well.

Thomas ensemble had three words to promote Sunday's event before leaving to practice with the ensemble.

"Tell a friend," Thomas said. For more information on the event, call the Music Department at 650-3900.

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Country music award winners come to SIUE



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ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

With Diamond Rio playing in the Vadalabene Center Thursday, Nov. 13, here is some information to get concertgoers familiar with the group.

Diamond Rio members include Marty Roe on vocals, Gene Johnson on mandolin, Jimmy Olander on the guitar, Brian Prout on drums, Dan Truman on keyboards and Dana Williams on bass guitar.

Diamond Rio has collected six Vocal Group of the Year awards from the Academy of Country Music and Country

Music Association. The group has 23 top ten country music singles, 15 top five singles, seven No. 1 singles and more than 9 million albums sold.

Diamond Rio's latest album, "Completely," was certified gold and features the singles "Beautiful Mess" and "Completely."

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8. Tickets are still available for \$15 for students and \$20 for the public.

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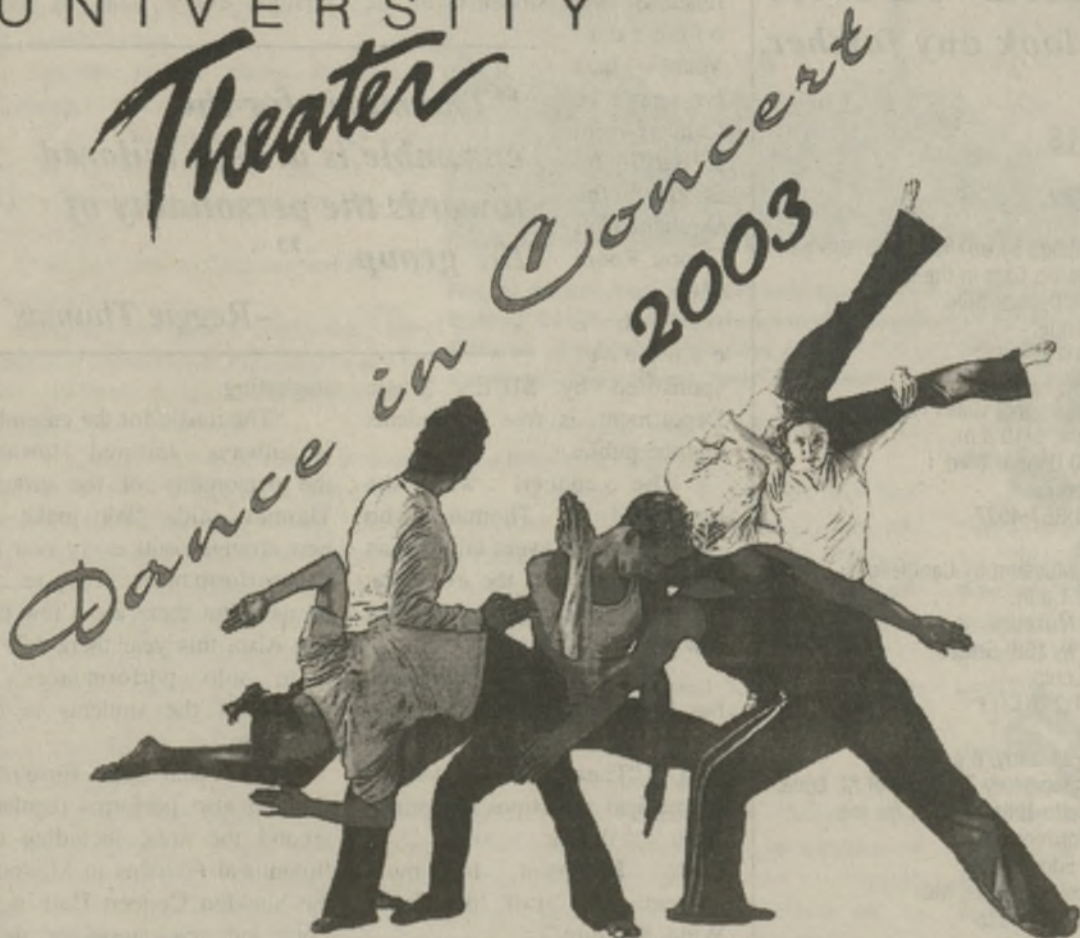
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Coming Up

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GLVC semifinals
7:30 p.m. Friday



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Men's soccer ready for GLVC semifinals



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

The SIUE men's soccer team gets in a pre-game lineup before its match against the University of Southern Indiana earlier this season. The Cougars won 2-1.

HEATHER KLOTZ
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE men's soccer team, ranked 11th in the nation and riding a 14-game winning streak, is ready for the Great Lakes Valley Conference semifinals.

The team will face Quincy University, the No. 5 seed in the tournament, at 7:30 Friday, following the other semifinal matchup between the No. 3 seed Lewis University and No. 2 seed University of Southern Indiana.

Both Friday games and the Sunday GLVC Tournament final

will be played at SIUE's Ralph Korte Stadium because the Cougars went undefeated in the GLVC this season, earning a first-round bye and the chance to host the tournament.

Head coach Ed Huneke said the team is very happy about hosting the tournament.

Hosting the tournament is great for us, Huneke said. We like our fan support, our wide field and our home cooking.

Huneke said he expects good

crowd support at the game, especially because of the Cougar's recent success.

I think there will be a good turnout, Huneke said. The

"The crowds have been building as the season has progressed and I think there is a buzz about soccer right now."

~Ed Huneke
SIUE men's soccer coach

crowds have been building as the season has progressed, and I think there is a buzz about soccer right now.

Huneke said he is confident

spectators will enjoy watching the Cougars play.

People will like what they see, he said. We play at a very intense level, taking a lot of shots and scoring goals, and that makes for an attractive style of soccer and good entertainment.

SIUE Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said he believes soccer has finally started to develop a strong fan base in the area.

Soccer has always been a

popular participation sport in the area, but now the spectator mentality is starting to grow too, Hewitt said. The high quality of play at tournaments like this help to develop an appreciation of soccer and fan loyalty.

Tickets are free for SIUE students. Also, the first 500 SIUE faculty and staff members who stop by the Vadalabene Center before 1 p.m. Thursday with valid identification can pick up free tickets as well.

The tickets are provided by the Office of Student Affairs.

Tickets are also available public for \$4.

Cross country looks to regionals

HEATHER KLOTZ
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE men's and women's cross country teams are ready for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II regional qualifying meet Saturday in Hudsonville, Mich.

The teams will travel to the regional meet looking for a chance to qualify for the national championships Saturday, Nov. 22, in Raleigh, N.C.

The top two men's teams and the top four women's teams will advance to the national championships.

Following his teams' strong performances in the GLVC tournament, head coach Darryl Frerker said he believes his teams have a good chance to move on to

nationals.

"Our attitude is that someone is going to qualify for the national meet," Frerker said. "We are healthy and running well."

In the GLVC Tournament, both teams finished second overall behind the University of Southern Indiana.

On the women's side, senior Breanne Steffens became the first SIUE runner to win the GLVC Championship individual title. Junior Mary Witte also ran well, finishing in the top ten and earning All-GLVC honors.

On the men's side, Sophomore Brian Taghon placed fourth, becoming a two-time All-GLVC performer.

Senior Nick Campbell was also named All-GLVC, finishing in the top ten.

Cougar's hockey off to roaring start

Gold team ranked No. 8 in the newest Central Division coaches poll

HEATHER KLOTZ
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II Hockey Club is off to a strong start.

The ACHA Division II Gold team, ranked eighth in the latest Central Division coaches' poll, has skated to a 9-3 start.

In the 12 games, the Cougars have outscored their opponents 520-273, resulting in 94 goals.

Behind returning goalie, junior Pat Day, the team has only been scored against 44 times this season.

Head coach Larry Thatcher said the team has high expectations for the season.

The team's goals include a trip to nationals this year, but first and foremost, the team is looking to repeat as Central Division champions.

On the 24-person squad, new faces include freshmen Ryan Theen, Chance Webb, Kyle Rhodes, Jason Gillick and Jason Perniciaro, sophomore John Greffet and freshmen goalkeepers Andy Kuehnel, Matt Groves and Kyle Turner.

The club's Division III Silver team has started more slowly, beginning the season with a 2-7 record.

Thatcher said the hockey club continues to get stronger each year.

"Having both varsity (Gold

team) and junior varsity (Silver team) squads shows how much progress we are making," Thatcher said. "Fans who come out to watch us see solid hockey. We get a lot done during each game, taking a lot of shots and scoring goals. We have a lot to offer fans as far as excitement goes."

A full schedule for both the ACHA Division II Gold team and the Division III Silver team, game results, player profiles and statistics can be found on the Cougars' Web site, www.siu.edu/STACTV/ICEHOCKEY.

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Volleyball team drops match against Central Missouri State

TRAVIS ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

teams that have been playing really strong volleyball."

The volleyball team is on the closest thing it's had to a losing streak this season, dropping two out of the last three matches.

Even with a couple of losses, Gober said he isn't concerned the Cougars, 22-6 overall and 10-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, will crack.

The Cougars lost three out of four games with the Central Missouri State University Jennies, 28-30, 28-30, 30-24 and 20-30 Tuesday.

"I am not worried about any lack of confidence right now," Gober said. "It's hard to pull a positive out of a loss. We have a good work ethic and a good attitude. The question will be whether or not we can raise our game one more notch. That will be the challenge this weekend and next weekend in conference."

"Last night, we were tied a couple of times, and it's that little break that makes the difference in who wins the match," head coach Todd Gober said. "I have to give a lot of credit to Central Missouri because they had a lot of things that were working for them. They had an effective slide going, and it was tough for us to slow that down most of the night. We knew that they had three big go-to hitters, and we went into the match only ready to contain one."

Gober said the Cougars don't have time to think about losses because if they do, other teams will leave them in the dust.

Central Missouri junior middle hitter Elyse Mohme flattened the Cougars with 23 kills while senior outside hitter Carrie Potthast laid down 19 kills for the Jennies.

"Everyone else in the conference will be working harder and stepping it up a notch," Gober said. "I really believe that we are going to work hard and improve. Somebody may beat us, but right now we are not going to beat ourselves."

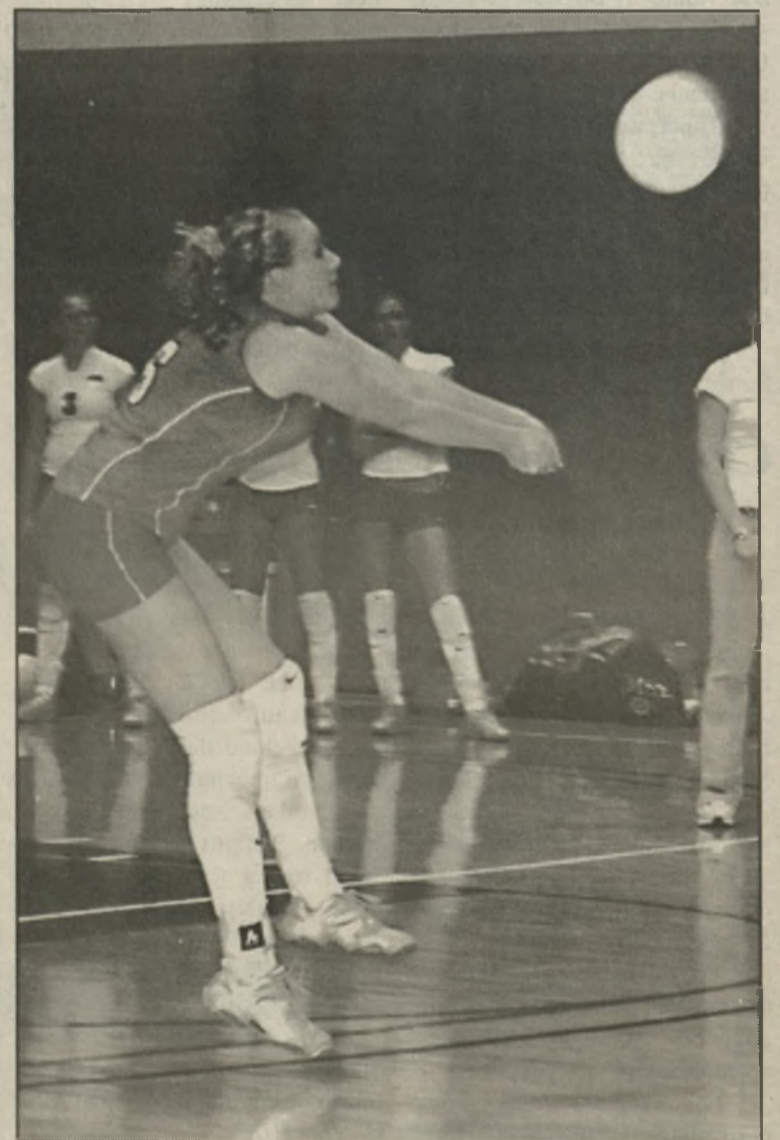
Senior middle hitter Andrea Voss led SIUE with 17 kills, and sophomore outside hitter Kindra Westendorf contributed 14 kills.

The Cougars have two games remaining in the regular season before the GLVC Tournament.

"It feels like right now we have taken a couple of losses in our last games," Gober said. "I am not disappointed with the way we are playing right now. I just think we have run into a couple of

SIUE will play the first of two weekend matches at 7 p.m. Friday in Romeoville against the Lewis University Flyers.

The Cougars will hit the court at 1 p.m. Saturday in Kenosha, Wis., to do battle with the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Freshman Beth DeGreeff digs the ball out during the Cougars' match against the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

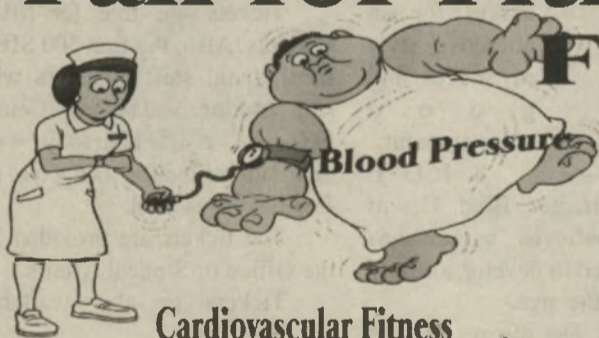
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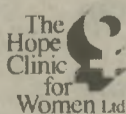
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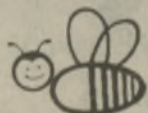
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