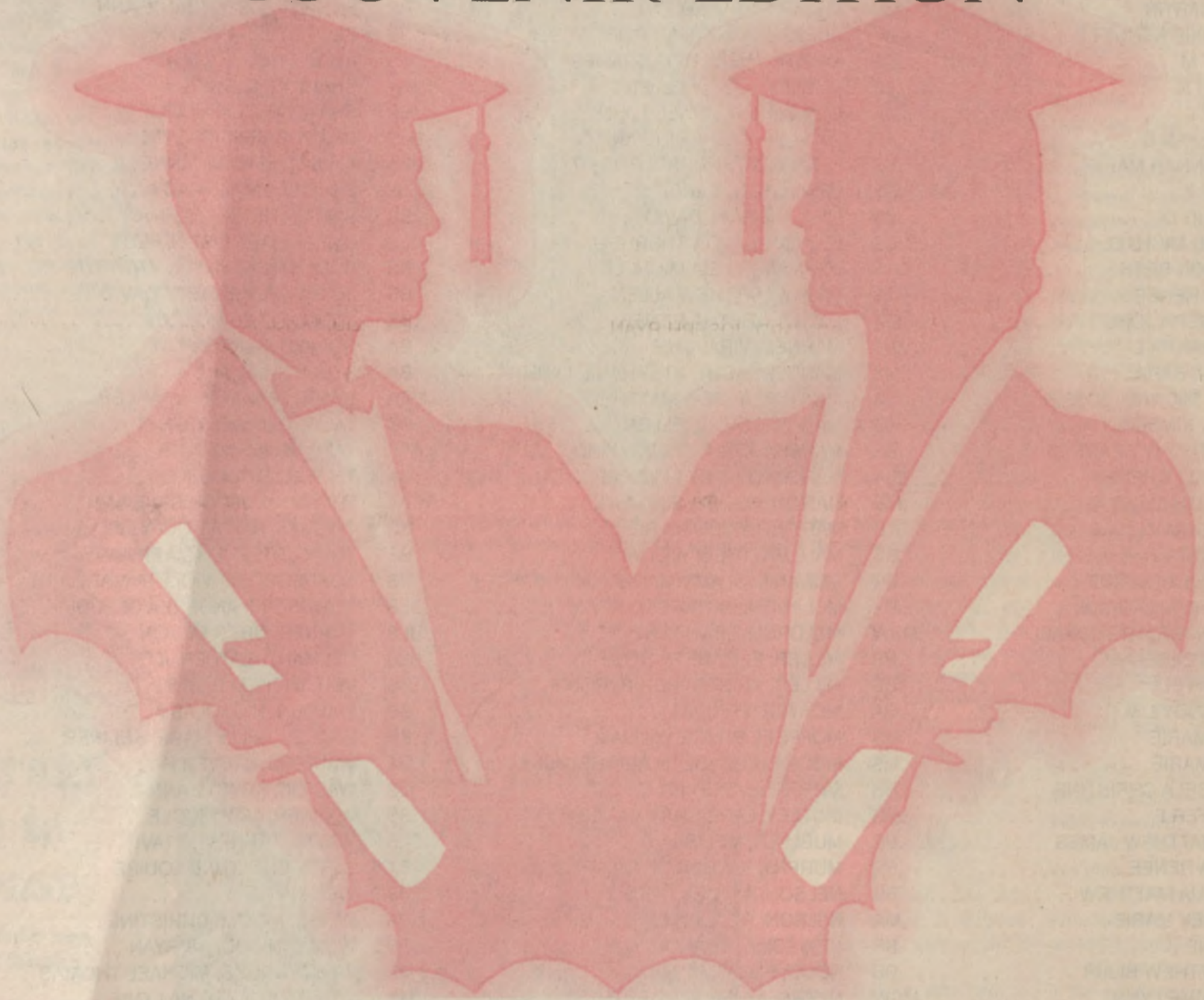


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## Storms wreak havoc in St. Louis area

AARON SUDHOLT  
NEWS EDITOR

Violent thunderstorms rocked the St. Louis metropolitan area Wednesday and Friday, causing some damage to all three SIUE campuses in Edwardsville, Alton and East St. Louis.

The central SIUE campus saw some power outages and downed trees and limbs across the entire campus.

Cougar Village lost power for several hours following both storms, well into both Wednesday and Friday evenings, coming back on around midnight.

However, the main SIUE campus only lost power for a few minutes during both storms.

"On this campus there was very little (damage)," Administrative Services Director Robert Vanzo said. "(There was) no structural damage to any buildings."

The SIUE Water Treatment Plant also lost power for a while, Vanzo said, but a backup generator had been brought in to insure water treatment continued.

The SIUE East St. Louis Higher Education campus received considerable damage in Wednesday's storm, with whole sections of windows broken, power lost and light poles knocked down.



AARON SUDHOLT/ALESTLE

**SIUE Facilities Management worker Ken Vollmer works to remove fallen tree branches following Friday's storm. Officials could not determine whether the storm caused the damage.**

The damage resulted in cancelled classes Thursday at the East St. Louis campus and in a half-day of cancelled classes Friday. Classes were resumed at a normal schedule Monday.

Two East St. Louis campus

programs were also cancelled.

"(The) only programs affected (were) our Head Start program and our Project Success program," University Services to East St. Louis Program Director Sandra Fields said.

Head Start, an educational day care program for underprivileged children, was closed through the weekend and into Monday. Project Success, an after-school foster care program,

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## Program price to increase

MARTIN GITONGA  
NEWS STRINGER

Faculty and staff who use SPSS, a popular statistical analysis software program, will not experience a hit to their pocketbooks this year despite the increase from \$10,700 to \$32,900, for the license agreement.

SIUE Academic Computing Manager Jennifer Vandever said that academic computing would cushion the price increase.

"Faculty will continue paying the normal \$20 per copy for use of the network license and \$215 for those who wish to purchase a non-network license for home use," Vandever said.

"This discounted price is a significant savings over the standard academic price of \$599 when purchased directly from SPSS Inc.," according to a June 23

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## Doughnuts discovered at soccer field

STEVE BRITT  
NEWS REPORTER



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

**Tire tracks covered the SIUE practice soccer fields after Glen Carbon resident Brian Nelson allegedly drove through the grassy area early Sunday morning.**

A Glen Carbon man was arrested for sharing a different kind of doughnut with an SIUE police sergeant.

Brian Nelson admitted to carving doughnuts in the SIUE practice soccer fields with his Chevrolet S-10 early Sunday morning.

"Sgt. (Dwight) Wright discovered an unoccupied pickup truck in a grassy area near the stadium," SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said Tuesday.

Nelson was arrested for criminal damage under \$300 to state-supported property and released with a notice to appear. His passenger was released with no charges after questioning.

The Class A misdemeanor carries a maximum penalty of up to one year in jail and \$10,000 in fines. Schmoll indicated that most of the time offenders pay restitution for the damage caused.

## Poshard responds to Vandegrift's plagiarism allegations

AARON SUDHOLT  
NEWS EDITOR

Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard responded Friday to accusations that SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift plagiarized the words of a speech Vandegrift gave to commemorate the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Poshard's three-page letter responded specifically to supporters of former SIUE economics and finance professor Christopher Dussold who was fired in 2004 for allegedly plagiarizing two pages of his teaching philosophy statement he submitted as part of his tenure-review.

"Many times when people cannot admit their own mistakes, they seek to place blame on others by making it appear that all indiscretions are of the same magnitude," Poshard said. "Put the actions of Dr. Dussold side-by-side with the actions of Dr. Wendeler and Dr. Vandegrift. Who was deliberate in their intent to receive personal gain from another's work?"

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler acknowledged he had failed to properly cite a source for a part of a speech he gave earlier this year.

Vandegrift apologized in his own statement submitted to the university community Friday.

"The brief remarks that I gave at the luncheon included phrases that were not properly acknowledged," Vandegrift said. "This was completely unintentional and not deliberate. Nonetheless, I take full responsibility for them and offer my apology to the university community for this incident."

Dussold's lawsuit against the university alleges that he had been dismissed without due process and for other reasons, with plagiarism as the official cause.

According to a Feb. 3 article in The Chronicle, a national educational publication, Dussold said he had been fired because of an ongoing investigation by School of Business Dean Gary Giamartino that Dussold was involved in an inappropriate relationship with an SIUE undergraduate student.

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was also closed.

At the SIU School of Dental Medicine in Alton, power was

lost to the main clinic until Monday. In addition, an air conditioner motor was destroyed

by the storm when it caught fire. No other damage to the facility was reported.

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The Chronicle story said the university itself had investigated the rumors and found them to be unsubstantiated, though Giamartino ran the second investigation afterward.

"The university dismissed Dr. Dussold for violating the university's academic integrity and ethical standards during the tenure review process," Poshard said in his statement, referring to the

alleged plagiarism by Dr. Dussold. "Dr. Dussold has explained his side of the story to the Chronicle of Higher Education. The university will present its side in a court of law."

## SPSS

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e-mail from the Office of Information and Technology.

SIUE is not the only university to face dramatic increases in the cost for SPSS.

"It's hard to say (what the effect will be), because it appears to me that you don't have a truly competitive market situation," California State University Director of Academic Computing Services Edwin McBride said in a May 5, 2004 article in its student newspaper. "We're trying to keep an eye on things, and see if a trend is developing here of software companies beginning to think that they have a captive audience, and that university customers are almost locked in (to these programs)."

California State's license renewal jumped from \$7,000 to \$21,000 in 2004 and was expected to continue rising, according to the article.

University of Tennessee also has voiced concerns over the rising costs of software licensing and their OIT has provided a website that outlines a "tentative plan ... to handle a potential price increase" from SPSS, according to a UT Web site at <http://oit.utk.edu/scc/news.html>. Higher pricing has already prohibited UT from purchasing new products from SPSS.

The Web site suggests that some faculty have started to use a free open source statistics package called "R" for their own research

and in the classroom. According to the Web site, it is touted as an "excellent" alternative.

According to the UC article, however, "The popularity of the SPSS ... system, as well as (its) importance for accreditation purposes, ... make it difficult for the university to consider changing to less expensive software packages."

Vandever pointed out that the SPSS software is funded through academic computing and students should not worry about the price increase getting charged in their fees.

"This amount will not affect students' fees," she said.

## Police Incidents

### Traffic

7-14

Police issued Melody Dunlap a citation for not having proof of insurance while driving on North University Drive.

Police issued Robert Ulicni a citation for not having proof of insurance while driving on East University Drive.

7-15

Police issued William R. McCauley Jr. a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

Police issued Meleva L. McCarter citations for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Michael V. Palmer II a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police arrested Clifford McIntyre for possession of cannabis and possession of a controlled substance. McIntyre was also issued a citation for speeding and driving with a suspended license on Poag Road.

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Police issued Wesley Whorl a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

7-18

Police issued Stuart J. Barton a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Steven J. Pfeiffer a citation for not having proof of insurance while driving on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Markita Gatewood a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Danielle Suess a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

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Police issued Shelly Collins a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Gerald Taylor II a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

7-20

Police issued Lance Murry a citation for having expired registration while driving on University Drive.

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Police issued Allison Sweet a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Shekila Smith a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on University Drive.

7-23

Police issued Scott Niehaus a citation for speeding on New Poag Road.

Police issued Elizabeth Levy a citation for not having proof of insurance while driving on Poag Road.

### Other

7-14

Police issued Nkel S. Morgan a citation for theft of labor or services for using a reportedly lost parking hangtag.

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Police arrested Ronald Franklin on an outstanding warrant for child support. Franklin was also charged with resisting arrest at the SIUE East St. Louis Higher Education campus.

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## Student opposes emphasis on sports

I am sure that many are aware of this problem, but it has not been publicly addressed, which is a shame. Our schools have become so driven by the glory of winning that athletic superiority now dominates school philosophies. These schools are neglecting the reason they exist, which is our children's education, as well as growth into moral, upstanding and balanced human beings.

Aristotle once said that everything is good in moderation. The general idea is that children who grow up with good and

balanced values and lifestyles carry them throughout life, leading to a better, more civil society. Our schools need to re-evaluate their priorities and teach our future to embrace this idea, not to put everything aside in order to win.

From personal and family experience, I know that many schools in the area put the win before education. My own brother was allowed to participate in junior high athletics while failing many of his classes; the reasoning was that the team "needed" him to be successful. This has gone on for years in many schools and the students are getting the wrong life lessons from these situations.

The schools need to take control of this, but the parents need to step in as well, as the school administration is not solely to blame. Many parents cower because they fear their child may be criticized, or even kicked off the team if they stand against the majority. This is where a huge fallacy has occurred, as the majority is the group who is afraid to stand up. Unaware of their common ties with each other, these parents need to stand up for what is right, for their children's future, and for our own future.

Ben Bova

Junior

Biology Medical Science

## Student criticizes physician-assisted suicide

There are many patients that are suffering from different illnesses. Some patients suffer from cancer, sexually transmitted

diseases and other ailments. While patients are suffering from these ailments, they're

constantly hoping things will get better or that they will find a way to get rid of the misery they are going through. A practice called physician-assisted suicide gives patients an option for getting rid of the misery they are going through. This practice is a procedure that allows a physician to basically euthanize their patient. All of this is done with the consent of the patient and doesn't happen unless the patient is positive they want to go through with the PAS. For right now it is only legal in Oregon, but people are trying to get it passed in other places.

The problem is that this procedure is the wrong way for people to end things they can't handle or don't want to deal with. This could cause a lot of people to

go through with the procedure just because they want to end their life and for no better reason. Doctors such as Dr. Kevorkian perform PAS in Oregon on willing patients.

People who are against this procedure would argue that this is wrong because the basis of the procedure is killing another person, which is murder. The religious aspect of this argument would say that it's wrong because killing another or committing suicide is a sin, whether a person is allowing another person to kill them or if they are killing themselves, it is wrong regardless.

My proposed solution would be that the government should ban the procedure from ever being used on people. It should be banned because people could easily misuse this procedure. If this proposed solution is implemented then people will look for other ways to solve their problems other than going through with PAS. I think that taking away a person's options will generally make a person choose different routes, make them re-think the situations and choose different

solutions.

The objections to this could be that keeping a person in misery is not good for the sufferer, the family might not be able to afford keeping the patient alive or that it's too much emotional strain on the sufferer and the sufferer's family. If the family ends the support, then the patient may not ever have the chance to recover from what they are going through. If the solution is applied, then there will be a lot more people alive than with the procedure. If the solution is not applied, then the whole procedure will be abused. It should be banned because giving people the option of death hinders people from looking further for better solutions and ever finding that better solution. Currently there is only one state that allows this procedure, Oregon, and 40 states have specific laws criminalizing PAS, Missouri is one of them, but one day someone could try to legalize it.

Jordan Loveless

Sophomore

Elementary Education

## Emergency handled effectively

The sky was slightly cloudy when I went to work on Friday. Soon after, I looked out the window, only to see that the sky had turned midnight black. Another storm was on its way, and this one didn't look any weaker than Wednesday's storm that knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of households in the St.

Louis area.



**Megan McClure**

The steady whirring noise of our computers was soon replaced by the sound of tornado sirens.

Within a matter of minutes, I found myself among a surprisingly large number of people being herded to the far reaches of the Morris University Center's basement. Together, we waited as the storm passed overhead. Although we were in one of the most remote areas of the building, the rumble of thunder could still be heard through the walls. This was certainly no ordinary thunderstorm.

No ordinary thunderstorm, indeed: damage from the two storms combined brought the total number of power outages in the St. Louis area to well over 500,000. The main SIUE campus escaped with little damage; only power outages and a few downed limbs were reported. SIUE's campuses in Alton and East St. Louis suffered more serious damage. Despite these setbacks, the SIUE community can be thankful that no one was injured.

Kudos to the SIUE staff for helping to ensure the safety of those on campus. The workers quickly and efficiently ushered students, staff and visitors to safe areas, thus preventing potential injuries. From a firsthand perspective, I can say that the MUC staff did a fine job of carrying out the emergency plan; I don't doubt that the staff of other buildings on campus did the same.

Again, good job to everyone. I just hope we don't have to go through this again for a long, long time.

Megan McClure  
Editor in Chief



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The St. Louis Art Museum is open 10 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays. Although admission is always free, admission to featured exhibits is free on Fridays.



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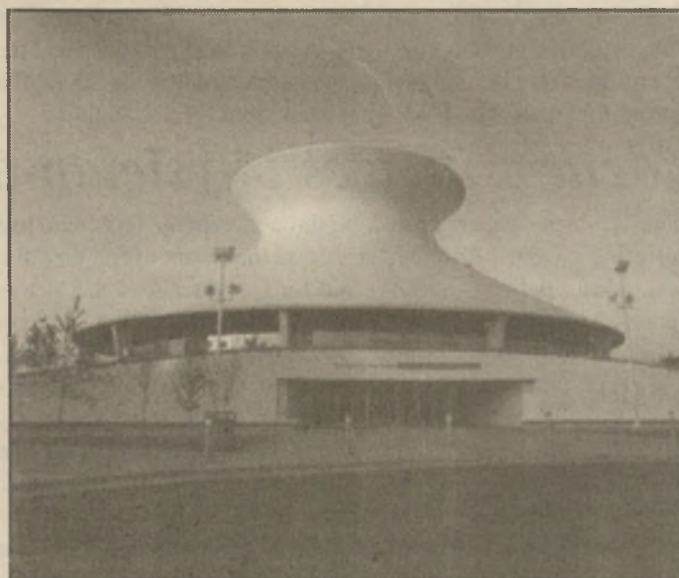


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### A child plays at the City Museum

Visitors to the City Museum can participate in art projects or enjoy CM in the PM, which features music and candlelight. Located in a former shoe company, the museum has various outlandish exhibits and attractions to climb and crawl through. Hours are Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is \$12.

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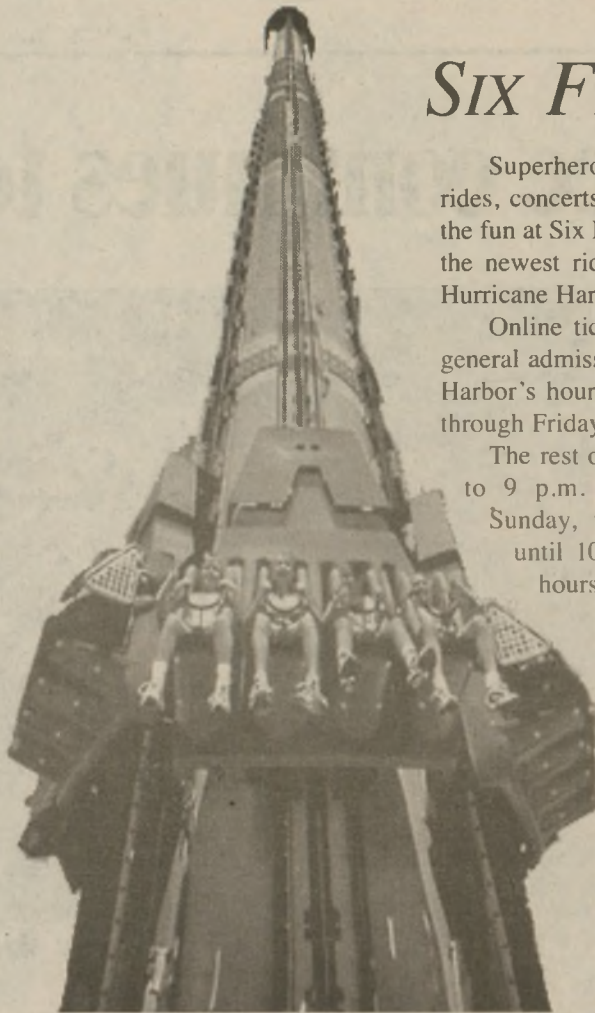


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# Task force continues to ponder SIUE sports

MATTHEW BRUCE  
 SPORTS EDITOR

It has been nearly a year since SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift assembled a task force with the charge of considering the future of the SIUE Intercollegiate Athletics Department.

Since then, the Cougars have enjoyed success in a number of sports across the board and recently finished fourth in the U.S. Sports Academy Directors' Cup, which awards points in up to seven sports based on a schools' national rankings.

The Athletics Task Force, which met Tuesday morning, has looked at a number of issues since its inception and has begun working on an outcome table.

"Basically, that's just a way of allowing us to say 'OK, now what are all the things we're supposed to look at,' and we tick them off, A,B,C,D,E,F,G," said SIUE School of Business Dean Gary Giamartino, who is the task force chair. "And then here are the three scenarios. So we created a table and we've started to fill in that table now as a way just to help us organize our thinking about what we know and what we don't know yet."

The 18-member committee, which consists of SIUE students, faculty, staff, alumni and student-



The SIUE softball team, which won the Great Lakes Regional Championship in May, has been one of the Athletic Department's bright spots over the past few years.

athletes, took its mission from Vandegrift on Sept. 8 and set out to look at the possibilities of three conditional scenarios for the SIUE Athletics Department: move to NCAA Division I, remain in Division II and strengthen the programs or develop a program with both Division I and Division II teams.

"The charge to the task force was to review our options," Giamartino said. "It was basically to review where we are with our intercollegiate athletic programs in light of the university's mission and values. Where are we now and where are we going in the future?"

Over the last 10 months, the task force has focused on several

issues including costs, academic impact, which conference a Division I-bound SIUE sports program would compete in and what changes would need to be made to the sporting facilities.

"We've had some guests come in and help us look at some of these individual questions," Giamartino said. "We've talked to people from the NCAA. We've

gone to conferences; we've talked to schools that have gone through the study process; we've talked to some schools that have made the change. I think that the big question for us is 'OK now how do we summarize all this information?'"

One presentation came from NCAA Division II Representative Terri Stieb, who talked to the task force on May 23 about the benefits of D-II sports. Giamartino said that D-II heads are worried about losing schools to NCAA Division I and are making moves to increase exposure at the D-II level to keep schools satisfied and committed.

"I mean, look at what Division II athletes say about their experience and they're all very, very positive," Giamartino said. "The level of competition, would they do it again? You don't hear Division II athletes saying 'Oh geez, I wish I'd have been a Division I athlete. It would have been a lot better for me.'"

The task force has kept a keen eye on other athletic departments that have made the jump from D-II to D-I and there have been success stories.

"When you look at schools like Kennesaw (State University), Kennesaw's done really well," Giamartino said. "They were a very, very successful Division II school

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# Softball coaches named regional staff of the year

MATTHEW BRUCE  
 SPORTS EDITOR

More than two months since its best season in school history, the accolades continue to roll in for the SIUE softball team.

Coming off SIUE's first appearance in the NCAA Division II Championships Finals, the Cougar coaching staff has been honored as the Speedline/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Great Lakes Region Coaching Staff of the Year.

"Obviously, you don't get any kind of awards or recognition without good players," SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery

said. "You're only as good as you recruit."

It was the second time that the SIUE softball staff has received the honor. Montgomery and crew won the NFCA award in 2003 after a 51-win campaign.

The Cougars finished the season ranked No. 7 in the nation, posting a 52-11 record and winning the Great Lakes Regional Championship.

SIUE set a new benchmark for defensive excellence in 2006, leading the nation with a .982 fielding percentage and setting a new NCAA Division II single-season record in the category.

The Cougars broke the previous record, which was held

by the 1996 California University of Pennsylvania team, by a slim 0.000008 percentage points. SIUE recorded just 33 errors in 1,806 total attempts, recording 1,276 team putouts and 497 team assists.

"When we have a season like we had, we were no question the best team in the region and I attribute that to my kids," Montgomery said. "They work hard and do what I ask them to do."

The coaching staff consists of Montgomery, assistant coach Valerie McCoy and student assistant coaches Cassie Witherell and Shannon Evans. The foursome will be toasted at a Dec. 8 banquet on in Tucson, Ariz.



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 SIUE Softball Head Coach Sandy Montgomery, middle, SIUE softball assistant coach Valerie McCoy, right, and SIUE softball student assistant coach Shannon Evans, left, and student assistant coach Cassie Witherell recently earned the Speedline/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Great Lakes Region Coaching Staff of the Year award.



## TASK FORCE

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who'd won national championships in several sports. A growing university part of a large metropolitan area where there are other universities involved. They made a transition very, very successfully. They landed in a conference. The conference wanted them. They saw the benefit of having a large metropolitan university like Kennesaw involved in the conference."

There have been other schools, however, that have not been so successful. Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, for example, which competes in the NCAA Division I-AAA Independent league, made the jump and was unable to find a conference to compete in.

"So they were kind of left out," Giamartino said. "They made the move and it's been a very trying experience for them. I'm not sure where they're going next. They're losing money. Faculty are upset, the community is upset, students are upset. It's pretty much been a disaster."

For that reason, conference placement is one of the biggest concerns for the task force. The Mid-Continent Conference, the Horizon League, the Missouri Valley Conference and the Patriot League are among the conferences that the committee has considered.

"There's been some conference reshuffling that's been going on in the last couple of years," Giamartino said. "Some conferences are

expanding and some conferences are declining. I think it's fair to say, though, that everybody on the task force realizes that the right conference situation is really, really, really important."

No matter what happens, Giamartino assured that the Vadalabene Center would undergo some renovations.

"Our current basketball, volleyball facilities are unacceptable," Giamartino said. "So we need to make some changes even if we stay at Division II."

"Depending on the size of the arena, we're thinking that the minimum would be \$25 million," he added. "The maximum could be as high as \$45 million."

According to the latest progress report, the task force is on schedule to submit its report to Vandegrift by December. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10 in the Morris University Center's International Room.

"We're not going to make any recommendations. We're just giving the chancellor the information that he needs to make a decision," Giamartino said. "The committee won't be saying, 'Yeah, we should stay at Division II,' or 'Yes, we should go to Division I.' The committee will be saying to the chancellor, 'Here are the three conditions, the three scenarios that you asked us to investigate. And here's what it will cost, here's where we might get the money and here's what the benefits might be.'"



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SIUE senior forward Justin Ward, left, and SIUE sophomore guard J.B. Jones, right, were members of the SIUE men's basketball team that won the Great Lakes Regional title and advanced to the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Elite Eight for the first time in school history.

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CLIFTON, MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER . . . . .	BS	MACDAVID, MARTIN L . . . . .	BS	SIMMONS, VENESIA MARIE . . . . .	BSA
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CONOYER, DONALD JOSEPH, III . . . . .	BS	MANGOFF, ROBERT N . . . . .	MBA	SIRIPAKARN, THANIT . . . . .	MS
CORNWELL, ANDREW DUANE . . . . .	BS	MARLOW, ADRIANNE MARIE . . . . .	BS	STUTZ, JESSICA MARIE . . . . .	MBA
CROOKSHANK, KELSEY H . . . . .	BS	MCCALLA, TIMOTHY PATRICK . . . . .	BS	THENU, MELLISA YOSEPHINE . . . . .	MS
CUPP, MANDI LEANN . . . . .	BS	MCQUAID, AMANDA MARIE . . . . .	MSA	THOMAS, MICHAEL J . . . . .	MBA
DAVIS, CARLTON CORNEALIUS . . . . .	BS	MERKEL, SUSAN ELIZABETH . . . . .	MSA	TOLBIRD, STACY ANN . . . . .	BSA
DAVIS, JEREMY MICHAEL . . . . .	MBA	MOHRMANN, JOHN PAUL . . . . .	BS	TOONE, LUCAS RYAN . . . . .	BS
DOYLE, BRETT ASHLEY . . . . .	BS	MOORE, DONESHIA K . . . . .	BS	TSAI, PEI-LING . . . . .	MMR
DRESSLER, GLENDA PEGGY . . . . .	BS	MORGAN, JENNIFER ANN . . . . .	BS	TSENG, WEN-YI . . . . .	MS
DUHO, WILLIBALD KAFUI . . . . .	MBA	MURRY, ROBYN JAMILAH . . . . .	BS	TUEY, DEBBIE A . . . . .	BSA
ESSER, JOSHUA ANTHONY . . . . .	MSA	NEAL, LARONIKA MAKIA . . . . .	BS	TURPIN, CHRISTOPHER LEE . . . . .	BS
EVANS, JASOLYN BROOKE . . . . .	MS	NELLIS, DALE K . . . . .	BS	VADLAMUDI, JAYA PRAKASH . . . . .	MMR
FRITZ, TIMOTHY ROBERT . . . . .	MBA	ODIACHI, ARLENE CHINEDUM . . . . .	MBA	VISHNAMPET SUNDARAM, LATHA . . . . .	MS
FROST, RYAN MATTHEW . . . . .	BS	OZOA, JOSEPH ESMAQUILAN . . . . .	MBA	WACHTER, JEREMY LEE . . . . .	BS
GANSMANN, GINA MARIE . . . . .	MBA	PACKARD, SAMUEL CHRISTOPHER . . . . .	MBA	WALKER, CHANTEL MARIE . . . . .	BS
GEPPERT, KIMBERLY SUE . . . . .	BS	PARADKAR, MANDAR MURLIDHAR . . . . .	MMR	WARNE, CHRISTOPHER JAMES . . . . .	BS
GILMAN, KATHERINE NICOLE . . . . .	MBA	PEIPERT, LAURA NICOLE . . . . .	MSA	WILDHABER, JENNIFER MARIE . . . . .	MS
GOODSON, NATHAN BOYD . . . . .	BS	PORT, STACEY LYNNE . . . . .	BS	WINCZEWSKA, BARBARA . . . . .	MBA
GOTWAY, JASON NORMAN . . . . .	BS	PRATER, ERIN JEAN . . . . .	MSA	WINKELER, SHANNON KAYE . . . . .	BS
HALLER, JESSICA LAUREN . . . . .	BS	PRICE, KENNETH WAYNE . . . . .	MBA	WRIGHT, KAREN LOUISE . . . . .	BS
HANSEN, CHRISTI LYNN . . . . .	BS	RAKERS, MARK ALLEN . . . . .	MBA	ZHANG, LILI . . . . .	MS
HAVERMAN, BECKY CHRISTINA . . . . .	BS	REITZ, RACHEL SUE . . . . .	BS	ZHONG, SHA SHA . . . . .	MS
HENRY, JESSICA LYNN . . . . .	MBA	RENGEL, REBECCA CRISTINE . . . . .	BS		

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ANDERSON, LYNETTE DENISE . . . . .	MSED	DAVIS, SHAMEKA DENISE . . . . .	BS	HOOVER, CHRISTOPHER GLENN . . . . .	MSED
ANDERSON, SEAN THOMAS . . . . .	BS	DINKELMANN, LINDA J . . . . .	MSED	HUBER, LAURA LEE . . . . .	MSED
ARNOLD, ELISHA LYNN . . . . .	MSED	DINSENMEYER, MALGORZATA . . . . .	MSED	JUBELT, STEFANI LANAE . . . . .	MSED
BADMAN, PATRICIA ANN . . . . .	MSED	DOHLE, JOAN MARIE . . . . .	MSED	KALISH, KEVIN JAMES . . . . .	MSED
BANNISTER, JONATHAN EDWARD . . . . .	BS	DURCHHOLZ, JULIE MARIE . . . . .	BS	KAUTZER, SUSAN ANN . . . . .	MSED
BARNHART, KATHRYN JO . . . . .	BS	EASTERLEY, SAMANTHA ELIZABETH . . . . .	BS	KELLER, SHANNON NICOLE . . . . .	MSED
BAUMANN, MELINDA M . . . . .	MAT	ELFRINK, ALAN RAY . . . . .	MSED	KENDRICK, KELLY LATRICE . . . . .	BS
BAYSINGER, JULEE ANN . . . . .	MSED	EUBANKS, TRAVIS AARON . . . . .	BS	KILMURRAY, JULIA EVE . . . . .	BS
BEATTIE, LARRY JOE . . . . .	EDS	FLORES, PETRA SUSANN . . . . .	BS	KIMZEY, MARK ANDERSON . . . . .	MSED
BEHRENDTS, WILLIAM ROBERT . . . . .	MAT	FOLLOWELL, RYAN MICHAEL . . . . .	MSED	KLEIN, SUSAN LYNN . . . . .	MA
BERGHOFF, PAUL E . . . . .	MSED	FOWLER, KATHRYN LYNN . . . . .	BS	KNAPP, LEONARD RUSSELL . . . . .	BS
BEST, CHERYL LYNN . . . . .	MSED	FREMONT, KIMBERLY CARR . . . . .	MSED	KOBLER, EMILY KRISTINE . . . . .	MSED
BLACKMON, JENNIFER LYNN . . . . .	MSED	GELUCK, BRIAN MICHAEL . . . . .	MSED	KOONCE, MELVA JEAN . . . . .	MSED
BLEVINS, BRADLEY MITCHELL . . . . .	BS	GELUCK, STACEY LYNN . . . . .	MSED	LAURENT-SMITH, STACY LYN . . . . .	MSED
BOHNAK, JULIE MARIE . . . . .	BS	GOODE, SARAH C . . . . .	MSED	LAWRENCE, CLINTON R . . . . .	BS
BOND, KRYSTIN LOUISE . . . . .	BS	GRACEY, BENJAMIN THOMAS . . . . .	MSED	LETCHER, ANDREA L . . . . .	MSED
BRAY, CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH . . . . .	MSED	GROTE, JENNIFER CORIN . . . . .	BS	LISH, MAMIE ELLEN . . . . .	MSED
BREUGGER, RICHARD JOHN . . . . .	MA	GUETTERMAN, JENNY RENEE . . . . .	MSED	MARSHALL, ANTHONY W . . . . .	MA
BROWNE, DEBRA KAY . . . . .	MSED	GULLO, CINDY JEAN . . . . .	BS	MARSHALL, APRIL DAWN . . . . .	MAT
BRUSSATTI, TINA L . . . . .	MSED	GUTIERREZ, MARCI AMANDA . . . . .	MSED	MATZENBACHER, ANDRIA LEE . . . . .	MSED
CARROLL, MELISSA MARIE . . . . .	MSED	HAMANN, LISA R . . . . .	MSED	MCLAUGHLIN, APRIL LYNN . . . . .	MSED
CASAGRANDE, ALICIA RENEE . . . . .	BS	HANVEY, NICHOLAS ADAM . . . . .	BS	MEANS, LORI HOWTON . . . . .	MSED
CLARK, MAGGIE LANE . . . . .	MSED	HENRY, KRYSTAL DAWN . . . . .	MSED	MEIRINK, ANNE M . . . . .	MSED
COX, AMY LYNN . . . . .	MSED	HOERCHLER, ALICIA GERALYN . . . . .	MSED	MILLER, ANDREA MARIE . . . . .	BS
CRYDER, JAY STEVEN . . . . .	MSED	HOLMES, ALANNA DESIREE . . . . .	MAT	MILLER, BRITTANY KAY . . . . .	MSED
CULLEN, JUDY PAYNE . . . . .	MSED	HOLTZ, CARLA SUE . . . . .	BS	MILLER, TYLER MICHAEL . . . . .	BS

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MOORE, CIARA SOPHIA . . . . .	BS	SABOFF, ELEANOR MAY . . . . .	BS	TUETH, JILL RICHELLE . . . . .	.MSED
MORGAN, DEREK FRED, JR . . . . .	BS	SARUMI, RAMOTA O . . . . .	BS	TUEY, DEBORAH A. . . . .	.BS
MORRIS, JEFFREY AARON . . . . .	BS	SASHIDHARAN, TRACY LYNN . . . . .	.MA	TURNER, MARY ELIZABETH . . . . .	.BS
MURPHY, JASON MICHEAL . . . . .	BS	SCHUETTE, STEPHANIE LYNNETTE . . . . .	.MSED	VIELUF, KATIE MICHELLE . . . . .	.BS
MYERS, ERIN NICOLE . . . . .	BS	SCHULZ, JEKYEL A . . . . .	.MSED	WALTERS, KATHERINE CLARE . . . . .	.MSED
NOLAND, SARA . . . . .	.MSED	SIDWELL, MICHAEL S . . . . .	.BS	WALTON, KRYSTY ANN . . . . .	.BS
POWERS, BRENDA SUE . . . . .	.MSED	SMITH, JENNIFER LYNN . . . . .	.MSED	WANTLAND, CASEY LYNN . . . . .	.BS
PRESLEY, MARY E . . . . .	.BS	SPRAGGS, AMANDA GAYLE . . . . .	.BS	WEISS, JOHN JEFFREY, JR . . . . .	.BS
PRUETT, AMY LYNN . . . . .	.MSED	ST. PIERRE, KATRINA ROSE . . . . .	.MS	WELLS, CATHIE L . . . . .	.MSED
PRUETT, BRENDA KAY . . . . .	.MSED	STEINMANN, CATHERINE T . . . . .	.MSED	WEST, SARAH RUTH . . . . .	.BS
RICHTER, JAMI MARIE . . . . .	.MSED	STEWART, KRISTEN DIANE . . . . .	.MS	WILLIAMS, DE MON . . . . .	.MSED
RICHTER, JEREMY ALLAN . . . . .	.MSED	STROHBECK, KRISTEN MARIE . . . . .	.MSED	WILLIAMS, MICHELLE LEE . . . . .	.MSED
RIDDLE, MICHELLE JOY . . . . .	.MSED	STRONG, TODD W . . . . .	.MSED	WINTER, KIM H BELL . . . . .	.MSED
RILEY, JEFF D . . . . .	.MSED	SWEET, ALLISON LINDSAY . . . . .	.BS	WOOTEN, LESLIE . . . . .	.BS
ROSS, TIFFANY JEWEL . . . . .	.BS	TIERNAN, AIMEE MARIE . . . . .	.MSED	YOUNG, SUE ANN . . . . .	.MSED
ROSSETTO, MICHELLE LYNN . . . . .	.BS	TOENNIES, LUANN . . . . .	.MSED		
ROW, DEBRA SUE . . . . .	.MSED	TSCHUDY, ANGELA DAWN . . . . .	.MSED		

## SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

AHMED, ABDULLAH FAROOQ . . . . .	BS	KRISHNA KUMAR, HEMANTH_KUMAR . . . . .	.MS	SHRYOCK, STEVE PATRICK . . . . .	.BS
BANALA, SIRISHA VASUDEVA . . . . .	.MS	LANG, MICHAEL STEPHEN . . . . .	.BS	SHUANG, GEER . . . . .	.MS
BART, ROBERT WILLIAM, JR . . . . .	.BS	LIEK SUBROTO, ANGGIT OKTIALAM . . . . .	.BS	SOODINI, SRUJAN . . . . .	.MS
BATHINA, LAXMI RAGHUNATH_GOUD . . . . .	.MS	LINLEY, JEREMY MICHAEL . . . . .	.BS	SPARKS, MARK DANIEL . . . . .	.BS
BOLYARD, JOSEPH RYAN . . . . .	.BS	LIU, FANG . . . . .	.MS	SRINIVASA, NAGENDRA_PRAMOD . . . . .	.MS
BOYAPATI, RAVI KUMAR . . . . .	.MS	LOVELL, CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL . . . . .	.MS	SRINIVASAN, SRIRAM . . . . .	.MS
CAIRES, DAVID C . . . . .	.MS	MADASU, PREM_KUMAR . . . . .	.MS	SUBRAHMANYA, PERI VENKAT . . . . .	.BA
CALAME, CASEY RICHARD . . . . .	.MS	MAGADI SITARAM, KASHYAP . . . . .	.MS	SUDHAKARAN, SUSRUTH . . . . .	.MS
CHOPPADANDI, ANIL KUMAR . . . . .	.MS	MCEWEN, BRANDON JAMES . . . . .	.BS	SUNKI REDDY, ASHWIN_KUMAR . . . . .	.MS
CREAMER, THOMAS RICHARD, JR . . . . .	.BS	MILLER, BRETT WILLIAM . . . . .	.BS	SUNLEY, MICHAEL ADAM . . . . .	.BS
DEOKAR, PRADNYA ABHIMANYU . . . . .	.MS	MUKHOPADHYAY, PALASH . . . . .	.MS	THOMAS, ESEN AKYAPI . . . . .	.MS
ERTEL, JAMES WILLIAM . . . . .	.BS	MUTH, KURTIS THOMAS . . . . .	.MS	THOMPSON, KYLE ROBERT . . . . .	.BS
GARAPATI, ROJA . . . . .	.MS	NARRAVULA, SRIHARSHA . . . . .	.BS	TRAYLOR, DUSTON DAVID . . . . .	.MS
GIRIJALA, KARTHEEK . . . . .	.MS	OCONNOR, DENNIS MICHAEL . . . . .	.MS	VALLURI, MAHITHA . . . . .	.MS
HANLON, TIMOTHY PATRICK . . . . .	.BS	PABBISSETTI, KALYAN . . . . .	.MS	VANKAYALAPATI, KISHORE BABU . . . . .	.MS
HENSLEY, JOSHUA ALLEN . . . . .	.BS	PALLAI, ADAM STEVEN . . . . .	.BS	VELURI, NAVEEN . . . . .	.MS
HUANG, YAN . . . . .	.MS	PATTERSON, SCOTT AARON . . . . .	.BS	VENHAUS, WILLIAM MICHAEL . . . . .	.BS
JAFFERY, SYED FARMAN ALI . . . . .	.MS	RAYCHOTI, RAMA . . . . .	.MS	VENNAMANENI, PADMA . . . . .	.MS
KALAKADA, NAZEER . . . . .	.MS	REGMI, RAMESH KUMAR . . . . .	.MS	VIVEKANANDAN, SUNDARESWARAN . . . . .	.MS
KHARBANDA, AMIT . . . . .	.MS	RICKEY, KYLE RYAN . . . . .	.BS	WEBER, WAYNE ALLEN . . . . .	.MS
KIMBRO, BRYAN TYLER . . . . .	.BS	RODGERS, CHARMINCA SHARAE . . . . .	.BS	WOOD, JEREMY MATTHEW . . . . .	.MS
KONDAKINDI, SUMANTH KUMAR REDDY . . . . .	.MS	RODRIGUES, MELANIE MARINA . . . . .	.BS	WORSTER, MICHAEL BARRY . . . . .	.BS
KOTA, RAJESH . . . . .	.MS	SESHAN, NIRANJANA DEVI . . . . .	.MS	ZWEIGART, PATRICK BRIAN, JR . . . . .	.MS
KOTIESWARAN, SRIMURUGIAN . . . . .	.MS	SHRESTHA, MANISH PRASAD . . . . .	.MS		

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

COLONIUS, VICKI MICHELLE . . . . .	.MS	HENSKE, KENDRA LEE . . . . .	.MS	SCHAEFER, FRANCES VICAR . . . . .	.MS
GAVIN, NICHELE S . . . . .	.MS	LINDEMANN, KATHLEEN ANNE . . . . .	.BS	WILLIAMS-THOMPSON, JOANN SHARISY . . . . .	.BS
GRUDZINSKI, ELIZABETH META . . . . .	.MS	MOORE, STACEY ELLEN . . . . .	.BS		

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You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think  
of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world."*

*~Tom Brokaw*