

Trouble no longer brewing for Starbucks

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

Starbucks is no longer in hot water now that a case against the company, claiming a cup was defective, has been dropped.

Molly Alter, a graduate student in metalsmithing at SIUE, claimed the cup of coffee she had purchased from the Starbucks in the Morris University Center had collapsed in her hands. The cup allegedly collapsed Dec. 3, 2003, and she filed the suit in 2004.

She claimed the burn from the coffee rendered her unable to finish the semester and sought more than \$50,000 in damages.

Madison County Circuit

Judge George J. Moran ruled Starbucks was entitled to the same protections and immunity as the university.

"The Court of Claims is the proper venue for the case," Moran wrote in his court order, referring to the forum set up by the state of Illinois to resolve all claims against state entities.

"We're disappointed because my argument had been that we were not suing the state," Alter's attorney Matthew Marlen told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Lawsuits over spilled coffee are nothing new. In 1994, a New Mexico woman was awarded \$2.9 million in damages after she was burned by McDonald's

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Springfest gets eXtreme on quad



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Senior Michelle Charbonnier takes a ride in the Nascar simulator Wednesday on the Quad. The simulator was a part of eXtreme Springfest: SIUE Edition. For more information on Springfest events, see Lifestyles.

Historical Studies professor recognized for excellence

BRENT NAYLOR
NEWS REPORTER

The recipient of this year's Teaching Excellence Award is Historical Studies professor Thomas Jordan.

"The award seeks to identify faculty members who are leaders in curriculum development for their department, have consistently high teaching evaluations from students and are

accessible to students for advising and supervision of independent projects," computer science professor and University Selection Committee Chair Anne Powell said. "In addition, nominees consistently improve their teaching by using evaluation feedback, attending teaching seminars and integrating new research on teaching strategies into their own classrooms."

Powell said most universities present similar awards.

"The Teaching Excellence Award will go to a tenured or tenure-track faculty member with at least three years of experience at SIUE. The Teaching Recognition Award goes to a non-tenure track instructor with at least three years experience at SIUE," said Powell.

"Up to four additional teaching recognition awards can

also be awarded to tenured or tenure-track faculty who have been nominated," Powell said.

Recipients of this year's Teaching Recognition Award are Foreign Language professor Frederic Leveziel, Nursing professor Kathy Ketchum and Computer Science professor Jo Ellen Moore.

Powell said the selection process for the awards is rigorous.

"First, each school or college provides one nominee for the awards, one tenured or tenure-track and one non-tenure track," Powell said. "The College of Arts and Sciences can put up four nominees for the tenured/tenure-track and two nominees for the non-tenure track because of the larger size."

However, the nomination process is different for every
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Students compete at Villagefest



KATIE HARTWIG/ALESTLE

Sophomore Katie Eckley, left, loses to sophomore Lindsey Gilmore in a hotdog eating contest Tuesday in Cougar Village. The contest was a part of this week's Villagefest.

Student employee wins Employee of the Year award

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

East St. Louis Center program assistant Sandra McClendon is celebrating after being named Student Employee of the Year Monday.

"It was an honor," McClendon said of her award. "I was totally elated."

McClendon has worked with the program as an assistant since the fall of 2001. She has had the opportunity to help develop and implement services and activities.

McClendon is a speech communication senior who also volunteers her time at the Connections to Success Program.

"I hope to be encouraging to the young people to continue their education," McClendon said.

Acting Program Director Louella Hawkins nominated

McClendon because of her effort and qualities for caring.

"Mrs. McClendon was chosen because of the productive personal time and hours she gives to nurturing, caring, assisting and working as a team member to ... the Connections to Success program, family members, other adults and her church family," Hawkins said.

McClendon received balloons, gift certificates to the University Bookstore and a local department store, a Student Employee of the Year plaque, a university T-shirt and other gifts from co-workers.

McClendon said she thanks Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift and the committee members for the award.

"Just receiving the award, I was honored and privileged," McClendon said. "I am so grateful to God."

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Psychology Club scavenges first event

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

Scavenge with the newly formed Psychology Club at its first event, the Professor Scavenger Hunt, at 6 p.m. Thursday in Alumni Hall.

Participants will be given clues to find a professor from the Psychology Department.

Afterward, participants will compete against other students and professors about general trivia, beginning at 6:45 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 0401.

According to a press release, Psychology Club Vice President Rachel Price said the group is happy about the event and hopes to draw interest for others to join.

"We're also very excited for this event, and we hope that it

generates some interest in the club," Price said.

The club's purpose is to increase student awareness about psychology.

"(Our purpose) is to provide a more broad education to the students about psychology as a subject, a career, a science, an interest and social movement," Psychology Club President Cindy Gullo said.

Gullo said the club hopes to bring in speakers to talk about working in the psychology field. The club also wants to begin a mentoring program for underclassmen.

The organization has 10 members but anticipates more students joining. Gullo said anyone interested in psychology can join; students do not have to major or minor in the subject

to join the club.

The members are still deciding on when meeting times should be.

"As of right now, we do not have a date set. It will not be until the beginning of the fall semester. We will keep everyone updated," Gullo said.

Gullo also said she hopes this club will be beneficial for underclassmen and will help all students become more acquainted with their professors.

"I hope to see the underclassmen benefit from the experience of the upperclassmen. I think it is a good opportunity for students to get to know their professors outside of the classroom," Gullo said.

For more information, contact Gullo at cgullo@siue.edu.

Learn about regional health care

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

For students, faculty and staff interested in health care, there will be a forum on the subject from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Morris University Center's Mississippi/Illinois Room.

"A Regional Health Care: Access and Disparities" is sponsored by the Department of

Social Work, along with the Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers.

According to a press release, this event will be an interactive presentation and discussion on health issues in the area. There will be several speakers to discuss the issues.

The keynote speaker is Linda Renee Baker, former secretary for the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Also, Illinois Rep. Jay Hoffman and Sen. Frank Watson will join the discussion.

The speaker and panelists will provide perspectives about current and future health care issues from the views of a policy analyst, elected government official and an administrative practitioner.

This event also serves as one of two, state-level

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Donate blood to Red Cross at Prairie Hall

CODY HARSTON
NEWS REPORTER
KRISTEN REBER
NEWS EDITOR

Those who want to help others and have extra time should participate in University Housing and the American Red Cross's blood drive from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday in Prairie Hall's Multifunction Room.

"We decided to host the event in Prairie Hall as a way to

get more student involvement," blood drive co-coordinator Sabrina Washington said. "This way, with the donation so close, students will find it easier to give blood and, hopefully, we will have a greater turnout of students than we usually see."

Washington said this is a good opportunity for students.

"This is a chance for students to give back to the community," Washington said. "Also, one day, students could need blood, and

this is a way of showing that you understand need."

Washington, a Prairie Hall resident advisor, has been planning the event since the beginning of the spring semester, along with Jarod Rowley, also a Prairie Hall RA.

Those interested may sign up at the front desk of Prairie Hall. Walk-ins will also be accepted.

For more information on the blood drive or how to get involved, e-mail Washington at swashin@siue.edu.

Cougar Kids learn to bike safe at event



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

Officers Tara Vaughn and Dean Plovich of the SIUE Police Department help fit Ja Te'a McGhee's new helmet at the Cougar Kids event Saturday.

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college or school.

“Once all the nominees have been selected, the Teaching Excellence Award committee meets to review material. The TEA committee is made up of one member from the schools of Business, Education, Engineering and Nursing and four members of the College of Arts and Sciences,” Powell said. “In addition, we have three student members on the committee.”

At this point, committee members review the work of the candidates and attend a class taught by each candidate.

“After several meetings and discussions, a recipient of the Teaching Excellence Award is

chosen,” Powell said. “Recipients of the Teaching Recognition Award are chosen from the remaining nominees in the tenured and tenure-track field. Finally, the Teaching Recognition Award for the non-tenure track instructor is awarded.”

The awards will be presented at the Honors Convocation from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the Morris University Center’s Meridian Ballroom.

“Besides the Teaching Excellence and Teaching Recognition awards, over 300 awards are given to students for academic achievement (at the honors convocation),” Powell said.

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coffee. A judge later reduced her damages to an undisclosed amount less than \$600,000.

“In that case, the claim was that the coffee was defective

because it was too hot,” Marlen said. “Here, the claim is that the cup itself was defective.”

Marlen said his client has made a “pretty good recovery” and was back in school.

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celebrate the 50th anniversary of the NASW.

The cost to attend is \$35, which includes breakfast, lunch and three continuing education credits. Students can attend individually or as a

class on scholarship, which means the fee will be waived.

For further information, contact Continuing Education Coordinator Emily Coffin at 650-3207.

Police Incidents

Traffic

4/05

Police took a report of a two-vehicle accident with less than \$500 in damages at North Circle Drive.

Police issued citations to Roosevelt Marshall III for driving without a valid driver’s license and speeding on South University Drive.

4/06

Police issued a citation to Kolby A. Mackell for illegally squealing tires in Lot 9.

4/07

Police issued a citation to Kara A. Frey for speeding on North University Drive.

4/08

Police issued citations to Dorian M. Harold for speeding and operating an uninsured motor vehicle on North Circle Drive.

Police issued a citation to Karen P. Lane for failure to stop at a stop sign on Cougar Lake Drive.

4/09

Police issued a citation to Jason B. Smith for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and a written warning for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Stephen D. Krawzik for driving without a valid license and a written warning for speeding on South Circle Drive.

4/10

Police issued a citation to Matthew K. Eduakwa for speeding on South University Drive.

Other Offences

4/08

Police met with a student who claimed to have received harassing phone calls in Prairie Hall.

A warrant for leaving the scene of a crime on Jeron D. Schultz was recalled.

Police arrested William J. Andrew for possession of cannabis. He was released with a notice to appear.

4/09

Police arrested David L. Scott III for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. He was taken to the Police Department and issued a notice to appear.

Police arrested Thomas E. House for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. He was taken to the Police Department and released with a notice to appear.

4/10

Police responded to a Cougar Village apartment for a report of damage to the sliding glass door.

4/11

Police took Cody N. Scott into custody. He was served a warrant for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Scott was unable to post bond and was taken to Madison County Jail.

Theft

4/06

Police took a report of a student identification card stolen April 5.

Police took a report of a Compaq laptop stolen outside the Morris University Center.

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Okay, normally I'm not one to get involved in politics, but Wisconsin has taken hunting to a

Don't hunt my furry friends

new low. Now, whether or not you are a dog person or a cat person, I can't possibly image what that state is considering.

A proposal has gone forward to make free-roaming cats, including domestic cats without collars, listed as an unprotected species. If it passes, then the cats could be hunted. According to an article on America Online news, the proposal was one of several in a spring vote over hunting and fishing issues by the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

"La Crosse firefighter Mark Smith, 48, helped spearhead the cat-hunting proposal," the article said. "He wants Wisconsin to declare free-roaming wild cats an unprotected species, just like skunks or gophers. Anyone with a small-game license could shoot the cats at will."

Perhaps it is just me, but when I think of domestic cats, I just can't put them in the same category as skunks or gophers. Perhaps there are some small wild cats that are nuisances and

perhaps even dangerous, but I know there are many people out there who have pets and don't keep them in the house. These animals, cats included, can't always be trusted to keep their collars on themselves. So, are we just going to let people start shooting at Fluffy while she's crossing the street? What about poor Mr. Whiskers? Is he next on the list for target practice?

Sure, it's not like the people in favor of the change are just out after kitties. The article said, "Every year in Wisconsin alone, an estimated two million wild cats kill 47 million to 139 million songbirds, according to state officials."

I think, perhaps, there are better solutions to an overpopulation of cats. How about spaying and neutering our pets? What about catching them and then fixing them? I just don't believe shooting is the way to solve problems, even if it is the loss of birds. Anyone else who agrees with me can find out more information from critics of the idea from the Wisconsin Cat-Action Team at dontshootthecat.com.

Tyler Bennett
Editor in Chief

Political Cartoon



New trends put squeeze on bottle industry

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (U-WIRE) – Today's topic is an alarming consumer trend that threatens each and every honest, hardworking student, and I'm not talking about Ashton Kutcher movies released in back-to-back months.

I am referring to how everything these days comes in squeeze bottles. To the product manufacturers, I say, "Dude, where's my glass jar of jelly?"

The prevalence of squeeze bottles really hit me during spring break. My brother and I were out of toothpaste, so I asked my mom, a dental hygienist and resident toothpaste expert, to get us another tube. Much to my surprise, however, I soon found a squeeze bottle of vanilla-flavored toothpaste in the bathroom. Don't get me started on those nauseating flavored toothpastes. Toothpaste is not supposed to taste good – that's why you spit it out.

Seeing the squeeze bottle was disappointing because there is no greater investment than a

tube of toothpaste. Tubes last forever – even longer if you squeeze really, really hard. When I came back to school, I was still thinking about the squeeze bottle, so I asked my mom why she bought it. She responded, "What did you do for dinner tonight?"

Eventually, she explained that toothpaste squeeze bottles are not as messy as the tubes. Her reasoning translates well in the kitchen, where squeeze bottles are most prevalent. After all, if you come back from a hard night of "studying" and have a hankering for a turkey sandwich, it is much easier to get mayonnaise out of a squeeze bottle than scraping it out of a jar.

But I use mustard on my turkey, and I don't like the new mustard squeeze bottles. The old ones, you may recall, looked like Humpty Dumpty wearing a dunce cap. The best feature of those bottles was the nozzle, which easily navigated the mustard onto the sandwich. The new bottles, on the other hand, are rectangular with handle

grooves on the sides and a little nub on top; they most closely resemble bottles of designer cologne. Lacking a nozzle for navigation, these bottles often cause me to close my eyes and squeeze, hoping against hope that mustard somehow lands on my food.

The same thing goes for ketchup. The long-necked plastic bottle, ideal for navigation, has been replaced with an oversized, cologne-like squeeze bottle. Unlike the new mustard bottles, the new ketchup bottles are so unwieldy I simply worry about keeping ketchup off my shirt, let alone getting it on my food.

The biggest casualty of the squeeze-bottle revolution, however, is jelly. In my refrigerator, I have a squeeze bottle of strawberry jelly. It squirts easily right on top of the peanut butter on my cinnamon swirl bread, which is exactly why I don't like it.

When we were kids, making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich meant getting your

hands sticky. It meant screwing the top off the jelly jar, dipping a knife deep into a glass coated with dried-on jelly, struggling to balance the jelly on the knife and repeating the process until the knife sticks to your hand. Five hours later, and after taking a shower to get all the jelly off yourself, you enjoyed that sandwich as if it were the last one on Earth.

I don't like squeeze bottles because they are so different from what I grew up with. Fifty years from now, I can see myself telling my grandchildren about how we used to get ketchup from glass bottles, but only if we hit it right on the 57.

My grandchild would say, "More ketchup, please," and a hologram of a ketchup bottle would appear in midair. The child touches the hologram, turning the image into a real bottle that pours right on a plate.

"Bah," I would say. "That's nothing. Back in my day, we had actual ketchup bottles. Not only

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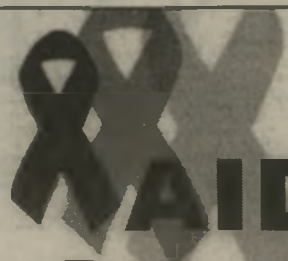
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did we have to hit them just right to get ketchup out, but we had to do it while walking five miles uphill to school in the snow!"

Though I may not like squeeze bottles, I have to accept they are here to stay. That's OK because, even though glass jars

and old-school plastic bottles may become obsolete, my memories of those sticky jelly fingers will last almost as long as a tube of toothpaste.

Danny Jacobs
The Diamondback
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AIDS Awareness Week Schedule of Events

Monday, April 18:

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. : Information Fair, Goshen Lounge, MUC

Tuesday, April 19:

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. : Bingo, Brew, and Barriers
Mississippi/Illinois Room

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. : Survivor Africa winner Ethan Zohn gives a lecture on AIDS, Conference Center, MUC

Wednesday, April 20:

10 a.m. – 8 p.m. : AIDS Quilt on display in the Goshen Lounge

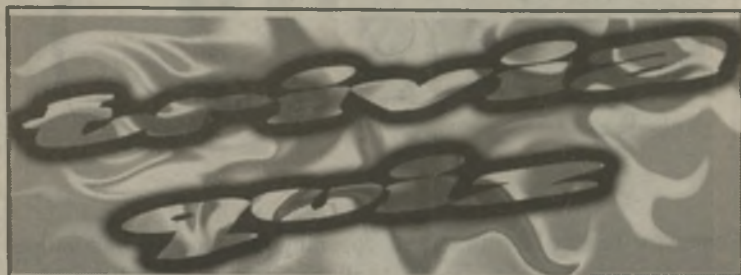
11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. : Cougar Craze: Design your own AIDS quilt panel in the Goshen Lounge

12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. : Food Chat: "The Cost of HIV: Who's Paying?" in the Illinois Room

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. : Information Fair, Goshen Lounge, MUC

Friday, April 22:

7 p.m. : Friday Free Flicks: "And the Band Played On" in the Lovejoy Library Auditorium



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April showers bring May ... allergies??

KAREN IVERS
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STILLWATER, Okla. (U-WIRE) -- The sounds of sniffing, sneezing and coughing have erupted across the nation.

The pollen count increases during the spring, which can cause people who suffer from allergies and asthma to experience more severe symptoms than they normally would.

Dr. Kenneth Smith at Oklahoma State University said the Student Health Center experiences approximately a 25 percent increase in patients with allergy and asthma symptoms every spring.

Asthma affects 12 million to 15 million Americans. Asthma may occur at any age, but it's more common in people under the age of 40, according to the Diagnosis: Asthma Web site.

Sophomore Megan Harback said she knew spring was on the way when her itchy eyes, runny nose, shortness of breath and headaches began.

Harback has suffered from asthma and allergies since she was 2 years old. She said her main allergies are pollen, mold, ragweed and dust.

Sometimes getting through a typical spring day without wheezing or constant nose blowing is not easy for students like Harback.

Harback said she wakes every spring morning and takes two inhalers for her asthma and

one allergy pill to prepare for the activities of the day, like getting to class.

Wind not only makes it harder to walk, but it also makes it harder to breathe, she said. The wind increases her shortness of

trees are typically budding," Smith said. "As that starts to diminish, then you see the grass pollen start to take off and that's usually later spring. And then after that, you start to see the weed pollen.

"If you are allergic to Bermuda grass, unless you live in a plastic bubble, it's going to be kind of hard to get away from it."

~Dr. Kenneth Smith
Student Health Center

breath, and her breathing can be worsened by walking by someone who is smoking.

"I walk to class and smokers do bother me. When there is smoke, I always have to rush and walk around in front of them. I don't like walking behind them because the smoke blows in your face," Harback said.

Nighttime symptoms often cause Harback the biggest problems.

"My asthma flares up more at nighttime," she said. "During the night, I always have to get up and take my inhaler at least once."

Harback's daily routine is similar to what many students experience during the spring. Smith said the main component of spring that causes allergies and asthma to flare up is pollen.

"Typically early in the spring, you are going to see an increase in the tree pollen because that's when the

Center for Health Statistics Web site.

Smith said several natural remedies may help prevent allergies and asthma attacks.

"First, if you can identify what it is you are allergic to, try to avoid those things. And that's kind of the bottom line," Smith said.

Changing the air filters, washing the sheets more often and frequently dusting are some of the household precautions students can take to help reduce asthma and allergy symptoms.

Smith said investing in an air filtration system might also help students.

"If you're allergic to pollen, although it's unfortunate, close up the house and use the filtration system of your central heat and air," Smith said. "Try to avoid

opening the windows and letting all the fresh air and pollen in."

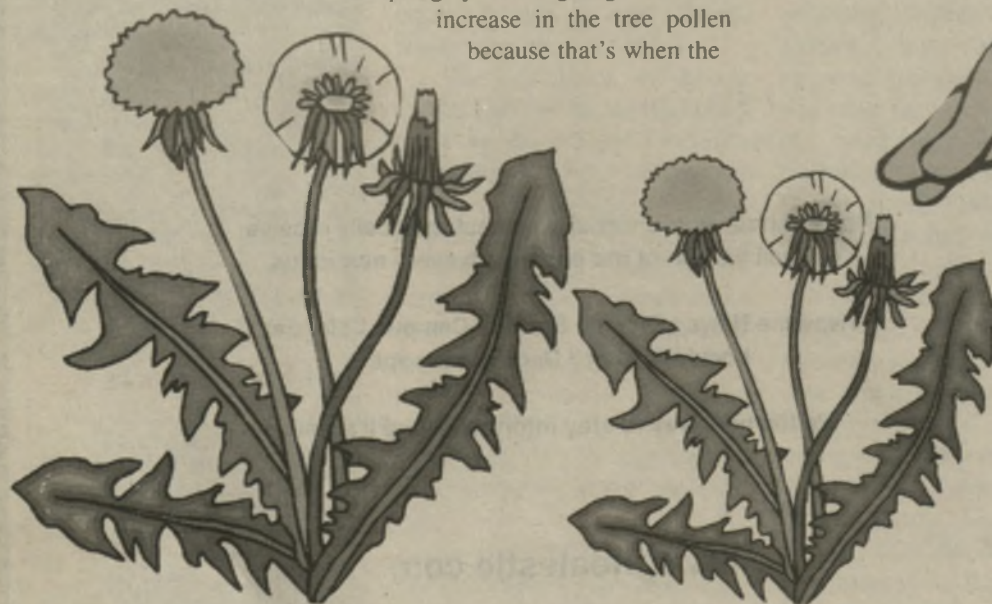
Another natural way to treat asthma and allergies is by drinking water.

According to the Global Health Solutions Web site, Dr. F. Batmanghelidj said allergies and asthma can actually be the body's way of alerting people of its urgent need for water.

These natural treatments may not always be enough to treat asthma and allergies, but they can definitely help people breathe more easily during the springtime.

"If you are allergic to Bermuda grass, unless you live in a plastic bubble, it's going to be kind of hard to get away from it, Smith said. "So then that's where medications come in to help just alleviate the symptoms."

Smith also said there are good treatments available to students so they are not completely miserable every time spring comes around.



'Survivor' winner addresses issues for AIDS Awareness

EMILY TAUL
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Through its many seasons, the CBS show "Survivor" has tested the physical and mental strength of its many contestants, and Ethan Zohn, the winner of "Survivor Africa," is no exception.

Campus Activities Board is presenting a lecture by Zohn as a part of AIDS Awareness Week at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Meridian Ballroom.

"We were interested in having him speak because of how he used his winnings for the betterment of society, and how he incorporated soccer with it since he was formerly a professional player," CAB graduate adviser Alyssa Bodeux said.

Zohn used his million-dollar winnings to create Grassroot Soccer, a foundation that incorporates soccer into teaching children in Africa the seriousness of the AIDS crisis.

His program is titled "Character: The Ultimate Survival Tool."

"We wanted Ethan to speak because he addresses the importance of leadership, global issues, and he has had an amazing amount of life



PHOTO COURTESY OF EZOHN.COM
Ethan Zohn at tribal council during "Survivor Africa."

experience that would inspire the students," Bodeux said.

Zohn has been recognized worldwide for his good works and integrity.

"I applaud your efforts to help the world better understand that talking about AIDS is a significant part of the battle against this deadly disease," former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said on the Web site www.campuspeak.com/speakers/zohn.

For more information about Zohn or the lecture, contact CAB at 650-2686 or e-mail Bodeux at abodeux@siue.edu or Current Affairs Chair Christine Williams at dowilli@siue.edu.

Test your trivia skills under the palm trees

MELISSA CORBIN
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Trivia buffs of all ages are invited to support White Oak Academy's third annual trivia night at 7 p.m. Saturday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Belleville.

The scholarship fund-raiser theme is Aloha Spring.

"It should be a really fun night," event co-organizer and speech communication senior Jamie Mateer said. "We're decorating the gym to go along with the theme, with lots of palm trees and leis and coconuts."

Along with the trivia contest, players will have an opportunity to participate in a silent auction and a raffle throughout the night. Among the items up for bid are tickets to

Cardinals' and Gateway Grizzlies' baseball games and tickets to The Funny Bone comedy club.

Prizes for will be distributed to the top three trivia teams. Food will also be provided for contestants. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

"All the proceeds go to support White Oak Academy, a school that helps children with math, reading and learning disabilities," event chair and speech communication senior Joe Keller said.

White Oak Academy is in the Immanuel United Church of Christ on Illinois state Route 157, two miles south of Interstate 64.

For more information, call Keller at 656-1590 or (217) 899-2474 or e-mail more_division@yahoo.com.

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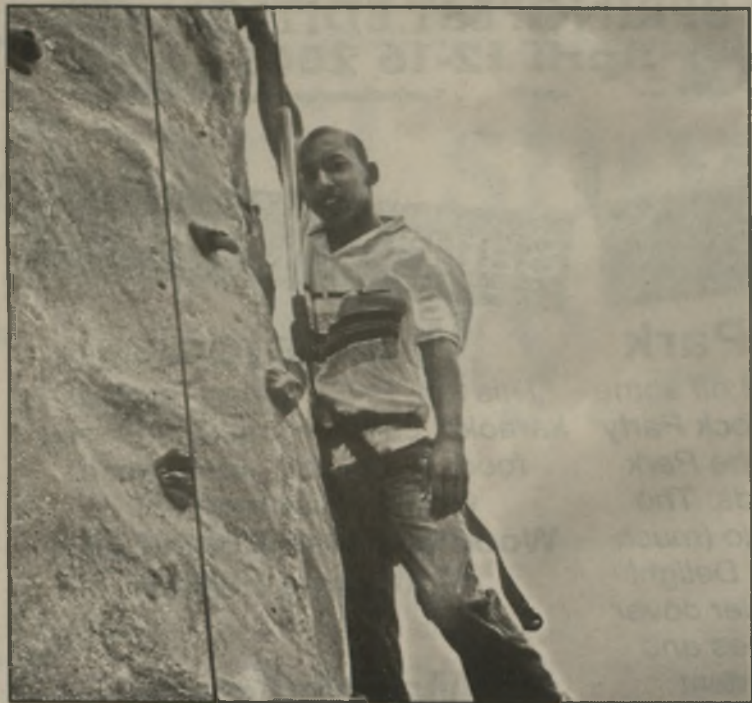
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Edwardsville High School student Deveon Johnson hangs out on the rock climbing wall Wednesday.

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Friday

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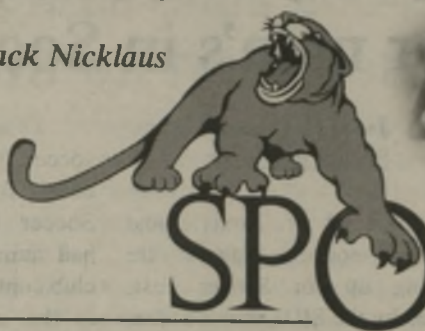
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'Cat Scratch Fever'



AUBREY WILLIAMS / ALESTLE

The SIUE softball team, led by a pitching staff with a 2.49 ERA, is riding a 10-game winning streak facing the University of Southern Indiana Thursday.

ZACH GROVES
SPORTS EDITOR

For the SIUE softball team, the winning wheels keep on turning.

After sweeping both the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds and the St. Joseph's College Lady Pumas in consecutive doubleheaders on the road this weekend, the No. 14-ranked Cougars are rolling on a 10-game winning streak.

"We are used to things like that," head coach Sandy Montgomery said. "We like to try to do that every year. (We) just try to continue on (our) winning ways."

The Cougars managed to do just that in the doubleheader sweeps over the Greyhounds Saturday and the Lady Pumas Sunday, averaging 8.5 runs per contest.

"We have been hitting the

"We have been hitting the ball pretty well"

~Head coach Sandy Montgomery

ball pretty well," Montgomery said.

The lineup picked up many clutch RBIs against the Greyhounds, courtesy of senior shortstop Veronica Schmidt in game one and sophomore catcher Libby Lenart in game two. Junior

right-hander Alicia DeShasier and freshman first baseman Mallory Ruggles both went yard for the Cougars as well, packing more punch in the lineup.

DeShasier leads the team in all offensive categories with six home runs, 34 RBIs and an eye-popping .434 average.

However, Montgomery said she does not enjoy praising just the offense and its achievements.

"I don't like to talk about it a whole lot," Montgomery said of the team's potent offense. "Because you don't know if it could change or not."

One piece of the team puzzle has apparently come into place f

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Track looking to take off at home after Big Blue

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS REPORTER

The SIUE men's and women's track and field teams continued to glide to glory at the Eastern Illinois University Big Blue Classic last weekend in Charleston.

Four more Cougars notched provisional qualifying marks, making them eligible to compete in next month's NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championship in Abilene, Texas.

"It was an improvement over our first meet," assistant coach Eileen McAllister said. "We're definitely heading in the right direction."

Sophomore Callie Glover broke her own school record, which she set April 2 in the Gatorade Invitational, with a toss of 160 feet, six inches in the hammer throw to make the qualifying list.

On the men's squad, senior Lee Weeden and sophomores Anthony Weber and Jonathan Bannister all qualified in their events.

Weber broke the school record in the pole vault with a

jump of 16 3/4, while Weeden shattered the school record in the hammer throw, hurling it 172-8.

Bannister placed first in the 400-meter hurdles, dashing to victory in 52.70 seconds.

"He's worked on the same things we've been working on since the beginning of the year," women's head coach Ben Beyers said of Weeden. "He's been working real hard with coach Austraskas. He's only going to continue to get better."

Weeden's teammates agreed with coach Beyers.

"He's been persistent in the workouts . . . dominating the workouts," senior sprinter Jennifer Jacquez said of Weeden.

Junior Dustin Bilbruck finished first in the javelin with a 196-7 throw. The men's 400-relay squad also set a school record, sprinting to a time of 42.24.

Despite all the records and provisional qualifiers, the Cougars still have not yet reached full throttle. With the Great Lakes Valley Conference Outdoor Championships drawing near, and the NCAA Championship

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Marty Simmons named IBCA coach of the year

RYAN PEEBLES
SPORTS STRINGER
ZACH GROVES
SPORTS EDITOR

SIUE men's basketball head coach Marty Simmons adds another victory to the season.

Recently, he was named Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Men's Coach of the Year in Division II.

"It is a great honor," head coach Marty Simmons said. "Also that it is the IBCA. I am a hall of fame member there and I respect those people a lot."

Not only did Simmons lead the Cougars to their best record ever, 15-5 in league play, a school-record tying 23 wins, but he also brought SIUE to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 16 years. Simmons also helped the Cougars reach their highest ranking in the polls, No.



COURTESY OF SIUE ATHLETICS
Men's basketball head coach Marty Simmons picks up the IBCA coach of the Year in Division II.

5, and was the first coach in SIUE history to be named Great Lakes Valley Conference Coach of the Year.

"No one is more deserving of this award," said junior forward

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Spring season continues for men's in Soccer Fest

**JANELLE DOBSON
SPORTS REPORTER**

Some of St. Louis' most talented soccer players are gearing up for Soccer Fest, hosted by the SIUE men's soccer team Sunday at Eagan Center Field in Florissant, Mo.

Men's soccer head coach Ed Huneke said the team is putting on the event in an effort to raise money for the team's scholarship program. This is the first year for the event, and the team hopes for a good turnout from soccer fans.

"Our alumni is fairly active, so that part doesn't worry me," Huneke said.

There will be three games Sunday, all of which are free to attend. There will also be prizes and a barbeque.

While raising money for the team, the event will also ensure a long-lasting relationship between the Scott Gallagher Soccer Club and SIUE, who have had a close relationship for years.

Thomas Howe, an SIUE soccer team alumnus, helped coach for the Scott Gallagher Soccer Club, and SIUE has had numerous players from the club continue their soccer careers at the university. Soccer Fest will aim to recognize and continue this bond.

The first game will start at 12:30 p.m. and will see club athletes under 18 facing the Florissant Cougars under 18.

The first game will be followed by a match between Scott Gallagher and SIUE alumni. The day will close with SIUE taking on the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

"They are a Division I team," Huneke said. "We're capable of playing with most Division I teams, so it should be a close game."

The Cougars have continued their success from last fall and are 3-0 in the spring season.

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looming large at the end of May, SIUE is trying to work out all the kinks.

"People are still tired from training. People are not in their right events," McAllister said. "We're working through these meets to get to the big meets."

"I don't think we're ready yet," Bannister added. "But I think (we should be) ready by the time the conference

tournament comes around. We should be peaking by that time. Right now, a lot of people aren't running their best times."

Next up, SIUE hosts its first home event of the season with the Cougar Classic Saturday at the Korte Stadium.

"It's our biggest home meet of the year," Beyers said. "We'll be showcasing what we do every week we're away, so it's good to be home."

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Michael Sams. "At the beginning of the season we had a low ranking in the conference and this just shows how much respect has been earned since then."

Simmons said he cannot take all the credit for this accomplishment.

"It is about a reflection of the players doing a great job," Simmons said.

"Our goals (coming into the season) were to win the

conference, win the conference championship and win the national championship.

"Awards like this kind of just happen," he said.

Simmons will be honored at the 33rd Annual Hall of Fame Induction Dinner on April 30 at Illinois State University.

Simmons' career coaching record is 58-53, including a 48-39 record at SIUE.

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Women's tennis ends 2004-2005 season on high note

JONG CAMBRON
SPORTS REPORTER

The SIUE women's tennis team took four of five matches during spring play to end the 2004-05 season with an overall record of 9-7 after going 5-6 in the fall 2004 campaign.

The Cougars were led by senior Chrissy Yingst, who earned an All-Great Lakes Valley Conference selection. Yingst finished the season 11-6 in the No. 1 slot and teamed with senior Allison Coats to finish 9-8 in doubles play.

Katherine Ferry, the lone freshman, finished the season with a 6-6 record in the No. 6 position. Ferry had to make the transition from being the No. 1 seed in high school to the No. 6 spot at SIUE.

"It was different from playing in high school," Ferry said. "I wasn't really expecting

anything because it was my first year playing on a college-level tennis team. People took it more seriously."

Ferry said she expects to move up in the lineup next year when Yingst and Coats leave the program and the top spots open up.

Junior Celia Montes proved she could move up successfully. Montes had a 6-8 record in the No. 5 spot, but when she advanced to the No. 4 spot, she finished 2-1.

"We had our ups and downs," Montes said. "We were hoping to finish a little higher, but we weren't upset with the way we finished. The wins I did get, I was happy with."

Three players on the team gained Academic All-American honors. Ferry, Coats and Montes made the grade as each carried a grade point average of at least 3.30.

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or the Cougars, which involves the pitching threesome of DeShasier, freshman right-hander Lindsey Laas and junior lefty Casey Wantland. After the sweeps, they have compiled a 2.49 ERA over 200 innings pitched and hold the offense to a .253 batting average. DeShasier leads the staff in wins with 11, followed by Laas and her 10 wins. However, Wantland leads the staff with a miniscule 1.63 ERA.

Although Montgomery said she is now satisfied with the pitching since it was questionable at the beginning of the season, she said she feels there is still more work to be done.

"We still have a long way to go," Montgomery said in reference to the pitchers. "They

are not the most dominating, but they are doing their job, and that is all you can ask out of them."

For Montgomery, the winning streak is nice, but she said she does not believe that should be the focus when SIUE takes the field against the University of Southern Indiana.

"The winning streak is all that the media talks about," Montgomery said. "We only have a target on our backs because of our past successes and our national ranking. Anybody we play is after us."

The Cougars look to improve even further on their 28-8 record and undefeated 6-0 Great Lakes Valley Conference record when they go up against the Screaming Eagles at 3 p.m. Thursday in Evansville, Ind.



AUBREY WILLIAMS /ALESTLE

Sophomore catcher Libby Lenart calls a game in one of the Cougars' home wins. This week Lenart was named the Great Lakes Valley Conference player of the week.

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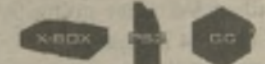
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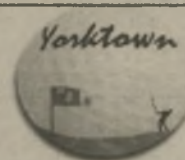
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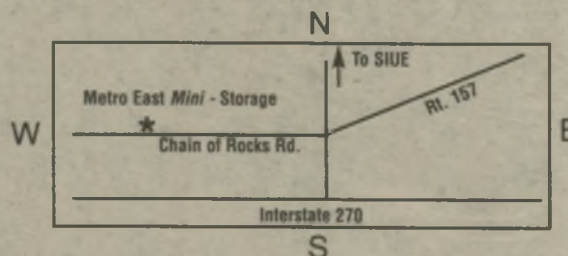


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