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Task force works to increase international enrollment

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EDITOR IN CHIEF

SIUE's International Education Task Force has plans in the works to help increase international student enrollment.

Formed in the Fall of 1996, the task force's goal is to increase international student enrollment that has dropped in recent years at SIUE and SIUC. The Board of Trustees is hoping to reverse the trend by reducing the cost of the out-of-state tuition rate to only twice the in-state rate. Previously the rate had been placed at three times that amount.

Other plans to help attract international students are also underway, including a brochure to be developed to help promote SIUE international student opportunities as well as the enhancement of the International Host Family Program. A mini-grant has been developed in an effort to support the international initiatives by the faculty and a pool of funds are being developed to help international students at a time in crisis, such as their home country's economic collapse.

SIUE will also continue its Intensive English Program. First initiated in Fall of 1996, the program helps international students raise their Test of English as a Foreign Language scores. Since 1996, the program has served 22 students.

The International Education Task Force's purpose is to assess how SIUE handles the education of international students as well as making recommendations to strengthen the initiatives that encourage international students to attend SIUE.

Recommendations made by the committee are reviewed by the Provost and the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. They evolve a number of offices, academic departments and units.



Bob Fehringer/Alestle

The emptiness of the Summer session makes formerly noisy and busy places quiet enough for a baby. Randy Cannon, a senior majoring in business, holds his two-month-old daughter, Randai Cannon. Along with John Marshall and Randal's mother, is Shanea Walker, a sophomore in nursing. They all enjoy a peaceful moment in the Goshen Lounge.

Turay steps down as Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, returns to teaching economics

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Dean of graduate studies and research, Abdul M. Turay, stepped down from his position on May 15 to return to full time teaching and research at SIUE.

SIUE Chancellor David

Werner accepted Turay's request to resigned. He will be reassigned to the School of Business, Department of Economics. The position will be effective as of July 1, 1998.

Turay has served as Dean of the Graduate School for three years.

In a letter Turay released

about his reassignment, he listed some of the goals he was able to obtain while working as the Dean of the Graduate School. Some of the goals he helped promote were the Paul Simon Teaching and Research Awards Program and the 1996 PQP graduate degree program. Turay also helped increase the submission to grant proposals by 23 percent.

Engineering building to give program more visibility



SIUE President
Ted Sanders



Chancellor
David Werner

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Visibility for an engineering program that was often hard to find on campus is one of the purposes of the new engineering building to be built at SIUE.

SIUE President Ted Sanders conducted a news briefing with SIUE Chancellor David Werner discussing budget issues and the groundbreaking of the new engineering building.

Sanders opened the briefing discussing the fiscal budget for next year as well as future budget plans, not yet approved by the Board of Trustees.

The main focus of the briefing was on the new addition of the Engineering Building on campus. Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar was to attend the afternoon groundbreaking ceremony for the university on Tuesday.

The new facility will provide a home for the engineering program here at SIUE. The program has been currently housed partially in the Science Building and in rental space in University Park. SIUE Chancellor David Werner said that he hopes that the building "will have a visibility to attract new students to the campus."

The Engineering Building will cost over \$21 million, with an additional \$6 million for needed equipment for the various engineering programs it will house.

According to Werner, the engineering program currently has over 700 students, and he is hoping to see a steady increase once the building is completed in the spring of 2000. Work will start this month.

Teen wins lawsuit claiming she was wrongly arrested

NORMAL, Ill. (AP) — When 18-year-old Julie Bisbee called her father from the local jail, she wasn't scared as much as angry.

She'd just been given a Breathalyzer, several hours after sheriff's deputies had stopped her from leaving a party at the home of a high school classmate. She wasn't charged with anything, and Bisbee, who hadn't been drinking, was eventually sent home.

But she felt she'd been wrongly arrested, so she sued. And she won.

Some folks are outraged, saying officers were just doing their job. But Bisbee says she's following the ideals taught her by her father — who was, in this case, the constitutional lawyer who represented her.

With her freckles, sneakers and scabbed knee, Bisbee could be anyone in a crowd of teen-agers. But her independence streak runs deep — even by adolescent standards.

She worked 38 hours a week through much of her senior year, keeping a 4.0 GPA, to raise money and rent her own apartment in Normal, where she now lives. Her father, John Bisbee, calls the move "her own emancipation proclamation."

And since the Bisbees filed their civil rights lawsuit seeking damages in Peoria's federal courthouse, Miss Bisbee has kept her own copies of the court papers, and can quickly refer to parts of a file that is as thick as two phone books.

She rolls her eyes when her father refers to Thomas Jefferson, John Locke and the Magna Carta when discussing her case. But she'll

study political science and history when she begins classes this fall at the University of Illinois.

"People still really don't understand how I won," Bisbee said. "I grew up with this around the dinner table, conversations about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights."

What happened on Feb. 14, 1997, could have happened in any town where teen-agers roam on Friday nights. About 7 p.m., Julie Bisbee left her hotel job and jumped in a car with some girlfriends. After stops at the high school basketball game and McDonalds, they drove to a classmate's house for a party.

They were there for half an hour before piling into the car again to leave. As they were about to turn out of the driveway, a police cruiser stopped them.

Someone in the house had made a "hang-up" 911 call. The McLean County sheriff's deputy, who in court papers said he didn't smell alcohol in the car or see any problems with the girls, directed them back into the house.

At that point, John Bisbee argued, his daughter was technically arrested, and arrested without reason.

Once at the door of the house, the deputies asked to come in, saying the weather was bad. Inside, they saw bottles, a beer keg in the bath tub. Everyone, including Bisbee, was taken in a van to the jail, where they were frisked and given Breathalyzers. Those who showed traces of alcohol were written up for underage drinking.

In court papers, Paul Welch, the lawyer for the McLean County officials, said the "hang-up" 911 call gave the deputies the obligation

to ensure everyone's safety. The deputies said that once they saw underage drinkers, they wanted to make sure no one was passed out or hurt.

But in his April decision, U.S. District Judge Michael Mihm wrote that the law specifically forbids what the police did with Bisbee that night. The officers, he said, had no probable cause to order Bisbee into the house in the first place, nor to hold her in custody.

What the deputies needed to order Bisbee and her friends out of the car and into the house was a reason, such as a beer bottle or the smell of alcohol in the car, Kit Kinports, a civil law professor at the University of Illinois who wasn't involved with the case, said.

McLean County has no plans to appeal, Welch said.

A hearing is set for later this month to determine damages.

The Bisbee lawsuit stirred passionate responses in McLean County. Judy Hostelhorn, who wrote letters to the local paper on the case and has two grown children, said the police were right to break up a teenage beer blast, and said Mihm should have thrown out the Bisbee lawsuit.

"Underage drinking is against the law," she said. "I'm very strongly for protecting the rights that we have. But I also think we need to use them kind of cautiously."

Bisbee's father said he is proud his daughter stood up to the authorities.

"Every day in the federal courts we're doing what the whole Revolutionary War was all about," he said. "No one in her peer group did it, or joined her. It took a lot of courage on her part."

Police Incidents

Ambulance Call

On May 27, 1998 at 4:07 p.m. police and ambulance responded to a call in the Rendleman building where a male was having severe stomach pains and a headache. The victim was transported to Anderson Hospital by Edwardsville Ambulance Service.

Arrest

On May 23, 1998 at 2:10 a.m. police arrested Terrance Lucas, age 20, of Edwardsville for domestic battery. Lucas was arrested after an incident at Cougar Village involving a female. Lucas was transported to the Madison County Jail.

On May 23, 1998 at 2:18 a.m. police made a traffic stop on Jeffrey Klaus, age 19, of Edwardsville for a seat belt violation. During a search of the vehicle, drug paraphernalia was found. Klaus was arrested for unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia. Klaus posted \$100 bond and was released.

Burglary from motor vehicle

On May 25, 1998 at 11:30 a.m. a student from Cougar Village reported the theft of a tool box and several tools out of his truck while it was parked in Cougar Village Lot 4F. The items stolen are valued at \$600. Police are continuing their investigation.

Hit and run accident

On May 28, 1998 at 9:29 p.m. a student from Cougar Village reported someone struck the right front fender of his car while it was parked in Lot 5I. There are no suspects or witnesses.

Warrant Arrest

On May 23, 1998 at 3:35 p.m. Illinois state police arrested Joshua Belcher, age 20, of Collinsville on an SIUE warrant for FTA/Contempt unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor. Belcher posted bond and was released.

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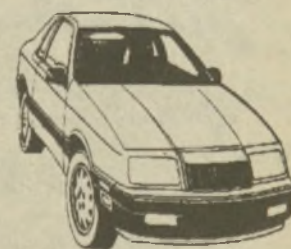
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Little problem grows up to become big problem



Danielle Belton

Typing is harder today as usual. Due to a freak incident with one of my finger nails, I have no use of my index finger on my right hand. My second finger is a poor substitute. But my finger isn't the only thing harder today. Apparently high school is harder in rural communities than it used to be.

As part of a generation of cynics, I wasn't really surprised by the shootings in Springfield, Oregon. I couldn't understand how rural communities could think that they were immune to violence. No one and no community has ever been immune to anything. I remember how some people in the midwest thought that they'd have no chance of ever getting AIDS because that was a "big city" epidemic. Rural areas have AIDS and other "big city" problems as well. But the small town mentality is powerful.

My mother is from a small town called Newport. I spent a lot of time in Newport because my grandmother and majority of my mother's family lived there. Although it was the 1990's, many things in Newport haven't changed since they desegregated the high school in the seventies. Often people there asked me if I liked it in Newport and I would say yes. I'd always say that it was quite nice and peaceful, and I loved seeing my family. Then they'd find out I was from St. Louis and they'd assume I was from the city. They felt they were much safer in Newport than I was in St. Louis, and it must be a relief to come to Newport where I wouldn't have to dodge bullets from drive-bys and crack dealers. Needless to say, that just confused me because I'd never been in a drive-by and never seen a gun fired. I was from the county: a place not immune to violence, but where people had enough money to just cover things up.

I found this odd that they saw the city as being so dangerous since most of the children in their town were familiar with guns, they had their own street gang, rampant teenage pregnancy and a drug problem. Yet, I'm sure that if anything ever happened in Newport like what happened in Springfield, they would be shocked as well. People tend to ignore the problem when it's small and are often in denial.

The signs of potential problems are there, but no one does anything until the problem is almost too large to deal with. In Springfield, the boy arrested for the shootings made bombs, brought a gun to school, blew up small animals and threw rocks off bridges at passing cars. I refuse to believe that's just "boys will be boys" behavior. That's sociopathic behavior. If people paid attention when he was just being a little violent instead of when he started committing homicide, this could have been avoided.

Problems start off slow. It starts with just one small incident; then it slowly begins to grow until it explodes. Then everyone stands around and wonders what went wrong. Small towns shouldn't make the same mistakes big cities did by ignoring the problem until it gets too big to contain it. They should learn to head these problems off at the source and try some prevention. People shouldn't assume that just because a problem is small (i.e. a child) that it won't become dangerous. They can't assume that the problem will run its course, then disappear. Or that it will work out its aggression and become a law-abiding citizen before it harms someone.

Like my broken fingernail, if I'd taken care of it when it first started to break, I might have saved it. Now I have a bloody index finger with half its nail gone and a large cotton ball with tape on top of it.

Take it from Springfield and my finger, don't wait.

Danielle Belton
Editor In Chief

Letters to the editor

Editorials from around the nation

Agency shows aggressiveness with aging airplanes

Critics have long worried that the Federal Aviation Administration was torn by its dual obligations to promote safety and the airline industry. The agency recently showed unusual aggressiveness, however, in its swift handling of fuel-tank concerns for older Boeing 737s.

In the most widespread grounding in 19 years, the agency ordered immediate inspections of 179 airplanes after chafing was found on 115-volt wires inside a conduit that ran through fuel tanks. Experts worried that exposed wires could create sparks, and possibly a fire or explosion. Though immediate inspections of 737s threatened to disrupt air traffic nationwide, the FAA was obviously correct in its aggressive approach. By quickly shipping repair kits, Boeing helped minimize delays to the flying public.

Last year, the White House Commission on Aviation Safety

and Security called on the FAA to adopt more aggressive inspections with older planes, especially non-structural parts, such as fuel pumps and wiring. The FAA is moving to implement new procedures. Congress should make sure the agency is adequately staffed to handle increased chores.

As this episode demonstrated, dangers lurk in hidden areas. Greater scrutiny is justified. This latest episode may be a welcome sign of a more aggressive FAA.

From the Seattle Times, Seattle, on the FAA

Securing our borders

We are a nation of immigrants — always have been.

From Ellis Island on the East Coast to Angel Island on the West Coast, America welcomed those who hoped to cash in on the promises of a free country.

And still today, from across the world, people come to the United States in search of a better life for themselves and their families.

That was the case with most of the undocumented aliens who were deported from Springfield this week. Of the 67 arrested in an operation by Immigration and Naturalization Service officers, only 13 were criminals who had committed crimes while in this country. Those 13 were part of a list of 80 criminal illegal aliens who were the target of Operation Impact.

The other 54 were mostly hard workers with families who counted on them. They left their home countries to build a future in a country that held more promise. But there was one problem. They were here illegally.

When the INS came across them instead of the 80 known criminals on its list, the federal officers had to do their jobs and arrest them. To have done otherwise would have meant ignoring federal laws.

Those laws are there for a reason. All countries have a right to control their borders. Not only do they have a right, they have an obligation and duty to make sure those borders are secure.

From the News-Leader on illegal immigration

All Danielle. All the time.

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What Movie?

"My name is John Johnson, but everyone knows me as Vicki."

(Hint: Man of 1,000 voices)
Answer on Wednesday

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RAVINGS & RAVES



■ BY COREY STULCE
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Unfortunately, instead of people focusing on the sadness of Phil Hartman's death last weekend, most of the talk I have heard has been about the grisly nature of his demise and the existence of a supposed "Saturday Night Live" curse.

Now sure, it's unusual that Hartman's death came so soon after Chris Farley's, which was back in December. But an SNL curse? Come on. The show has had hundreds of cast members over its nearly 25 year run.

By my count, only six cast members have died. John Belushi and Andy Kaufman in the early '80s, Gilda Radner in the late '80s, Danitra Vance in the early '90s and Farley and Hartman in the last year — Hardly enough to call it a curse. Oh, wait, I forgot Chevy Chase's career. That was a real tragedy.

Television and movie curses have been talked about for years. I don't believe in them, for the most part. (Of course, I never go out of my way to piss off a Gypsy either. So that must make me a bit skeptical.)

The first I remember was the helicopter crash that chopped up Vic Morrow and two kids during the "Twilight Zone" movie filming. Doo-dee-doo-doo. Doo-dee-doo-doo. Yeah, creepy. Then there was the little "Poltergeist" girl Heather O'Rourke, who died during the filming of the second sequel from infection. More recently, trouble occurred on the Eddie Murphy film "Vampire in Brooklyn," when numerous accidents occurred and a stuntwoman was actually killed.

I guess people feel more comfortable when they say something is cursed rather than passing the blame onto the deserving party.

Now, if tv curses do really exist, does anyone know how to slap one on "Party of Five?"

PHIL HARTMAN: *He did it his way...*

■ BY COREY STULCE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Perhaps it's sadly fitting that two weeks after the Chairman of the Board tipped his hat, the man who did the best impression of him also drifted off in to the great unknown.

Phil Hartman was a riotous comic actor who performed for nearly a decade on "Saturday Night Live" (SNL) and for the last three years as Bill McNeal on the NBC sitcom "Newsradio."

Of course, that is just the surface of Hartman's career. He made forays into animation and feature films throughout the '80s and '90s, leaving a touch of hilarity wherever he went.

"I was honored to work with Phil in both film and animation," said Savage Steve Holland, who directed Hartman in the film "How I Got Into College." "He was one of the sweetest and funniest humans I have ever met."

Hartman never appeared to be the squeaky wheel. During his eight seasons with SNL, never was a bad word heard about him. And he never hogged the spotlight, either. He performed with a quiet grace that left a lasting impression, with turns as Unfrozen Caveman Lawyer, Ted Kennedy, Jesus, Barbara Bush and Saddam Hussein on SNL.

"I spent eight years as a cast member on this show. I did 153 episodes, played 518 characters and wore 627 wigs," Hartman said, reflecting on his years at SNL.

Fans and friends are dismayed by his death, partly because they knew he had many years of comic brilliance left to offer.

"The other night I had a "Phil-Fest" at my house ... and it broke my heart. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to have worked with Phil. He'll be sorely missed," Holland said.



Autographed photo of the late Phil Hartman



■ BY COREY STULCE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Sunday was not sugar and spice and everything nice for a certain quintet that became a quartet.

Geri Halliwell, aka Ginger Spice, left the Spice Girls, citing creative differences. Her announcement came only two weeks before the super-group was about to begin its massive United States tour, which will arrive at Riverport Amphitheater in July.

"Sadly, I would like to confirm that I have left the Spice Girls. This is because of differences between us. I'm sure that

group will continue to be successful and I wish them all the best ... P.S. I'll be back."

The other four will continue touring and possibly record another album. They released a statement wishing Halliwell well.

It is unclear at this point in what facet Ginger Spice will return to the public eye. She is rumored to be looking into television. At the very least should be able to find work as she previously did: posing nude.

Certainly 13-year-old pubescent boys were crushed at Halliwell's decision to leave the Spice Girls. But it must be what she wants; what she really, really wants.

Warner Bros. celebrates its 75th anniversary with classic movies

■ BY COREY STULCE
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Warner Bros., the movie studio that spawned Bugs Bunny and the rebirth of Batman, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. As part of the festivities, they are bringing a group of some of their most critically acclaimed and popular films back to the big screen.

Starting on Friday, June 12, the Tivoli Theater in the University City Loop will feature 30 films. The festival will last through Thursday, June 18, and each day will feature films from a different decade.

Friday's films are from the '70s and include "Blazing Saddles," "The Exorcist" and "A Clockwork Orange." Saturday's '80s films include "The Color Purple," "The Shining" and "Blade Runner." Sunday's films are from the '90s, while Monday through Thursday, films from the '30s through the '60s are going to be shown.

Other features will include "Rebel Without a Cause," "The Adventures of Robin Hood," "Casablanca," "The Maltese Falcon," "Goodfellas," "The Wild Bunch" and "Driving Miss Daisy."

Tickets are \$6 for each feature, \$12 for a day pass or \$50 for the entire series and are available at the Tivoli box office.

SIUE athletics win GLVC's All-Sports Trophy

With a score of over 90 points, SIUE out-scores Southern Indiana and Lewis University for its first trophy

■ BY DANIELLE
BELTON
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The season for Cougar sports was a winning one.

After winning three Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships and having several spectacular individual and team finishes, SIUE was awarded the GLVC's All-Sports Trophy.

This is the first time that SIUE has won the All-Sports Trophy. In previous years, SIUE has come in fifth place for the 1995-96 season and tied for second during the 1996-97 season.

SIUE qualified for this

honor by competing against the 12 other institutions in the GLVC. The scoring was based on the top ten finishes, five women's sports and five mens sports. SIUE won the competition with a score of 93 points. University of Southern Indiana came in second at 84.5, while last year's champion, Lewis University, placed third with 83.5 points.

"This is an outstanding achievement for our student-athletes and coaches," SIUE athletic director, Cindy Jones, said. "Our student-athletes and coaches have worked very hard all year and deserve recognition for this honor."

The scoring for the

competition is relative to an institution's final standing in each sport. A point value equal to the number of competing institutions is assigned for first place with one point less for second to one point for last place.

All institutions must have men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball, men's soccer and volleyball counted in the competition, since all 12 schools in the GLVC sponsor these sports.

Defending champion Lewis University has won the most of these competitions since the All-Sports Trophy was first presented for the

1985-86 sports season, including the first All-Sports Trophy. Lewis won these trophies by sweeping men's and women's cross country and track. SIUE was second with conference titles in men's soccer, men's tennis and baseball. Southern Indiana and Saint Joseph's each had two GLVC titles.

SIUE's All-Sports Trophy will be on display in the Cougar trophy case in Vadalabene Center for the 1998-99 season. The 1997-98 season was SIUE's third complete year as a member of the GLVC.

Great Lakes Valley Conference All-Sports Trophy Results

(97-98 GLVC Titles in parentheses)

SIUE (3)	93.0
Southern Indiana (2)	84.5
Lewis (4)	83.5
Indianapolis (1)	69.0
Wisconsin-Parkside	63.0
Northern Kentucky (1)	61.5
Saint Joseph's (2)	56.5
Bellarmine	53.5
Quincy	51.0
Missouri-St. Louis	51.0
IUPUI-Ft. Wayne	42.5
Kentucky Wesleyan (1)	39.5

SuperSonic coach fired two weeks after playoff elimination

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle SuperSonics coach George Karl was fired Tuesday, two weeks after his team was eliminated in the second round of the playoffs, a team source said.

The SuperSonics called an afternoon news conference to announce that Karl's contract will not be renewed, the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Karl, who was paid \$ 3.2 million this season, coached the Sonics for 6 1/2 seasons and had the best winning percentage (.719, 384-150) in the club's regular-season history.

He got the Sonics to the playoffs in all seven of his seasons in Seattle. However, his contract was up July 1, and with no new offer from team president Wally Walker, Karl knew he had

run out of time in Seattle.

This is the third time the former ABA player has been fired as coach: by Cleveland in 1986 and by Golden State two years later. He took over in Seattle in 1992, leaving his Spanish club to replace K.C. Jones.

Karl is expected to be gobbled up in the coaching market and get a long-term contract that will pay him \$ 5

million next season.

The 47-year-old coach had hoped that this season he would produce Seattle's second NBA championship. He led an aging team to a 61-21 record and its third Pacific Division title in a row. However, the Sonics were knocked out of the playoffs by the Los Angeles Lakers on May 12.

Two years ago, the Sonics, led by Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp, made it to the NBA Finals against the Chicago Bulls, losing in six games.

Clearly, Karl's playoff record was held against him. The Sonics were upset in the first round of the playoffs by Denver in 1994 and by the Lakers in 1995.

New NASCAR is nothing compared to the pioneers of the old

■ Associated Press

The late Curtis Turner liked to say that stock-car racing never would have started if the federal government hadn't chosen to tax moonshine.

It's well documented that Turner and many of the pioneer drivers of NASCAR built their first fast cars to outrun revenue agents while hauling white lightning.

But that was 50 years ago.

Back then, the fledgling sport existed mostly for the entertainment of good ol' boys in the southeastern United States. The drivers were hard-driving, hard-drinking, hard-playing men from the farm or the service station.

Quite often, the spectators were the same.

Now, NASCAR is a billion-dollar business, full of glitz, race tracks with luxury suites and drivers with razor-cut hair. From the spectacular growth curve, it seems to appeal to just about everyone.

The new young stars of the

sport bear little resemblance to those of a half-century ago. But they do have one thing in common — the desire to race door-to-door and win.

The biggest star in the sport right now is Jeff Gordon, 26 years old and already a winner of 32 races and two Winston Cup championships.

Gordon, born in California, moved to Indiana as a teen-ager to drive race cars in the Midwest without a license.

John Bickford, his stepfather and the man who oversaw his climb from go-karts to Winston Cup, took Gordon to the track the first time, but it was the boy who wanted to go back.

"When he was nine, he'd been racing karts for four years, and I thought he was getting a little burned out," Bickford said. "I told him to take the summer off, play with his friends and we'd see about racing."

After two months of riding bicycles, swimming and just playing around, Gordon knew what he wanted.

"He said, 'Let's go racing.'" Bickford recalled. "He hasn't

stopped since."

That story is a fairly common among the young guns now challenging the established Winston Cup stars.

Of course, one path to the big time is through family.

Among the hot prospects in the Busch Series are third-generation drivers Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Jason Jarrett, son of Dale Jarrett. Coming soon are others — Terry Labonte's son, Justin; Kyle Petty's son, Adam; and Sterling Marlin's son, Steadman — all racing now at lower levels.

"This has always been a family business," said Kyle Petty, who followed his father, Richard, and his grandfather, Lee, to the NASCAR ovals. "I can't remember a time when it wasn't part of my life, and my daddy says the same thing."

"I wouldn't be encouraging my son to be part of it if I didn't believe it was a decent and worthwhile way to make a living."

Like Gordon, Tony Stewart is coming to stock cars by way of midwestern short tracks and

open-wheel cars.

The 27-year-old Indiana native is the only driver to win titles in all three of the U.S. Auto Club's top divisions — Silver Crown, sprint and midget — in the same year. Since then, he has moved up to the Indy Racing League, where he won the series championship in 1997, and the Busch Series, where he drives for Joe Gibbs Racing.

The plan is for Stewart to move into Winston Cup next year as Bobby Labonte's teammate. His path to the big time has a familiar ring, starting with a child's car in the back yard.

"My mom was so furious at the amount of yard that I tore up. It was 'Something's got to go.' So we got a racing cart and started in that," Stewart said. "I guess I was eight years old."

"At that age, you don't know anything about what you want to do, but I was just having fun doing it. I didn't mind giving up things to do that. I didn't go hang out with my friends on the weekends — I went racing. That was fine with me."

Jeremy Mayfield, a 28-year-

old who stands second in the Winston Cup standings, heard the siren song of stock cars from his hometown of Owensboro, Ky.

"My uncle and my dad kind of messed with racing some, and I hung around them some," Mayfield said. "But I don't know if that's what got me thinking about it or not. All I can tell you is as long as I can remember, I've wanted to drive stock cars and be in Winston Cup racing."

Rookie Jerry Nadeau took another route to the top.

The 27-year-old from Danbury, Conn., came by way of the Skip Barber Racing School in Sears Point, Calif., the Formula Opal Series in Europe and IMSA's sports-car endurance series.

"I guess you can say it wasn't a traditional stock-car background," Nadeau said. "But it is a racing background."

"Originally, I figured I would wind up in an Indy-car racing in the Indianapolis 500. But, the road took me to NASCAR and the Daytona 500, and I couldn't be happier."

Williams vs. Hingis in French Quarters

PARIS (AP) — Martina Hingis and Venus Williams are headed for a quarterfinal showdown, setting up one of the most intriguing matches at the French Open.

But the other Williams sister, Serena, is out. Her game nosedived after a strong first set and she lost to Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.

On the men's side, No. 3 seed Marcelo Rios was one step from regaining the top ranking. The Chilean moved into the quarters with a 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 victory over Albert Costa of Spain. If he makes the semifinals, he'll oust Pete Sampras from the

No. 1 spot.

While the American men have bombed at the French Open, the American women are doing just fine. Three advanced to the final eight Sunday.

Hingis, the top seed and world's No. 1 player, beat Anna Smashnova of Israel 6-1, 6-2. Still, Hingis said, "It wasn't as easy as I thought it was going to be."

Venus Williams reached the quarters with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Henrieta Nagyova of Slovakia. Venus slammed seven aces to none for her opponent.

In a match between two of the game's headline players,

she'll meet Hingis, the top seed and No. 1 player. Hingis beat Anna Smashnova of Israel 6-1, 6-2. "Still," she said, "It wasn't as easy as I thought it was going to be."

Serena Williams, meanwhile, overpowered Sanchez Vicario early on with backhand winners. She surged to a 5-2 lead in the second set, but then could not seem to hit a good shot. Sanchez Vicario, the No. 4 seed from Spain, won five straight games to take the second set.

In the third set, Sanchez Vicario broke to lead 2-1, then broke again in the final game.

No. 2 seed Lindsay Davenport advanced with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 victory over Sandrine Testud of France.

And No. 6 Monica Seles completed the American trio in the quarters, easily beating Chanda Rubin, 6-1, 6-4. Patty Schnyder of Switzerland also advanced with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Magui Serna of Spain.

Former French Open champion Thomas Muster of Austria advanced to the quarters with a five-set win over Fernando Meligeni of Brazil, 6-4, 6-7 (8-6), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

In another five-setter, No. 14 seed Alex Corretja of Spain

downed Hernan Gumy of Argentina 6-1, 5-7, 6-7 (4-7), 7-5, 9-7. The third-round match, which had been pushed back because of rain, took five and a half hours.

Reaching the quarters was No. 15 Felix Mantilla of Spain, who easily beat Ramon Delgado of Paraguay 6-2, 6-2, 6-4. Delgado ousted Sampras in the second round.

In yet another victory for Spain, No. 12 Carlos Moya made it to the quarters with a 6-3, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 victory over Jens Knippschild of Germany.

Shaquille simmers after another sweep

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal was simmering, sitting at his locker after his team endured another sweep. He scored 38 points two days after getting 39, and it wasn't good enough.

He knows that feeling all too well.

"Every time I get eliminated, it's a sweep," he said softly. "I'm very frustrated, I'm very [angry]. I've got to go home and live with it."

The Utah Jazz beat the Los Angeles Lakers 96-92 on Sunday to complete a 4-0 sweep and advance to the National Basketball Association Finals against either Chicago or Indiana. Three years ago, O'Neal led the Orlando Magic to the NBA Finals, but the Houston Rockets won in four games. That's the closest he's come to an NBA title

in six seasons.

The Lakers were beaten in five games by Utah in last year's Western Conference semifinals in O'Neal's first season in L.A. On Sunday, it was more of the same, only worse.

As good as O'Neal was — he scored 19 of his team's 35 points in the fourth quarter — his game is still flawed by poor foul shooting. He was 10-of-18 on Sunday, including 7-of-12 in the fourth quarter. The Jazz, meanwhile, were 30-of-33, including 12-of-13 in the final period.

However, O'Neal certainly did his share, which is more than can be said for some of his teammates, who were terrific against Seattle but terrible against the Jazz.

O'Neal made 14-of-24 shots Sunday; his teammates were a combined 18-of-50 (36 percent).

For three quarters, O'Neal was 8-of-17; the other Lakers were 11-of-40.

"Guys just have to step up," O'Neal said. "If they don't want to play, they need to ask for a trade. If they don't want to play, then get the [...] off my team."

O'Neal said the Lakers need to set their goals higher next year.

"These guys over there are hungry, probably hungrier than we were," he said of the Jazz. "Congratulations to them. It wasn't even their legends that killed us, it was everybody else."

"After the Seattle series, we got comfortable. All last year, all this year, we're hearing how we couldn't touch Seattle, they were the greatest team ever, we couldn't touch them."

Perhaps the Lakers peaked too early. Certainly, their outside shooters did. Los Angeles made

19-of-74 shots (25.7 percent) from 3-point range against Utah after going 41-of-93 (44.1 percent) against Seattle.

"They did a great job with their game plan, not letting us perimeter guys do our thing," Nick Van Exel said, who was 10-of-42 from the floor and 4-of-21 from beyond the 3-point line in the conference finals. "It hurts. Whether we would have lost 4-3 or 4-0, it wouldn't make any difference."

"It's tough. One week you're the greatest team, the next, you're broken down to reality."

Point guard Derek Fisher was near tears in the locker room. The other perimeter players — Eddie Jones and Kobe Bryant — were apparently too upset to speak with reporters, disappearing before the locker room opened.

"[Shaq] came here to win a championship," Fisher said. "He did everything he could do. We tried, I think. We just could not knock the shots down. Sweeping us proves they were the better team in this series."

"There will be a lot of stuff said, a lot of stuff written. We intended to go out there and win basketball games, we just couldn't."

The Lakers were 61-21 during the regular season, and 7-2 in the playoffs before running into the Jazz.

"To me, it's a big upset that they swept us," reserve forward Corie Blount said. "I didn't think anyone could sweep us, as well as we were playing at the end of the season."

Leslie scored 16 points and caught nine rebounds to lead the United States

BREMEN, Germany (AP) — Lisa Leslie's 21 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots helped keep the United States unbeaten in the Women's World Championship, as the Americans rolled over Spain 79-68 Sunday.

The Americans dominated the boards getting 20 offensive rebounds to just two for Spain, and out-rebounding the Spanish 56-23 overall.

The victory sets up a Group E championship game against unbeaten Russia Monday. The winner will have the top seed going into the single-elimination finals in Berlin June 4-7.

Spanish coach Manuel Coloma said after the game that the Americans were the best team in the championship.

"The USA plays more like a team than the Russians," Coloma said.

That strength will be crucial for the Americans, who shot poorly from the outside against Spain. They didn't make their first three-pointer until less than a minute remained in the game, and finished 1-for-11 from beyond the arc.

Other top U.S. scorers were post player Natalie Williams with 13, and Chamique Holdsclaw,

who scored her 11 points inside as well.

Spain was led by guard Ana Belen Alvaro, who scored 16 points on six-of-nine shooting.

Russia (5-0) kept its record perfect with an easy 103-76 win over Japan (2-3). The Americans only defeated the Japanese by six, 95-89, in the first game of the tournament.

Elena Baranova of the Utah Starzz had 19 points, 11 rebounds, two assists and two steals for Russia, and surprise starter Nadeja Marilova finished with 18 on 7-of-9 shooting.

Akemi Okazato led the

Japanese — who must now beat China Tuesday to qualify for the finals — with 20 points.

In the first game of the day, Lithuania (2-3) kept its chances of moving on to the finals alive with a 72-70 victory over China (1-4) with 18 points from Loreta Beruksteine.

The Lithuanians controlled the game throughout except for 4:42 stretch in the first half, during which the Chinese ran off 18 unanswered points. The key to that run was Zheng Haixia, who finished with 24 points and 11 rebounds.

The top four teams from

Group E will join the top four teams from Group F, which are playing in Berlin the finals June 4-7.

In Group F action, Australia (5-0) defeated Slovakia (2-3), 82-57, as 17-year-old center Lauren Jackson was once again the leading scorer, this time with 17 points in 16 minutes.

Magic Paula had 23 points and the tourney's leading scorer, Janeth Arcain of the Houston Comets, had 22 as Brazil (5-0) knocked off Cuba (3-2) 88-79. Host Germany (2-3) beat Hungary (1-4), 79-69.

Shutterbug Mills returns to Orioles after two-game suspension from May brawl

BALTIMORE (AP) — Having had some time to brush up on his photography skills, Alan Mills returned to the Baltimore Orioles on Sunday.

Mills rejoined the Baltimore bullpen after serving a two-game suspension for punching Darryl Strawberry during a May 19 brawl between the New York Yankees and Orioles. He used the time off to enjoy a hobby he

practiced years ago.

The right-hander positioned himself in the photographers' well Saturday night at Camden Yards as Baltimore faced Texas and took some shots of his teammates.

They, in turn, took shots at him Sunday.

After seeing Mills on ESPN with camera in hand, Doug Drabek yelled across the

clubhouse, "You're on TV, dude. You're busted, caught, fined!"

Mills wasn't sure whether the suspension allowed him on the field with a camera instead of a glove, but he did it anyway.

"I still don't know if it's something I'm supposed to do, but I wasn't in the dugout and I wasn't in uniform so I don't see any rules that I broke," he said. "I

just used the day for my advantage. I never have a chance to take a picture at a big-league ballgame, even though I see them all the time."

Mills became interested in photography as a teen-ager, but drifted away from the hobby after someone stole his first camera. He used a rather expensive camera of his own Saturday.

"I tried to get a picture of a double play being turned but it never happened," he said.

Minutes later, Mills turned to shortstop Mike Bordick and said, "I tried to get you but you wouldn't do anything."

Bordick smiled and replied, "Every time I looked up and saw you I stood at attention."

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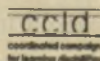
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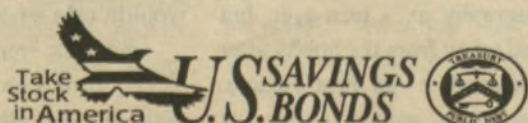


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