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"Our goal was to maintain a compact footprint, yet provide an interesting campus experience ... " -Gyo Obata, original building architect

Its glass exterior makes the Engineering Building one especially recognizable structure on campus. Below, dogwood trees bloom on the Stratton Quadrangle.

SIUE campus named one of top 150 "Illinois Great Places"

> by Emily Siemer Alestle News Reporter

Look around - can you tell you're in a great place? According the American Institute of Architects, there are several reasons you should.

The campus was named one of the AIA's "150 Illinois Great Places."

On March 21, the AIA announced its choices for the greatest architectural sites in Illinois, choosing 150 in honor of its own 150th anniversary.

SIUE is lauded as a campus "that is both suburban and urban" on the AIA Illinois Council Web site.

The original buildings on campus were designed by architect Gyo Obata, founding partner of Hellmuth,



# Student Government elections approaching next week

More SIUE students voted for homecoming king and queen candidates than Student Government candidates last year.

"Maybe we ought to go to a monarchy," Coordinator of Greek Life John Davenport said jokingly. Davenport said more than 1,000 people voted in last

year's homecoming elections. Student Government ballots totaled 896, Kimmel

Leadership Center secretary Bonnie Farrington said. "It's believable," senior

Matt Trelow said. "It's about a popularity contest and Student Government is not."

To even out the numbers, Election Commissioner Meredith Burkart said she encouraged candidates "to try to get the vote out" to students. She said she put the bulk of the responsibility to motivate the students to vote on the candidates. As election commissioner, Burkart said, her job was to be more focused on finding people to run for office than forcing students to vote.

Elections Monday and Tuesday

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Polling sites for Student Government outnumber those for homecoming, Davenport said.

There is one polling site for homecoming elections, whereas, Student Government elections had at least three different voting locations last year, he said.

Attitudes are a factor, according to Burkart.

"I do believe this school needs to wake up from its apathy," Burkart said.

Sophomore Vanesia Turner said she plans on voting because the candidates she chooses to vote for could help make a difference at the university.

However, senior Bonnie Reding does not plan on voting.

"I don't really think it has that much effect (on me)," Reding said.

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by Holly Meyer Alestle News Reporter

Keeping faith, preaching peace See Lifestyles



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Obata and Kassabaum Inc

"I designed the original buildings to fit the unique contours of the land, creating an unusual pattern of structures that interact wonderfully with each other and their surroundings," Obata said. "Our goal was to maintain a compact footprint, yet provide an interesting campus experience for students, faculty and visitors."

Of AIA's recent nod to the overall campus design, Obata said, "It's great to see that the campus has grown and prospered, and that people still appreciate its architecture."

"It was a good concept ... that has withstood the test of time," Campus Architect Rick Klein said.

The concept was to make the core the central focus, Klein said, keeping parking along the perimeter. "Leaving the car and transitioning from the outside world to the academic world to pursue learning and

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Other area sites named in the American Institute of Architects' "150 Illinois Great Places":

Holy Family Church Main Street, Alton Pere Marquette Lodge Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows St. Peter's Catholic Church

Reding said that the Student Senate is geared more towards traditional students that live on campus instead of people who commute like her.

Six polling locations will be available on Monday and Tuesday, according to Burkart.

Monday's polling sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Morris University Center, Peck Hall, Student Fitness Center and Skywalk Café.

A polling site will be located in the Pharmacy building from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday only.

Tuesday's polling sites will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Morris University Center, Peck Hall and Engineering Building.

Ballots will be counted on Wednesday, Burkart said, with official results being posted at the April 6 Student Senate meeting.

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### **Police Reports**

#### 3-21

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Police issued Danielle Stees a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police issued Austin Schulz a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Anthony Williams Jr. citations for speeding and for expired vehicle registration on Cougar Lake Drive.

#### 3-22

Police issued Sarah Macdougal a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Trisha Revelle a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North Circle Drive.

Police issued Mikalene Romanitis a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Mark Burns a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Corey Suelter a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol on Woodland Hall Circle.

#### 3-23

Police issued Garth Hand a citation for disobeying a traffic control device

and for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

Police issued Shawn Kostecki a citation for speeding on University Drive.

#### 3-24

Police issued Mark Clark a citation for improper vehicle backing and issued Dean Elseth a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle after a two-vehicle accident near Korte Stadium.

#### 3-25

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

Police issued Aimee Bruno a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Cougar Lake Drive.

#### 3-26

Police issued Paul Darr a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Byron Hotson a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North Circle Drive.

Police arrested Jenna List for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor at Prairie Hall. List was given a notice to appear.

# **Comparing costs** SIUE parking vs. other universities

#### by Holly Meyer Alestle News Reporter

SIUE's parking permit prices are moderate compared to five area universities.

Administrative Services Director Bob Vanzo said parking permit prices have increased \$12. The residential parking permit has increased by an additional \$25 for a total of \$37.

SIUE students will pay \$84 for a red, or commuter, permit and \$109 for a yellow, or residential, permit.

Vanzo said the permit prices had to increase to make up for a loss in revenue.

SIUE students have expressed their disagreement with the price increase through phone calls to Vanzo, an Alestle letter to the editor, a Facebook group and comments.

If the proposed increases go into effect, SIUE students will pay more for their parking permits than Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Illinois State University.

SIUE students pay at least \$40 more than SIUC students.

SIUC students pay \$40 a year for parking, for both commuter and residential permits, according to their Web site.

SIUE will pay \$10 more than those at ISU. Parking Services employee Courtney Eiland said ISU commuter students will pay \$71 per year to park.

ISU Residential students have the option of paying \$15 to park in a parking lot or \$30 to \$46 to park in a parking garage.

University of Missouri-St. Louis and Eastern Illinois University rates depend on credit hours and class status.

The parking permit prices at UMSL can be either more or less than what SIUE students pay for their parking permits, depending on the number of credit hours.

According to their Web site, up to 16 credit hours, students will pay a maximum of \$288, or \$18 per credit hour.

An UMSL student taking 12 credit hours will pay \$216 for a parking permit, which is about \$100 more than what SIUE students will pay for a yellow permit.

At Eastern Illinois University, upperclassmen pay less than students at SIUE and EIU underclassmen pay more than SIUE students.

Upperclassmen pay \$50 per year to park, whereas underclassmen pay \$150 per year, according to EIU Police Department Assistant Fitzlen Emile.

Finally, SIUE students will pay less than one of the five universities—the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

SIUE permits will cost less than those at the UIUC.

UIUC students pay about \$250 more than what SIUE students will pay for either a red or yellow permit.

"Right now and until the end of the semester, parking passes are \$90 and at the beginning of the semester, parking passes are \$180," UIUC Public Affairs Secretary Jaclyn Banister said.

At a cost of \$180 per semester, UIUC students pay \$360 a year to park on campus.

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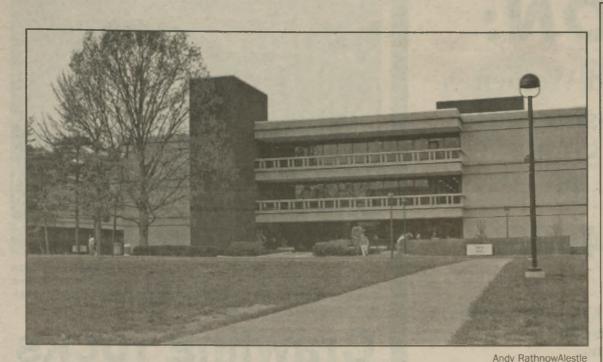
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Peck Hall, located in the SIUE core campus, was one of the first buildings constructed when the campus was founded.

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knowledge" is the intended campus design, Klein said.

This recognition from the AIA puts the SIUE campus and its architects alongside the likes of Frank Lloyd Wright, as well as the designers of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and University of Chicago Quadrangles.

Winners of the 150 Illinois Great Places title were selected from nominations submitted to the selection committee, which consisted of architects.

Criteria for selection

included pedestrian-friendly, vibrant public spaces and public accessibility.

In a press release earlier this month, AIA Illinois President Leonard Koroski introduced the Great Places list saying, "Illinois holds a unique place in the history of American architecture and has a strong tradition of design innovation that is recognized worldwide."

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To see all 150 sites, visit www.illinois greatplaces .com



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Act may give extra freedom to Illinois college media

by Kathy Ferrerro Alestle News Correspondent

The Illinois college press could win more freedom from censorship with a bill that passed 57-0 in the Illinois Senate March 15, but awaits House approval.

The College Campus Press Act protects student-run media at Illinois colleges and universities from government censorship. The bill was introduced in February to counter the 2005 Hosty v. Carter decision, which allows college officials in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin to censor publications that are not designated public forums.

Publishing stories regarding tuition increases or curriculum changes can be silenced if officials hold power over the press.

GSU's student newspaper.

This doesn't worry officials, said Chuck Connelly, director of marketing and communication. He said the paper was renamed The Phoenix and is considered hands-off to administrators.

The press' power to put a government institution in check is a concern at any level, Connelly said.

"But in my view, The Phoenix is no different from the Chicago Tribune," Connelly said.

Under the new legislation, college officials still have the right to control speech that is not protected by the First Amendment, such as harassment or threats. However, the same restrictions apply to non-student commercial media.

"Censorship in an open democracy is one of the worst things that can happen," said Lance Speere, SIUE director of student publications. "When you censor your student newspaper, you've muzzled the one voice that could be conveying issues in your community."

The Alestle is a designated public forum, meaning students control content. Speere said there is no known history of attempted censorship by SIUE officials.

In 2001, a dean at Governors State University in Illinois stopped publication of the student newspaper after it ran several stories critical of the administration. The student journalists sued. But the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in Hosty v. Carter that the GSU paper was not clearly considered a public forum, so it was open to censorship. However, the new bill would protect Student journalists must be free from government censorship in order to train like real reporters, Speere said.

In a Student Press Law Center document, Illinois Sen. Susan Garrett said, "We want to make it very clear that the freedoms of speech are not something that can be negotiated by administrators of colleges."

The new bill is expected to pass in the Illinois House of Representatives, according to Rep. Kevin McCarthy in the press release.

"I don't think censorship has that many supporters from the General Assembly," McCarthy said.

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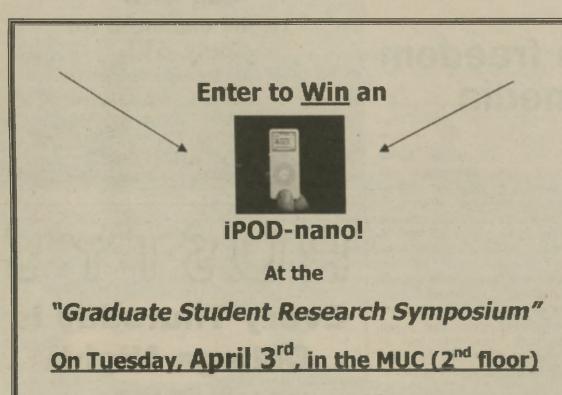
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Inspired by all-terrain vehicles used in Arizona, senior Dave Threlkeld Jr. bullt a four-wheel drive rock crawler. The project, which took three years, cost nearly \$13,000.

# **Crawling rocks** SIUE senior builds four-wheel drive rock crawler

"You're taking

and nearly

breaking it all

the time. It's

exhilarating."

-Dave Threlkeld, Jr.

senior

#### by Sarah Byer Alestle News Reporter

It's rough. It's tough. It scales rocky terrain like no other and it goes super slow. It is a rock crawler and it was built by senior Dave Threlkeld Jr.

Sometimes called moon buggies, crawlers are four-wheel drive vehicles designed to go extra slow and to scale rocky terrain.

"The whole idea is to beat physics and have a low center of gravity," Threlkeld said. "You don't want to

roll, but it's inevitable."

Threlkeld got caught up rock an expensive toy with crawlers when he lived in Arizona. As a child, he was interested in vehicles like Jeeps and fourwheelers. He said in Arizona rock crawlers are a big thing because of all of the desert and

mountain terrain.

drivable, although he has never taken it rock crawling.

"I would never believe someone who says they're finished because things are always breaking," Threlkeld said.

His rock crawler is composed of a hodgepodge of parts. The frame is of a Toyota truck, part of a Toyota cab, a Chevrolet engine and 20 forward gears that allow it to go slow. The driver's seat is equipped with a five-point harness to ensure that if the buggy rolls the driver is safely strapped in.

> The gas tank originally ran on gasoline, however Threlkeld converted it to run on propane. "A normal

engine has difficulty scaling the rocks,' Threlkeld said.

Threlkeld said he enjoys working on what he calls little "his Frankenstein," although he said

he would like to build a new rock "Out there it is so dry and climber some day. He said he

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arid that all they have is rocks and so you adapt to the terrain," Threlkeld said.

As a transfer student from Arizona State and Southwestern Illinois College, this construction management major found himself craving a taste of home. In 2004, he began to build a moon buggy. To save money, he did everything on his own.

"It was irritating, because I had to do everything myself," Threlkeld said. "It's a learning process and being in college, it's hard to come up with the cash."

Three years and nearly \$13,000 later, his machine is

learned to build his current machine through trial and error, (mostly error), and he has learned a thing or two from his engineering classes that he would like to incorporate into a new crawler.

In the summer, Threlkeld plans to move to Arizona to pursue a career as well as to play with what he calls his toy.

"There's a thrill to it all," Threlkeld said. "You're taking an expensive toy and nearly breaking it all the time. It's exhilarating."

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# Free income tax help offered on campus

#### by Catherine Klene Alestle News Reporter

Instead of handing over hard-earned cash to tax services like H&R Block or Jackson Hewitt, SIUE students can have their taxes done on campus for free.

students Accounting participating in the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance program prepare federal and Illinois state tax returns for students, employees and people in local communities free of charge.

Seniors Kali Fuhler and Elizabeth Carmitchel volunteer for VITA, and both said students should take advantage of this service

"The biggest advantage is that it's free and the turnaround time is pretty fast," Carmitchel said.

Ten minutes is the average wait time, according to Carmitchel. Students can drop off their paperwork and then head to class, she said.

"We don't make them stay here while we do the return," Fuhler said. "Usually if we get it on Monday, we'll have it by Wednesday for you."

Accounting instructor James Dixon runs the program, which is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service, and said all the students who handle tax returns are IRS certified.

Even so, Carmitchel said every precaution is taken to ensure accuracy.

"It's not like we're just doing it and sending you on your merry way," Carmitchel said.

Dixon checks the tax returns, as do other students.

"I review every single return," Dixon said.

Traditionally, more than 60 percent of taxes are done through a paid tax preparation service, Dixon said, but SIUE students can have theirs prepared on campus for free.

"They can save money, and we do a good job," Dixon said.

Fuhler said people interested in the program should bring the tax forms received in the mail and their social security card. Also, an interview form must be filled out upon arrival to ensure the student qualifies for the program.

"We just do 1040-EZ, 1040-A and 1040 (tax forms)," Fuhler said

VITA does not handle long forms because they are more complicated time and consuming.

"We're not a full service tax department," Dixon said. "We're not to compete with paid preparers."

Dixon said VITA generally does not prepare itemized returns for upper middle class or wealthy individuals, Dixon said. In addition, VITA does not prepare taxes for people who sell stock or are self-employed.

If a person would like their taxes done by this year's deadline of April 17, Dixon recommends bringing in their information and forms no later than April 7

Fuhler and Carmitchel said they also benefit from the program through experience and extra credit. Each volunteer works a minimum of three hours a week either directly with individuals in need of tax help or reviewing other volunteers' work.

"It's more hands-on than just learning in classes," Fuhler said. "You can apply what you've learned."

Carmitchel said the skills she acquired from VITA help her outside of class as well.

"I work taxes for a firm in the area," Carmitchel said. "It helps me at work and school."

Dixon said VITA offers accounting students a chance to develop their communication skills, as well as technical skills.

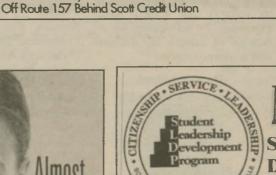
"Experience is the best teacher," Dixon said.

VITA services are available from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. onFridays in Founders Hall, Room 2114. The program also takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays at the Edwardsville Public Library.

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Migration and Immigration: SIUE Leadership Development and Volunteer Services Assistant Director Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt will present a Power Point

presentation on immigration issues. The talk, sponsored by the Women's International Organization, will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Madison Mutual Insurance Company Building on Illinois Route 157, across from the entrance to University Park.

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For more information and the calendar, contact the Kimmel LeadershipCenter at extension 2686 or visit the website at www.siue.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP.

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# 2007 Student Government Candidates

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#### Laurie Estilette

I will continue to focus on issues facing all students rather than only the issues that concern me personally. I will not be easily persuaded by others, nor will I make hasty decisions. I plan to work effectively with the Student Senate to carefully consider the positive and negative consequences our decisions might have on students.

#### **Brandon Rardin**



This quote by our fearless leader, Carl B. Mitchell, "Attending SIUE means more than just going to class," I will take to heart while in better person than the other guy. I office. I will encourage students to do not even know the other guy. I get involved with their campus. I love God, family, women, and this will also push for student university (in order.) Come talk to organizations to put on more and better programs.



Fifty words, huh? Well I have just wasted nine. In the rest, I am supposed to tell you that I am a me

#### **Christine Williams**



As Student Trustee, I intend to carefully consider and implement policy that conforms with the Student Body's desires. Also, I intend to make decisions that are favorable to the Student Body in regards to student fees and other campus financial situations.

#### **Andrew Pike**



As a student senator, I will represent the students of SIUE to the best of my ability. I will do my best to push student government to uphold the values that the students of SIUE want for their university and their academic environment in general.

**Bryan Kress** 



**Patrick Brazill** 

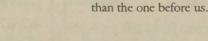
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primarily to communicate the real needs and wants of the students. If elected, my ultimate goal would be to enhance the student body experience by advocating for an increase of campus life activities and academic support.

**Darrell Lillard** 



the issue of security in regards to the best interest of the student student parking. With the rise in body and make decisions that will student enrollment, crime on benefit the student body in the



**Robert Schmittling** 

#### **Billy Krause**

Student

Senator Candidates



While in office I want to see more involvement of student organizations on campus and see more funding directed toward their goals. I want to engage the student body so that they take a more active role in campus life and eventually towards real world politics.

#### **Dominique Majors**



If I am re-elected as a Student Senator, I will continue to represent all of the students attending SIUE. I will continue to promote diversity on campus. I will continue to be a Senator that gives the students a voice. I am here to benefit the

**Tiffany Slaw** 

Jessica Glaspie



I would like to better the financial aid issues to keep students in school furthering their education. I would also like to promote more student activities and show other students the importance of getting involved.

Stephanie Medhurst

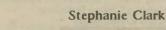


I will try to make all students feel like they belong at SIUE. To do this, I will be available to listen to any student concerns. I will try to create a stronger relationship between students and the Senate by promoting open forums. The Senate will listen and take action.

All Student Government candidates had the opportunity to submit a statement no longer than 50 words explaining their viewpoints.



present and near future.



**Ankur Patel** 

The Student Government's primary goal, in my opinion, is to be the voice of the student body. As a senator, I would strive to make that a reality. For example, the Parking Services Committee, Diversity Committee, Tuition and Fees, and Technology Advisory Committee.

Quentin Harris



I want to continue SIUE's tradition of excellence as well as look for new innovative ways to better that tradition. I hope to be an asset to a Student Government that's better students of SIUE!

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campus will most likely rise as well.

I look forward to working with my

peers in overcoming the challenges

that SIUE students will face in the

**Christopher Stroot** 

future

As a member of the Student Senate, I plan on focusing on the goals of academic excellence and community involvement. The need for responsible leadership and working towards the collective goals of the student population motivated me to run for Student Senate. I will strive to represent all SIUE students equally.

As your Student Senator, I would concentrate on opening communications between students and Senate. I'll assure that your concerns are communicated not only to the Senate, but faculty and administration as well. It is important to become involved and voice opinions concerning upcoming changes to SIUE. Your vote will be greatly appreciated and rewarded.



If elected to Student Government, I will work with every effort to improve SIUE. I would strive to make more activities and events for the student body, including the enhancement of Greek life and intramural sports. Parking, dining, and other issues that arise while in office I will improve/solve.

Being elected to student senate would allow me the opportunity to make the students aware of the changes they can look forward to concerning current campus issues. New policies and fees have already taken affect and will continue for years to come. Without the student's opinions or suggestions, who benefits?

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## Alestle View Between the Rock and a hard

Recent events have left Student Senator Brandon Rardin – and the campus community – between the proverbial rock and a hard place.

Rardin, a candidate for student body vice president, recently admitted to spraying the phrase, "Who is queer? AKL," on the Rock in the Stratton Quadrangle. This incident has proven offensive to both Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity and the homosexual community.

For the sake of argument, let's give him the benefit of the doubt for a moment and say the phrase was intended as a joke. Even if that was the case, a sensible individual - especially one with so much on the line should have known better than to be so negligent.

Despite the gravity of the situation, it appears that Rardin's campaign for vice president will continue. If an incident such as this has taken place before ballots have even store if he were elected?

This is not the first time Rardin has displayed reckless disregard for his role as a student leader. Perhaps the most chaotic point of the Dec. 8, Student Senate meeting was when Rardin took the floor to request a travel allocation designed to allow him to personally attend a fraternity "conference" at a resort in Mexico over spring break. His outlandish behavior briefly turned the meeting into a three-ring circus of sorts, and one senator even left the room in tears. The request failed and was conveniently forgotten about over winter break.

This behavior is the last thing the student body needs.

Admittedly, humans are creatures of folly and are naturally inclined to make mistakes. It appears that Rardin has attempted to accept responsibility for his actions. Although his apologies are

been cast, what would be in important, they do not excuse this display of insensitivity and immaturity.

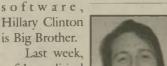
It is debatable whether Rardin should be allowed to continue his services with the senate and be able to run for vice president. His foolish acts were offensive to the SIUE community. By singling out a fraternity and the homosexual population, Rardin has alienated many of the students he is supposed to represent.

He has a growing reputation of being an embarrassment to the senate, so why allow him to continue to work toward the role of vice president? If Rardin is elected, this juvenile incident will cast a shadow Student over Government operations for the entire school year.

Perhaps it is time for Rardin to take true responsibility for his actions and make the decision to step down.

# Big Brother is watching you: on YouTube

And according to some guy with a Mac and video editing



IBM as Big Brother.

Phil de Vellis, a former employee of a company providing technology support to Barack Sen. presidential campaign, has characterizations in recent admitted to creating and posting the video on YouTube. Vellis made the claim on the Web site www.huffingtonpost.com, where he said: "This (video) shows that the future of American politics rests in the hands of ordinary citizens." It is good that American politics is finally in our hands, but let's use this new political power to actually make a change and express intelligent opinion. Simply characterizing the potential democratic presidential candidate as a controlling dictator is pointless.

politicians who deserve to be characterized as Big Brother. Why not start with Karl Rove, the mastermind behind some of Obama's the most misleading political history? He must have done something right to convince Americans in 2004 that the only presidential candidate who served in an overseas war is the one with questionable patriotism. Will anything change? Will we finally have a president who listens to us, who we can actually influence in some way? Who knows?

Cleanliness on campus problem

Take a look around. What do you see? SIUE proclaims time and again that our campus is one of the cleanest, most beautiful campuses there is. However, what did you see when you glanced around?

Dirt, litter, trash, goose droppings, gum stuck all over the place, perhaps?

to Facilities According

Management Director Bob Washburn, there are two cleaning crews for academic buildings. These building service workers, totaling 55 people, do about a sevenand-a-half-hour

shift every day.

Sarah Byer

Classrooms are cleaned twice a week, private offices once a week. Hard surfaces are mopped and floors are vacuumed. Twice a year, the furniture is cleaned.

There is only one person in charge of cleaning outside the buildings. Washburn said that this person is sometimes supplemented with extra people to help clean up messes from the weekend.

Something does not add up. Auditoriums are full of dirt and grime that never seems to go away. It is always a pleasure picking up your backpack off the floor and having to dust off all of the hair and dust bunnies that have grabbed on during lecture.

There are nearly 300 trashcans outside and yet there is trash everywhere and gum stuck all over the ground. For those of us who have a rolling backpack, it makes for a great time dodging goose droppings strewn everywhere and the litter on the ground.

Our campus is not very clean. How many hours a day are students on campus? In all that time we spend running from class to class, working, catching a bite to eat, participating in events or whatever it is that an average college student does, we overlook something extremely important: our part in keeping our campus a clean, safe place to be. All it takes is a few seconds to walk to a trashcan and throw something away or spit your gum out. Cleaning up after an event does not take much time if everyone pitches in.

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a fake political ad showed Clinton on a large blackand-white screen speaking Kevin to an Eagan emotionless crowd who

stared blankly at the screen. At the end, the ad declared: "On Jan. 14, the democratic primary will begin. And you'll see why 2008 won't be like '1984.""

The ad was a copy of an Apple Computer ad originally shown in 1984 that announced the first Macintosh and portrayed Apple's competitor hardly makes the list of

Besides, Hillary Clinton

But at least it won't be like "1984" if we look beyond the political machine, and actually stand up for something.

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Take the time to help out, because our cleaning crews cannot do it all.

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# Keeping faith, preaching peace



Left top: Mufti Minhajuddin speaks to students at the Muslim Student Association's "The Life of the Prophet Muhammad" event Tuesday evening in the Morris University Center.

Left bottom: Nicholas Gebben, a freshman in political science, reads an informational leaflet on Islam at the MSA event. Center: A table of books and pamphlets relating to Islam on display.

### Scholar of Islam promotes peaceful practice of religion, urges dialogue to end misconceptions

#### Story by Sarah Byer Photos by Laura Lengyel

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hen Muslims say the name of the Prophet Muhammad, it's customary to follow the name with "peace be upon him."

Keeping in line with that tradition, peace was the primary message of a discussion headed Tuesday night by Muslim Scholar Mufti Minhajuddin. Minhajuddin, who was raised in Chicago, studied Islam in South Africa and has toured Bangladesh. India and Pakistan in As the program began, Minhajuddin recited verses from the Quran in Arabic. The phrases were then repeated in English by engineering major Zahid Ziddiq.

Minhajuddin went on to speak about the beliefs of Islam.

Muslims believe in all of the prophets of the Old Testament and New Testament of the Bible, including Jesus. However, they believe that Muhammad is the final messenger of God, whom Muslims refer to as Allah.

"We recognize him to be human." Minhaiuddin said. Empire and the Roman Empire. Minhajuddin said that this was "one of the darkest eras throughout the world."

"Arabia was steeped in ignorance," Minhajuddin said. Idol worship was the norm and sin ran rampant, he said.

"There were over 100 names for wine, spirits, rum. Women's status was extremely low; it was the greatest shame to have a daughter," Minhajuddin said.

Muhammad was born in Mecca. His father died before he was born, his mother died when he was six, and his grandfather when he was eight. He lived with his uncle following the death of his grandfather. He married and had four daughters who survived. According to Muslim beliefs, he

Minhajuddin says that the media plays a large role in the misconceptions of Islam, as well as Muslim groups that do not follow the religion the way it is intended to be followed.

"Forget politics and hatred, follow your religion. There is good in every religion. God does not look at your color, race, the language you speak, but what is in your heart," Minhajuddin said.

Overall, Minhajuddin was pleased with the outcome of his lecture.

"It's good to see how many people participated." Minhajuddin said. "We need

his studies. He

The event, which took place in the Morris University Center's Maple-Dogwood Room, was sponsored by the Muslim Student Association (MSA). Several students belonging to the organization were present, and stressed the purpose of the MSA is to remove any misconceptions of Islam.

Before the lecture began, all those who attended were able to socialize. Cookies and orange juice were sitting out next to a table with literature about Islam, including miniature copies of the Quran.

The MSA representatives strongly encouraged attendees to ask any questions about Islam and to take any literature they desired to further their understanding of the religion. He stressed that Muhammad is not believed to be a deity of any kind.

Muslims also believe that everything on earth was created by God with a set purpose. Everything including plants, stones, things living and nonliving have multiple purposes. Only one purpose is unknown to

Muslims.

"The greatest creation by God is man and woman, and the purpose of this, we do not know," Minhajuddin said.

After giving a brief background on Islam, Minhajuddin then discussed the life of Muhammad.

Muhammad was born during two of the largest empires in history – the Persian

#### atred, follow your religion."

- Muslim Scholar Iufti Minhajuddin

> became a prophet at age 40 and spent the rest of his life spreading the word of Islam. It is the belief of Muslims that throughout his life he performed several miracles and he helped pull Arabia out of dark times.

At the end of the lecture, Minhajuddin answered questions from the audience. One question related to the portrayal of Islam in mass media as a violent culture. dialogues like this to better the situation." He strongly suggested that students attend events hosted by other religions as well.

Among MSA members who attended was Abdul Wajid, who is pursuing a master's degree in engineering.

Wajid said that in order to understand Islam, it is important to hear from someone who has really learned the religion, not just half of the information about it.

"We are just like other human beings," Wajid said. "Half-knowledge is dangerous."

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# Taking global issues to the cleaners Project Dirty Laundry seeks to make difference through awareness

#### by Brittney Barr Alestle Reporter

Next week SIUE students can look forward to the beginning of the final month of school and also new opportunities to influence the world.

April 2 through April 5 is Project Dirty Laundry week, which is sponsored by the Raise Your Voice organization.

Its name comes from clotheslines lined with T-shirts painted with messages, which will go on display in the Stratton Quaddrangle, with a mission to bring a global awareness to the SIUE community.

"Each shirt will have facts and statistics painted on them telling about injustices currently going on throughout the world," event organizer Leah Orwig said.

Groups contributing to the project include Bluff Hall Council, Sexual Orientation Transgender Alliance, Raise Your Voice, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Political Science Association, Sociology Club, Making Waves, Student Social Work Association and Delta Lambda Phi.

Some of the issues that will be covered by PDL are

AIDS, child abuse, methamphetamine use, environmental issues, genocide, extreme poverty and domestic violence against men.

"We want people to do things," PDL coordinator Rachael Caballero said.

She said that even the simplest actions like volunteering or donating will make a big difference.

The weeklong event also includes film presentations on social issues, an arts and crafts sale and an environmental colloquium.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m, Wednesday April 4 in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge, students can expect an environmentally friendly arts and crafts sale at the eARTh Conscious Art Bazaar.

On the same afternoon, the College of Arts and Sciences will show "An Inconvenient Truth," Al Gore's documentary on global warming, from 2 to 5 p.m.

On Friday April 6 from 1 to 2:30 p.m., the CAS will host an environmental colloquium with guest lecturer Hunter Lovins, who will speak on the "Natural Solutions to Capitalism."

There will also be an opportunity for students to chalk concerns about the issues and a chance to win environmentally friendly prizes through a recycle sorting game. April is also Child Abuse Prevention Month. Advocates against child abuse will hang a clothesline in front of the Edwardsville Court House on April 1 to protest child abuse.

The group will be accepting donations of toys and clothing for children from broken homes.

"I really encourage students at SIUE to not only become aware, but to take assertive roles against injustice," Caballero said. "This starts by learning what vou can do to stop issues of injustice from escalating."

While preparations are still in progress for Project Dirty Laundry, organizers expect positive responses from the campus community.

Orwig said she is excited about getting the week of events underway and is "hopeful of an enthusiastic response from the campus."

Caballero thinks the campus will be more involved in Project Dirty Laundry this year because "people are becoming more aware of and fed up with injustice.

"I would love to have people to come up to the information tables and ask questions or express dialogue," Caballero said.

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# Professors fight modern sterotypes with ancient artifacts

#### by Kevin Eagan

Alestle News Reporter

For historians, a Greek vase is more than just something you can put flowers in. It can also reveal something about the roles of women in society, and professors say, change perceptions.

The Women's Studies department will conclude this year's Women's History Month with a brown bag discussion on gender roles and the importance of artifacts throughout history.

Teaching About Gender and Artifacts will take place at 12 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center's University Club.

The event will focus on artifacts throughout the ages that portray gender roles.

Anthropology professor Cory Wilmott and history professors Allison Thomason and Laura Fowler will lead the discussion.

Associate Professor of History Allison Thomason said the discussion will help students and faculty understand the connections between historical artifacts and the roles of women in societies throughout the ages. The discussion is designed to also help break through some stereotypes of women in American society. Thomason said one of these stereotypes assumes that women are more emotional than men. By looking at artifacts from many different societies, Thomason said it becomes clear that women have played many different roles throughout the ages.

"One aspect we look at is this: what are some of the ideal representations of women? For example, costume and dress changes and their roles? By looking at how women are portrayed through ancient artifacts we can see representations," Thomason said.

Thomason said another way to look at gender roles throughout the ages is by analyzing texts and literature and relating them to artifacts.

"We can find value in artifacts related to women based on the literature and written texts of the culture. But sometimes these texts can be biased," because most texts were written by men, said Thomason.

The discussion will also focus on fashion changes and material roles in society, and will use ancient artifacts to relate to modern society.

The discussion will look at gender roles

# Quilting a patchwork of life stories

#### by Kyle Wiese Alestle News Reporter

The Morris University Center's Art Gallery is holding an exhibition of quilts that are an important part of the tradition of the household roles of women.

"Quilting as a Women's Tradition" has been on display since March 2 and will continue until Friday, as a part of the university's programs celebrating Women's History Month.

"These quilts simply display the artistic creative activity of a bunch of women," University Museum Director Eric Barnett said.

According to Barnett, the quilts were acquired by SIUE from the University of Illinois because they were trying to trim down their collection of quilts.

The exhibit was curated by Art and Design professor Laura Strand. However, since Strand has been on medical leave recently, graduate assistants Alicia Pigg and Yvette Booker stepped in to take over the planning of the exhibit.

"The exhibit looks at quilt making as a traditional role of women," Pigg said. "This exhibition demonstrates the substantial influence quilt making has had on women's traditions in

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"I think there are some stereotypes of women in our society in some ways," Thomason said. "A look at ancient and modern artifacts can help us go beyond that, to see beyond the official, elite perspectives."

One example of women's roles throughout the ages is seen in Greek vases that portray traditional funeral processions. Thomason said the ancient Greeks portrayed women as official mourners because they provided emotional stability during mourning.

"Women were official mourners of ancient societies because they are able to express emotions and work as gatekeepers and tour guides to life and to help people pass on to the next life," Thomason said. over many time periods, and will look at current gender roles in society and compare them with ancient societies.

"One of the best ways when teaching ancient history is to relate it to our current time period. This approach works as a way to start looking at gender roles," Thomason

The artifacts discussed will come from the University Museum, which has a large collection of artifacts from many diverse cultures.

"We hope the talk will connect women to cultures over time and space to make connections that apply to women now," Thomason said.

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American culture."

The displays of the quilts show information about the individual artists as well as any technical information about the quilt that is known.

Despite the fact that some of the quilters' names are unknown to the public, they still carry the importance of defining what it means to be a woman.

"Although many of their makers are unknown, the quilts are records of the women who created them," Pigg said.

"Piecing together fragments of the everyday, quilts embody the stories of individual lives," Strand said.

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Men's and Women's Tennis @ Truman State - Today, 4 p.m. Baseball vs. Kentucky Wesleyan - Friday, 7 p.m. Softball @ UW-Parkside (DH) -- Saturday, Noon Men's and Women's Track and Field @ Missouri Relays - Saturday, 2

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# **Cougars gear up for outdoor season**

by Lindsay Stuart Alestle Sports Reporter

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Hopes are high as the SIUE men and women's track teams get ready to begin their outdoor season Saturday at the Missouri Relays in Columbia, Mo.

The Missouri Relay is a stepping stone that will help prepare the Cougars for bigger meets later in the season.

"The Missouri Relay is going to be a big meet for us with a lot of quality competition," SIUE Head Coach David Astrauskas said. "We use it as a measuring stick to see where we are at in our training and how we're progressing for the final meets of the outdoor season. It will give us an idea of where we are at."

The Cougars placed first last year in the GLVC Outdoor meet in both men and women's division, and tied for seventh at the NCAA Division II Championship

"We have some big goals for this outdoor season and we would like to improve on our national finish at the end of the year," Astrauskas said.

Both the men's and women's teams have been working hard to prepare for the outdoor season.

"We've been doing a lot of different kinds of training," Astrauskas said. "(We've done) a lot of over-distance training, and various types of workouts to get a good base for this outdoor season."

The outdoor season consists

of eight meets and the Great Lakes Valley Conference meet and NCAA Outdoors.

"We will start off the season training through the first couple of meets, and then we will begin the peaking process for the GLVC Championships and then ultimately the NCAA meet," Astrauskas said.

The team hopes to build on their accomplishments in the indoor season and come out of their outdoor season even more successful.

"I'm expecting to have a strong showing at both the conference meet and hopefully at the national championship as well," Astrauskas said.

He believes that the outdoor season will be stronger than the indoor because of the additional events such as the 400-meter hurdles and extra throwing events.

"Traditionally, we have been strong in these areas, and I look for continued success in those events," Astrauskas said.

Armed with many veterans and an All-American sprinter, SIUE is ready to continue the tradition and dominance in the GLVC.

"I am very excited about the potential for both squads," Astrauskas said. "Hopefully, we will be able to build off of some of the success that our programs experienced during the indoor season."

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Steve Berry/Alestle SIUE senior Alicia DeShasier and junior Kip Clark run laps during practice Tuesday at Korte Stadium. The SIUE men's and women's track and field teams begin their outdoor seasons at the Missouri Relays Saturday in Columbia, Mo.

#### SIUE stands guard at March Madness Students work security for NCAA by Anthony Patrico security needed to help these Alestle Sports Reporter events run smoothly. Tourney at Edward Jones Dome

For many events held at the major venues in the St. Louis area, security is in full force. Some SIUE students recently got the chance to know what's it like to be a member of those security teams.

> the NCAA men's As

security organization in the United States.

"In talking to some people, their reactions have been extremely varied," Shumaker

students Some were stationed at the entrance to check the bags of incoming crowd members, while others were taking tickets or controlling the access to club-level seating and the luxury boxes.

Some of the previous events in St. Louis that CSC has been a part of includes concerts starring the Rolling Stones, Kenny Chesney and the World Championship Boxing events held at the ScottTrade Center.

Shumaker has been with the company since its creation in St. Louis. No matter how large the event, he has always remained focused

# Women's tennis nips McKendree

**Alestle Staff Report** 

The SIUE women's tennis team eked out a 5-4 nonconference win over McKendree College Monday at the SIUE tennis courts, marking the Cougars' fifth win in their last seven matches. It was the first loss of the season for the Bearcats, who dropped to 4-1.

SIUE freshman Stephanie Clark and sophomore Jayda Gleghorn led the way for the Cougars, prevailing in both of their matches. Clark, at the No. 4 singles, bagged a win over McKendree's Heather Brinkmeyer 6-4, 6-3. Gleghorn beat the Bearcats' Kelly Beiermann by the same score at the No. 6 match. In doubles play, Clark teamed with fellow freshman Sarah Rhein to pound out an 8-0 shutout of McKendree tag team Erin Thoman and Brinkmever. Gleghorn and SIUE freshman Marley Coghlan eased past

Services is the largest event around the Edwards Jones Dome

"Some loved it and couldn't wait to do it again, others hated it and probably won't do it again."

-Jon Shumaker SIUE senior and Contemporary Services recruiter

basketball tournament rolled into St. Louis this past weekend, many SIUE students got the chance to be an integral part of the security staff.

Senior health education major Jon Shumaker works for Contemporary Services Corp., as recruiter. Contemporary a

said. "Some loved it and couldn't wait to do it again, others hated it and probably won't do it again." Shumaker and a team of around 60 SIUE students took part in last weekend's event. After a forty-five minute training session, the students were designated to specific tasks

So, what are the qualifications for employment?

"The main thing is that people act in a professional manner," Shumaker said. "And they complete a company orientation prior to staffing an event."

Contemporary Services has been serving the St. Louis area for over three years. Their contributions to events held at venues including the ScottTrade Center, Verizon Wireless Amphitheater, America's Center and most recently the Edwards Jones Dome, has given the extra

"For me it was no big deal," Shumaker said. "I've been working for CSC since they opened their doors in St. Louis three years ago."

This is not a one-time event in the area. The CSC will be looking for student volunteers all year as they cover many events in the St. Louis area.

"The events happen all year long," Shumaker said. "This will definitely not be a one-time thing."

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# Mother accuses military of cover up to promote war

Says in report on former Arizona Cardinal Pat Tillman's death,

# 'They made up a story'

#### by Richard Sisk New York Daily News

Pat Tillman's (MCT) mother charged Tuesday that the Army covered up the friendly-fire death of her football star son in a public relations move to boost the war effort.

"That's not a misstep, and that's not an error," Mary Tillman said on NPR News' "Morning Edition." "They made up a story. It was presented on national television and we believe they did that to promote the war."

In the latest of a series of investigations into Tillman's death, the Army said Monday that four generals and five other officers made "critical errors" in violation of military rules by withholding the truth about how Tillman was killed April 22, 2004, in Afghanistan.

The officers also allowed approval of a Silver Star citation for Tillman that said he was killed while charging the enemy, when he was actually killed by machine-gun fire from members of his own platoon.

"They could have told us the

truth," Mary Tillman said. "And if they didn't want to tell us the truth, they could have said that we don't know, we're doing an investigation. But what they did is they made up a story."

The private briefing the Army gave the Tillman family Monday on the

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

"They're not the worst

### "We got to the point where we were extremely rude to them, but they weren't - they were just lying."

-Mary Tillman, Pat Tillman's mother, on the Tillman family's Monday meeting with the Army

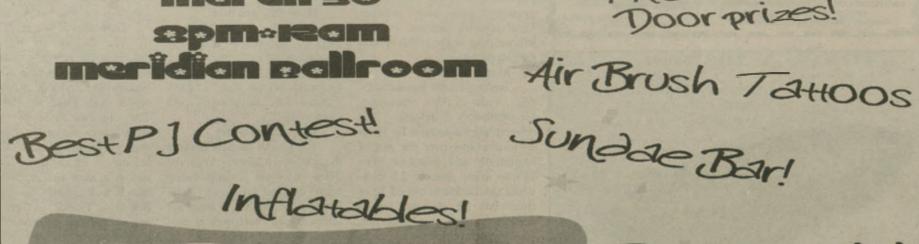
investigation confrontational, Mary Tillman said

"The meeting was a travesty," she said. "They told us that we were abusive. I mean, we they weren't - they were just lying.

She said the generals who were criticized in the latest report "are just taking the fall" for their superiors, including thenwww.thealestle.com



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# Golf teams so-so at Bellarmine

#### **Alestle Staff Report**

It was a touch of the postseason as the SIUE men's for 19th, both shooting 177. and women's golf teams got a taste of some regional competition at the Bellarmine Invitational at the Persimmon Ridge Golf Course in Louisville, Ky.

The men's team finished fifth and the women took fourth Tuesday.

The SIUE women shot a team score of 698 at the two-day event, which featured six teams.

Casey Biddinger provided some senior leadership for the Cougars, chipping her way to a score of 167 to place ninth overall, 16 strokes off the pace of California University of Pennsylvania's Jessie Punia, who finished in a four-way tie for

topped the field at 151.

SIUE juniors Julie Cline and Natalie Connaway finished tied Sophomore Kirstin Fischer came in on their heels one stroke behind. Freshman Sheena Collins rounded things out for the women, swinging for a 180 to place 24th.

CUP finished first at 637.

The SIUE men finished the first day of the tournament tied for third place. But with the average score of each team going down almost seven strokes in day two, the Cougars slipped to fifth with a total team score of 613. Oakland University collected first-place honors, shooting its way to a 595 score.

SIUE senior Ryan Coughlin

fourth, pitching a 150. Fellow senior Kyle Lickenbrock finished one stroke back at 151.

Seniors Kyle Gansauer and Craig Heinzmann tallied scores of 155 and 157 to finish 15th and 20th, respectively. Freshman Dillon Brasher shot a 165 and senior Brian Kuddes putted out a 169 for the Cougars.

Next up for the women is the Missouri State Invitational at the Rivercut Golf Course in Springfield, Mo., Monday and Tuesday. The men hit the greens again for the Great Lakes Regional II at Perry Park Golf Course in Perry Park, Ky., Saturday and Sunday.

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# A break down for the Final Four

by Wendell Barnhouse, Jeff Caplan, John Miller and **Mike Jones McClatchy Newspapers** 

#### GEORGETOWN How they got here

Bid: No. 2 in East Region, automatic from Big East Conference.

In the NCAA Tournament: Defeated Belmont 80-55, Boston College 62-55, Vanderbilt 66-65, and North Carolina 96-84 (OT).

Why they are here John Thompson III, the Hoyas' coach, stays cooler than the other side of the pillow no matter the game situation. In Georgetown's past three NCAA Tournament victories, the Hovas have trailed but never lost their poise. Their screen-pass-cut offense is difficult to defend because it requires bigger opponents to come out on the perimeter to play defense. Georgetown's defense isn't as intimidating as the 1980s version of Hoya Paranoia.

#### March Moment

Trailing North Carolina 75-65 with 7:15 remaining, Georgetown's defense and rebounding limited the Tar Heels to nine points over the rest of regulation and overtime. The Hoyas made nine of 13 shots while the Tar Heels missed 22 of their last 25. In the region semifinal victory over Vanderbilt, Georgetown trailed by 13 points in the first half before rallying for a 66-65 victory. "That's who we are, that's what we've grown into," Thompson said. "We've got a bunch of guys who believe in what we're doing and how we're doing it." Key players Juniors Jeff Green and Roy Hibbert are the veterans and they play like it. Green hit the gamewinner against Vanderbilt, and then had a game-high 22 in the region final (and he assisted on the basket that put the Hoyas ahead to stay in overtime). Green is 6-foot-9 and presents matchup problems because he can play

inside or on the perimeter. The 7-2 Hibbert is a dependable low post scorer who is steadily improving as a shot blocker.

#### How they'll win it all

The Hoyas face a big challenge - literally and figuratively - in No. 1 seed Ohio State in Saturday's semifinal. However, Hibbert has the size and mobility to counter Greg Oden, the Buckeyes' 7-foot freshman. Ohio State will need to counter Georgetown's cerebral and flexible offense, which produces good shots and balanced scoring. The Hoyas will need Hibbert and Green to avoid foul trouble. Georgetown will be considered an underdog against Ohio State, but the Hoyas have won 26 of their past 29 games. They're capable of winning two more in Atlanta.

#### FLORIDA How they got here

Bid: No. 1 in Midwest Region, automatic from the Southeastern Conference.

In the NCAA Tournament: Defeated Jackson State 112-69, Purdue 74-67, Butler 65-57, and Oregon 85-77

#### Why they are here

The Gators are here because the top seven players from the 2006 national championship team decided to come back. Despite the wealth of returning talent, it hasn't been quite as easy. The Gators rolled in the tournament last year with double-digit margins in all but one of their six games, including a 16-point victory over UCLA in the title game. In this tournament, they trailed Butler by nine points midway through the first half and trailed Purdue at the half before rallying. They've survived to attempt a repeat because their talent and experience has enabled them to keep their cool.

playing ... and winning. Against Oregon, the Gators went the final 8:14 of the game without a basket but scored 18 points (on 27 attempts) from the free-throw line. Florida, which likes to work inside with Joakim Noah and Al Horford, took 271 more freethrow attempts than their opponents this season. In the tournament, they have gone to the line 129 times to 56 for their opponents.

#### Key players

Pick 'em. Joakim Noah, Al Horford, Taurean Green, Lee Humphrey, Corey Brewer they're all consistent contributors. Noah and Horford can be dominating inside. Brewer is a versatile 6-foot-9 forward who can play inside or outside. Green can penetrate or shoot from outside and Humphrey is the career 3-point shooting record holder. Teams can take away one or two, but not all.

#### How they'll win it all

The Gators are the first defending champions to return to the Final Four in six years and can become the first title holders to repeat since Duke in 1991-92. They continue to be the face of what is now one of the country's top programs. Based on last season's championship-game victory against UCLA, they will match well against the Bruins. But then Florida matches well against anybody because of size,

#### March Moment

Every game has had a familiar pattern. Opposing teams have come in fired up and taken a lead. But the Gators keep on

versatility, playmaking, shooting and the ability to play up or down or half court. It can win in a lot of ways.

#### **OHIO STATE** How they got here

Bid: No. 1 in South Region, automatic from Big Ten Conference.

In the NCAA Tournament: Defeated Central Connecticut State 78-57, Xavier 78-71 (OT), Tennessee 85-84, and Memphis 92-76.

#### Why they are here

The Buckeyes have won 21 consecutive games and have the

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#### **TENNIS** from pg. 10

Christine Betz and Beiermann 8-2 at the No. 3 match.

SIUE freshman Kelsey Laird toppled Maria Occhipinti at the No. 1 match 6-4, 6-3 for the season. The Cougars get back in Cougars' other victory in singles play.

Rhein lost to Jenny Menerick 6-4, 6-1 at No. 2, SIUE freshman Amanda Niebur fell 6-1, 7-5 to Sara Johnson at No. 3, and Thoman dealt Coghlan a 6-4, 7-5 defeat at No.

SIUE jumped to 5-6 on the action at 4 p.m. Thursday when they travel to Kirksville, Mo., to take on Truman State University.

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#### **FINAL FOUR** from pg. 12

pull out tight games, as evidenced by the second-round rally that subdued Xavier in overtime and the record-setting comeback against Tennessee in the Sweet 16. Ohio State doesn't necessarily excel in any one area, but it does everything well, from a 47.3 shooting percentage, to rebounding, to team defense. A nice mix of experience that includes senior guard Ron Lewis and senior forward Ivan Harris has blended flawlessly with sensational freshmen in point guard Mike Conley Jr., and 7footer Greg Oden.

#### March Moment

With the Buckeyes trailing in-state rival Xavier by three points in the second round and appearing headed for a disappointing early exit, Ron Lewis drained a 3-pointer to finally erase a late nine-point deficit and force overtime.

#### Key players

The easy answer is 7-foot freshman Greg Oden, the team's leading scorer and rebounder. But the real answer is Oden's high school teammate, Mike Conley Jr. The 6-foot-1 freshman is an exciting blend of style and substance. He's an excellent ballhandler and a rare true point guard who averages 6.1 assists and 3.4 rebounds, while also scoring 11 points a game. Conley's backcourt mate, senior Ron Lewis, has been a steady influence and has produced bigtime numbers and clutch shots in the NCAA Tournament.

#### How they'll win it all

Greg Oden must make the next two games memorable, especially if he's headed to the NBA. Fouls have been problematic. He fouled out against Xavier in the second round when his team appeared to need him most, missing overtime. Against Tennessee, foul

poise and playmakers needed to Indiana 54-49, Pittsburgh 64-55, and Kansas 68-55.

Why they are here

The Bruins win with their defense. Heading into the NCAA Tournament, they were allowing an average of 59.5 points a game. They've only improved on that in the tournament, allowing 50.3 points in their four victories and holding teams to 41.1 percent shooting or worse. Kansas was on a 14-game winning streak and was averaging 82 points a game, but UCLA held the top seed to a season-low 55 points. The Bruins also can hit the 3-pointer; they are 25-of-58 from beyond the 3point arc in the tournament.

#### March Moment

Kansas was making a run and had cut the UCLA lead to five with five minutes to play, but Bruins guard Darren Collison hit an NBA 3-pointer, falling down with two defenders in his face as the shot clock went off. That took the wind out of the Jayhawks.

#### Key players

When the Bruins need a key basket or a big stop on defense, they usually look to junior Arron Afflalo to get the job done. The 6-foot-5 guard presents a matchup problem because he can take bigger defenders off the dribble and shoot over smaller, quicker guards. While he struggled to hit his shot late in the season, he enters the Final Four with momentum, having made his final eight shots in the victory against Kansas. He scored 24 in the victory over the Jayhawks, an NCAA Tournament best for him.

#### How they'll win it all

Defense wins championships and there's been no better defensive team among those in the Final Four than the Bruins. With their smothering pressure defense, they have the knack for forcing teams to play out of

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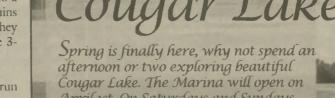
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trouble dogged him again as he had two shot attempts, nine points and three rebounds. But his impact was prevalent in the second half against Memphis, when he returned with 12:38 remaining after sitting with three fouls. From there, he dominated the interior. When he's on the floor, he's not only a rebounding and shot-blocking force, but he opens the lane for Conley and Lewis.

#### synch and making opponents grind it out on the offensive end. They are long and athletic and use those attributes to close quickly and alter shots, turning what appears to be good looks into difficult attempts, as both Kansas and Pittsburgh found out. And when the game is on the line, the Bruins have a go-to player in Afflalo, who has shown he's not afraid to have the ball in his hands in pressure situations.

How they got here Bid: No. 2 in West Region, at-large from Pac-10 Conference. In the NCAA Tournament: Defeated Weber State 70-42,

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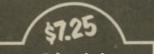
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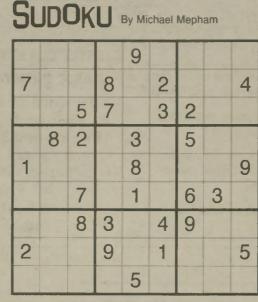
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