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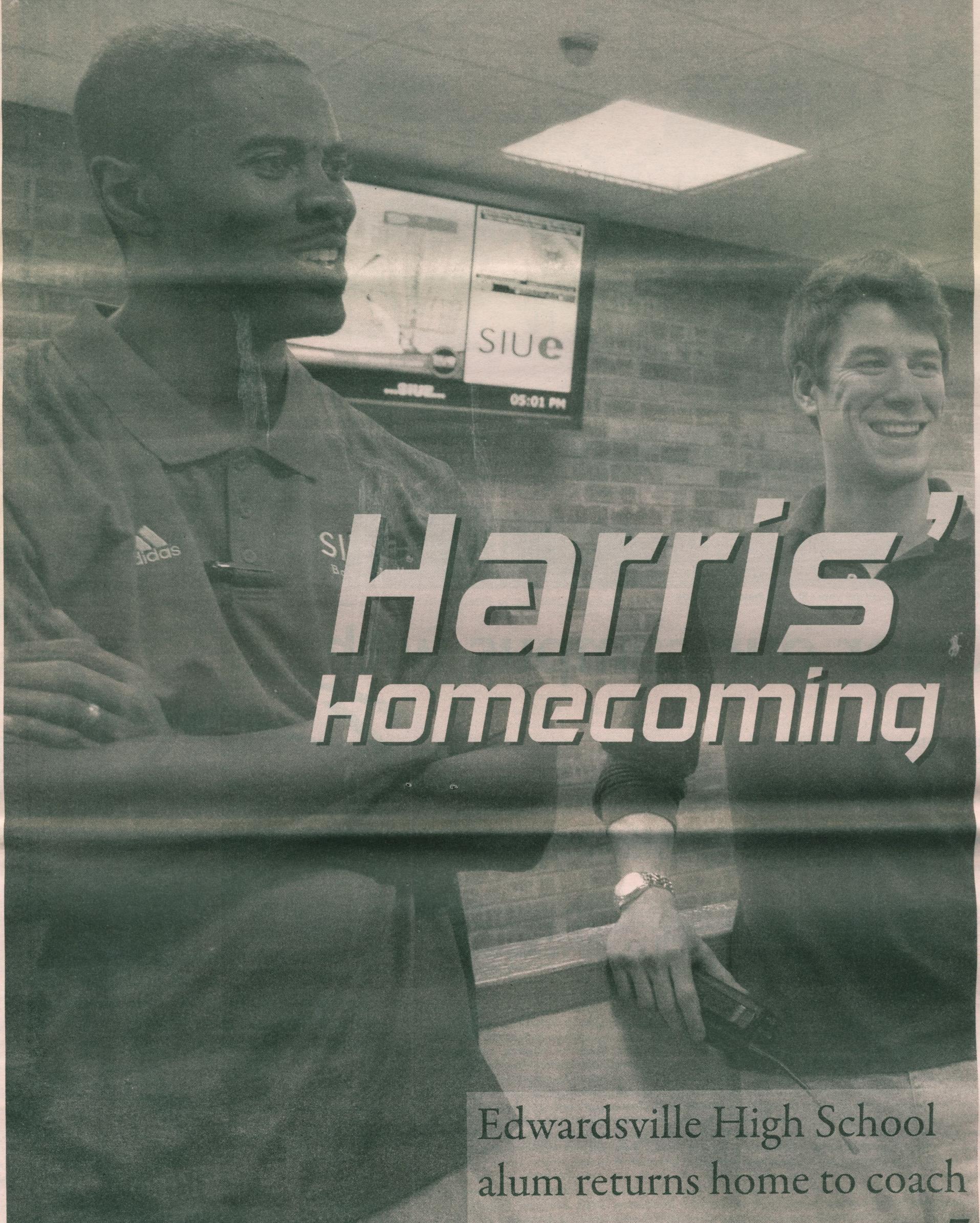
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Safe Zone walks through last year's St. Louis PrideFest parade.

| Photo courtesy of Rex Jackson

Color our campus with *Pride*

PUJA MEHTA
Alestle Managing Editor

Safe Zone, SIUE's Gay-Straight alliance community, is participating in this year's upcoming St. Louis PrideFest to reach out to alumni and students and celebrate the diversity that surrounds the university.

According to Rex Jackson, outgoing staff co-chair of Safe Zone and assistant director of Residence Life for first year communities, this year's festival is meant to bring people together.

"St. Louis Pride Festival is a gay pride event that is held the last weekend of June every year to celebrate the LGBT community and bring folks together," Jackson said. "Anyone can walk into the festival and have a good time. It's just a way for the community to come together, to be visible and to have fun. It's a great way for different organizations that are supportive of the [LGBT] community to have a space to share that they are supportive."

Not only will Safe Zone be showcasing the inclusiveness the university provides, it will also invite people to get involved with SIUE.

"We have a booth space. We are one of only two — us and I think it's [University of Missouri-St. Louis] — higher edu-

cation institutions that have a booth space at [St. Louis PrideFest]. We have admissions brochures and that kind of stuff to reach out to potential students — especially now that Missouri residents get in-state tuition at SIUE," Jackson said.

According to Jackson, Safe Zone's involvement in the past has led to alumni getting back in touch with the university.

"Since we've started, we've actually become pretty connected with a lot of former faculty, staff and alumni who attend [St. Louis PrideFest]. We also collect some data for the Alumni Association so they can reconnect with those folks and continue to build a strong alumni network," Jackson said.

Although Safe Zone intends to connect potential students and alumni with the university by participating in St. Louis PrideFest, Jackson said Safe Zone also intends to be a part of the city's culture.

"Part of it is to show that SIUE is an inclusive institution and engaging with the St. Louis Metro East community," Jackson said. "Really, Saturday is just about having our faculty [and] staff volunteers and some of them will bring friends and family to work the booth, engage

the crowd and kind of just get SIUE's name out there."

At St. Louis PrideFest, several vendors and organizations will have booths and take part in the parade. Jamie Matthews, incoming staff co-chair of Safe Zone and assistant director of the Morris University Center said Safe Zone will offer games and prizes to those who engage in their booth.

"This year I'm kind of new to the game and this will be my first [St. Louis PrideFest]. So I'm helping to just kind of organize our efforts and get people to volunteer to work the booth or participate in the parade — making sure people know where to be and what to do," Matthews said. "For our booth, we'll have all kinds of different goodies that departments around SIUE have given. I know [the] Morris University Center is donating some cups, some bouncy balls and reusable bags..."

According to Jackson, some Safe Zone products will be offered as giveaways as well.

"We have some Safe Zone prizes — so we have some water bottles and pride bracelets," Jackson said. "A lot of the stuff we end up taking are things that have a particular date or some-

thing on them, like the Alumni Association has a stockpile of old T-shirts, so we collect those and give those out. The prizes are really just for us to have something to engage. Otherwise, it's just brochures on our institution."

Senior medical biology major Kayla Crowder, of Carrier

Whether you go to St. Louis PrideFest for the prizes or the fun, Jackson said people should go to the festival because it is a learning experience.

"I think with any kind of festival that is geared toward a particular identity or a particular community, it's a great way to

“If you’re not a member of the LGBT community, [St. Louis PrideFest] is a great way to kind of come into one place and see the broad spectrum of what that community looks like.”

Rex Jackson
Outgoing staff co-chair for Safe Zone

Mills, said the free giveaways are one of many incentives to attend St. Louis PrideFest.

"It's always a blast to get free stuff, especially when your attendance leads to an even greater cause. Even though I'm not part of the LGBT community, I'm supportive of it and I think Safe Zone getting the university involved with such a huge event is awesome," Crowder said.

kind of immerse yourself in something you're not well-versed in or don't know a lot about. If you're not a member of the LGBT community, [St. Louis PrideFest] is a great way to kind of come into one place and see the broad spectrum of what that community looks like," Jackson said. "It's a fun, positive atmosphere and it's

**St. Louis PrideFest 2015
Soldiers' Memorial
Downtown St. Louis**

Friday, June 26

Kickoff to Pride 5:00 p.m. Microbrew Fest

Saturday, June 27

All day Pride Festival with vendor exhibitions

Sunday, June 28

Wells Fargo Grand Pride Parade 12:00 p.m.

All day vendor exhibitions

To volunteer contact
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Admission to PrideFest is free. For more information about St. Louis PrideFest, you can go to pridestl.org/festival. For more information about Safe Zone go to siue.edu/lgbt.



Outgoing staff co-chair for Safe Zone Rex Jackson, Assistant Director of Residential Education Vicky Dean and Evergreen Hall Community Director Jordan Bonstrom represent SIUE at St. Louis PrideFest 2014.

Photo courtesy of Rex Jackson

St. Louis PrideFest showcases Safe Zone for third consecutive year

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amazing to go to these things and see the communities and identities that are represented, and not in the way they sometimes get represented in the media and stuff like that — really seeing the real folks and seeing what it is like to be a member of that community and that kind of thing. It's a great place to learn."

Not only will the event offer an opportunity to learn, but Jackson said another motive to go to St. Louis PrideFest is the entertainment.

"At St. Louis PrideFest there's an LGBT history area, there's a family area — there's stuff for everyone. It's really designed to be welcoming and inclusive to anyone and everyone that wants to participate. I think it's a great place to just come learn and have some fun," Jackson said. "They have some great entertainers coming out. I think LeAnn Rimes is coming to close up the festival on Sunday. There's a lot going on and I think everybody could find something."

Crowder said she is most looking forward to this year's entertainment.

"PrideFest events have been pretty similar over the years, but one thing that always changes is the entertainment. I love country music and LeAnn Rimes is a classic," Crowder said. "I can't wait to watch her performance."

Perhaps it is due to the giveaways or the sheer fun of the event, but St. Louis PrideFest includes the second biggest parade in St. Louis, according to Jackson. In 2014, St. Louis PrideFest featured about 160 exhibitors and SIUE was one of them.

"We at Safe Zone have been involved with the festival in the past. This will be our third year. Ever since it moved from Tower Grove to downtown St. Louis, we have had a booth and marched in the parade," Jackson said. "Our booth is set up kind of in the middle, so we get a pretty good number of people walking by over the two day period. Typically when we are open we constantly have folks at our table asking questions and playing the games to win a prize. Last year, it was really busy."

In fact, last year's St. Louis PrideFest involved more than 150,000 attendees. Crowder said she loved the diversity she saw in the crowd.

"Last year was the second year I went to St. Louis PrideFest and I did not expect to see so many people out there. It's a really great feeling to go into a relatively small city and see so many people celebrating the differences and diversity among individuals," Crowder said. "I didn't even realize how many people St. Louis PrideFest would reach out to until I got there."

Because the event attracts such a large volume of people Jackson said Safe Zone takes several members and volunteers to represent the university.

"In terms of the number [of Safe Zone members] participating, we have around 15 folks signed up to help with the booth and about 16 or 17 signed up to march in the parade," Jackson said. "Most of our volunteers are our faculty and staff and they'll bring friends and family members out there to come help out as well."

Although not all Safe Zone members will be able to participate in this year's festival, Matthews said the organization is still making significant impact.

"It's just neat to see how far our reach is and how much in the last five years awareness about the organization and the work that we're advocating for has grown," Matthews said. "Faculty are getting to know [Safe Zone] as a resource. It's neat that [Safe Zone is] growing in visibility."

While Safe Zone's intent is to work to reach out to people at St. Louis PrideFest, Jackson said the event is one of his favorite times of the year.

"It's good to just kind of get out and be able to represent SIUE at a very large event with other folks and just have a good time. I always love being at the booth and coming across alumni from SIUE, [seeing] the surprise they get that we're at [St. Louis PrideFest] and talking with them about how far the institution has come in terms of its campus climate," Jackson said. "In general, it's always fun interacting with the participants that are

getting toward college age because they have some really great questions about what SIUE could offer them."

Since this is the first PrideFest Matthews will be going to, she said she is most enthusiastic about representing SIUE as a welcoming place.

"I'm excited to see [St. Louis PrideFest] firsthand. I've certainly heard lots about it for many years and I've heard about lots of pride festivals all across the nation, so I'm excited to see St. Louis's take on it," Matthews said. "I'm excited just to be representing SIUE. I've heard a lot that I haven't thought about. We hope to see lots of alumni coming back and liking to see that we are out in a part of the community, or also prospective students and prospective employees to see that we are taking the time to be a part of this community and a part of this city-wide celebration."

While Safe Zone is thrilled about engaging the festival-goers, Crowder said she cannot wait for the parade.

"I love the PrideFest parade because it's always so colorful and fun. The fact that people, no matter who they are or what their sexual orientation is, can march in the parade embodies the idea of how far we've come in this nation," Crowder said.

Like Crowder, many are thrilled about the parade, but Matthews said she is anticipating a good time talking to people.

"I think the parade will be exciting and all. I think just because of my personality, I'm really looking forward to the smaller conversations I can have with people that come to the booths and just kind of explaining experience as part of the SIUE community and working here for the last five years," Matthews said.

Regardless of what people's favorite events are at St. Louis PrideFest, Jackson said Safe Zone has one ultimate goal: to reach out to as many people as possible.

"For this year, as [St. Louis PrideFest] continues to grow and as our involvement continues to grow, I'm hoping to reconnect with even more alumni this year than last year," Jackson said. "Long term, I would like to see us have a

presence at [St. Louis PrideFest], that would lead to some students deciding to come to SIUE."

Matthews said she wants to show how much SIUE can offer people.

"The message I hope to give is that while at SIUE we have a lot of areas that we need to grow and work on, overall we have a lot of good things going that could be a very supportive learning environment for students or anyone who is a part of our community," Matthews said. "So I think just being honest and transparent about where we are as a university and what it could be like for people to be a part of our community."

As Safe Zone sets out to achieve its goals, Jackson said one of the nicest things about St. Louis PrideFest is the lack of expense.

"Outside of paying for the booth space, a little pop-up tent because nobody wants to sit in the sun for two days and to have the parade group, there aren't any other costs. And most of that cost is geared towards covering the cost it takes to hold the festival downtown, in terms of the security that has to be hired and cleaning up after the festival," Jackson said.

Although exhibitors and vendors have to pay for the space at St. Louis PrideFest, Crowder said it is free for individuals who are just going for fun.

"It's hard to find things for free in this day and age and PrideFest is. You can pay for food or alcohol, but to just go and see is free and it is well worth the trip," Crowder said.

Not only does PrideFest welcome attendees, but Safe Zone is also welcoming volunteers at the festival any time.

St. Louis PrideFest is a three-day event that takes place at Soldiers' Memorial in downtown St. Louis. The event begins with Microbrew Fest on Friday, June 26 from 4:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Vendor booths will be open Saturday, June 27 from 11 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 28 from 11 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. The parade will begin at noon Sunday.

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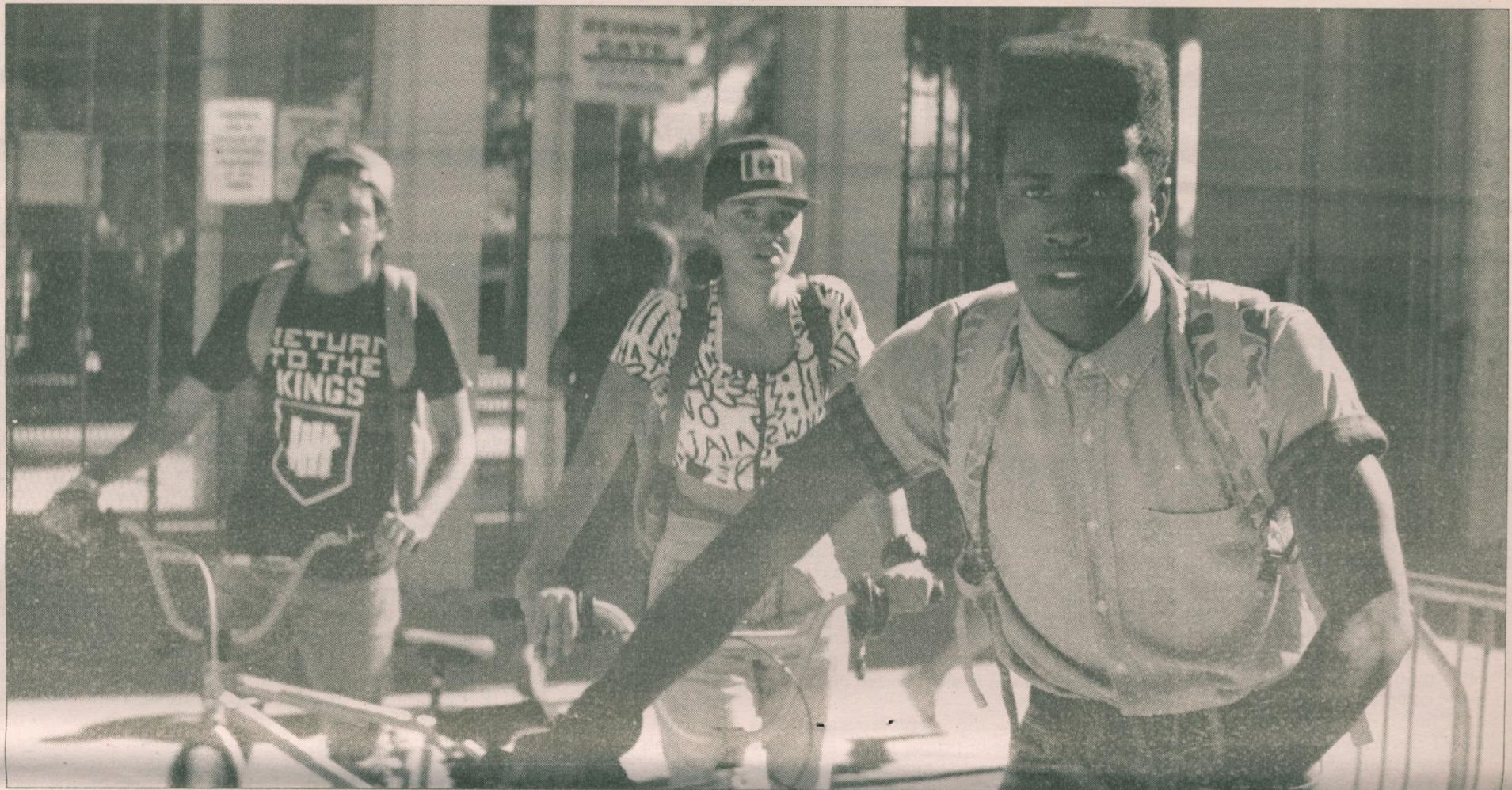
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Dope



| Photo via EPK TV

Neighborhood nerds go gangster in this summer's coming-of-age film

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High school can be tough, especially for someone who does not quite fit in like Malcolm (Shameik Moore) and his two ride-or-dies, Diggy (Kiersey Clemons) and Jib (Tony Revolorio), in the movie "Dope."

Growing up in a crime-ridden suburb of Los Angeles, raised by a single mother and never having known his father, Malcolm feels as if his life is a cliché and aspires to break out of his surroundings by applying to Harvard University.

Although they live in the modern era, Malcolm and his pals embrace the sounds and styles of '90s hip-hop. They play in a band, ride their bikes or skateboards around town and try to stay out of trouble. When Malcolm gets an unconventional invite to an underground party, he and his friends' lives become somewhat complicated.

After a series of mishaps with some neighborhood gangsters, Malcolm discovers as he is walking into school one day that his backpack is stuffed with several pounds of drugs and a gun. Completely caught off-guard and having never been associated with such things, Malcolm freaks out and tries to devise a plan to get rid of the contraband. With the help of a druggie, computer-hacking friend from band camp, Will (Blake Anderson), Malcolm sells dope online via the black market.

Amid all these shenanigans, Malcolm struggles to find who he truly is in a city that classifies people based on whether they wear blue or red. Ultimately, Malcolm comes to the conclusion that he does not have to be labeled as one thing or another,

and he can be who he wants to be free of any stereotypes.

"Dope" is a quirky and original coming-of-age film that explores themes of loyalty, peer pressure and self-discovery. "Dope" will make you laugh out loud and perhaps even draw out feelings of nostalgia for the '90s.

The plot kept me intrigued and never knowing what would happen next, unlike too many movies nowadays. I was engaged the whole time, wondering how it would all weave together. The movie has an open ending, leaving it up to the interpretation of the viewer to finish the story. With some films, I become bored of the plot because of their predictability, but I can assure you "Dope" is one-of-a-kind and full of excitement.

The must-hear soundtrack includes hits from classic hip-hop artists such as Digable Planets, Public Enemy, Naughty by Nature and Nas. A few original songs produced by Pharrell Williams appear on the compilation under the name Awreeoh (pronounced 'oreo') — the fictional hip-hop/punk-inspired band that Malcolm and his friends are a part of in the movie. The movie also features current rappers A\$AP Rocky and Tyga as supporting characters.

From a cinematographic standpoint, every scene was live with bright colors, keeping one's attention and delivering the essence of a Cali vibe. With varying establishing shots of suburban areas, viewers can truly get a feel for the setting.

"Dope" is a fun, warmhearted comedy to watch this summer and will leave you saying, 'Yeah, that was pretty dope.'

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Review: 'Everything is 4' will make you want to want ear plugs

CAITLIN GROVE
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After the early releases of "Want to Want Me," "Get Ugly" and "Broke," I had extremely high hopes for Jason Derulo's latest album "Everything is 4." However, after listening to only a few songs, I realized I would be grossly disappointed.

It seems these three singles are the only worthwhile songs on the entire album. Even then, "Want to Want Me" is the only great song of them all. With Derulo's previous albums, there have always been three or four songs that I have not been particularly fond of — and sadly this time around, it was the exact opposite.

Songs like "X2CU," "Trade Hearts" and "Cheyenne" are mere copies and regurgitations of overdone pop/hip-hop songs that have been done by not only Derulo, but by many others in this genre as well.



| Photo via IMDb

Also, five out of the 11 songs on the album feature other stars. Personally, it is OK to occasionally spotlight others in songs, but when it is done throughout the majority of the album, it feels uninspired and as if they are overcompensating.

Derulo's previous albums, particularly his third titled "Talk Dirty," had a multitude of chart-topping songs. However, this time around, I have no idea what the next song is that will be released from the album because options are rather slim.

After listening to "Everything is 4," I can definitely say I am not as big of a fan of Derulo anymore. It seems that he is giving into the peer pressure of mainstream music and conforming to what is expected of the pop/hip-hop genre to produce.

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"Hairspray"

When: 8:15 p.m. Wed. –
Tue., June 30
Where: The Muny, 1 Theatre Dr., St. Louis
Price: \$14 - \$82
More info: muny.org

The Muny presents its second show of the 2015 season with "Hairspray." Its first time on The Muny stage since 2009, the eight time Tony-winning musical is set to entertain audiences with its 1960s tunes.

Lindsey Stirling: The Music Box Tour

When: 8 p.m.
Where: The Fox Theatre, 527 N. Grand Blvd., St. Louis
Price: \$19.50 - \$89.50
More info: fabulousfox.com

Classically-trained violinist Lindsey Stirling uses striking animation and electronic sounds to put a futuristic twist on this time-honored discipline.

Lily Tomlin

When: 8 p.m.
Where: River City Casino, 777 River City Casino Blvd., St. Louis
Price: \$47.50 - \$97.50
More info: rivercity.com

Actress Lily Tomlin is set to grace St. Louis with her comedic ways. Must be 21 years of age to enter.

Thursday, June 25

Memories of Elvis Salutes America

When: 7 p.m.
Where: Wildey Theatre, 252 N. Main St., Edwardsville
Price: \$20 - \$25
More info: <http://www.wildeytheatre.com>

Steve Davis and the Mid-South Revival Band give audiences a sense of patriotism from the King himself.

Friday, June 26

Summer Showbiz presents "The Comedy of Errors"

When: 7:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat., 2 p.m.
Sunday
Where: Metcalf Theatre, SIUE
Price: \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, children, non-SIUE students with ID, SIUE faculty, staff and alumni, and free for SIUE students with valid ID
More info: siue.edu/artsandsciences/theater

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Letter to the editor: Cougar Village accident causes controversy

I'm writing in about the recent article involving Jonathan Colyer. I'd like to start out by saying that I don't know him. I'm not even an SIUE student.

**Nathan Ebrecht
Contributing Writer**

However, my girlfriend is very immersed in the Alestle's articles. So when she was telling me about the issues you all were having with this article, I wanted to read it myself.

What followed was a slew of comments chock-full of opinions from distraught and disgruntled students. While a few voiced approval for the use of Jonathan's [Colyer's] name, most expressed discomfort with

the choice, including who my girlfriend later informed me [is] the current student body president.

Since all those comments, including my own, are still [visible] on the Alestle's article, I'm going to try my best to stay away from repeating myself and just get to the point—thank you. Thank you for sticking to your guns and defending not only yourself, but also any and all people in the media business.

The thing that most people who aren't involved in media don't understand is that situations like this don't just happen; it's a process that many people consider and discuss for extended periods of time.

Even if the Alestle may be a learning experience for those

students planning to pursue journalism [beyond] college, you all still deal with these issues daily.

So again, for all the right or wrong, good or bad decisions that you've all made—thank you. However, this letter isn't just for you. I also wish to thank Madeline McCune for doing her job as student body president.

Thank you for taking the time to make sure that these students aren't bullied or belittled by anyone. Your questions about the article were justified and I'm grateful you took the time to ask them.

However, I must voice my opinion and state that I back the Alestle, 100 percent, on the use of [Colyer's] name.

He's an important member

of the SIUE community, and the student body at large had every right to learn about the accident in Cougar Village.

Jonathan, I'm sorry to hear about what happened to you, but I hope you don't walk away from this situation in any way except with your head held high. It was an accident, bro, and while I don't know you, I'm glad you didn't suffer worse. Good luck with Springboard.

And finally, back to the Alestle: please keep these articles coming. Even if these students aren't my classmates, they — just like everyone else — deserve to know what is going on around them.

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Don't get caught in a cycle of stress, take a vacation

We have a lot expected of us as college students — to school, get good grades, get a job, pay for rent, etc., and having so many obligations makes it difficult to take a break from the stress, sometimes for the fear of accumulating more stress.

On the other hand, we make bucket lists of things we want to pursue both short term and long term, over a span of years or even weeks. These are things we want, goals we have and dreams we want to achieve, but rarely do we actually let ourselves have the opportunity to fulfill them.

When it comes down to it, everyone has something they

want to do outside of the norm — whether that be getting an adrenaline rush by jumping out of a plane, spending more time with family, picking up a new hobby or travelling to an unfamiliar place.

However, we often come up with reasons not to follow through; too dangerous, too far, not enough time and too expensive.

The truth is, if we stop making excuses and take time to rejuvenate — working ourselves up instead of constantly working ourselves down — we can ultimately become happier and more productive.

According to WebMD, taking a vacation has various positive effects such as less stress, a lower risk of heart disease, an improved outlook on life, and a greater drive to accomplish goals.

Probably the best part of it

all is you can take a break with any amount of time you have — two weeks or 12 hours.

WebMD also reported that one experiences the most euphoria from simply planning a getaway and looking forward to it. Knowing that a well-deserved reward awaits can give you yet another reason to work even harder.

It does not really matter how you want to spend your time, but WebMD recommends a few things in order to maximize the effects of your rejuvenation session. Firstly, put your phone away. Turn it off or silence it. Keep it somewhere so that you won't be tempted to check it every five minutes.

Our personal devices create the illusion of urgency and give people the feeling of always needing their phones "in case something happens." Do your best to eliminate any electronic

distractions while taking time to recharge; you can check it later.

Another helpful hint is to go outside; get a change of scenery, some fresh air and vitamin D. If you can incorporate movement, that's even better. Moderate activity is key to maintaining a healthy, happy lifestyle and is an excellent stress reliever.

Examine how you have been spending your time as the halfway mark of summer soon approaches. Have you given yourself a break lately? If not, plan one soon.

If you have, plan another for when it is convenient for you. The most important thing to remember is that life is too short to be unhappy. Do what you need to do, but cut yourself a break — deserve it.

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Harris' Highlights



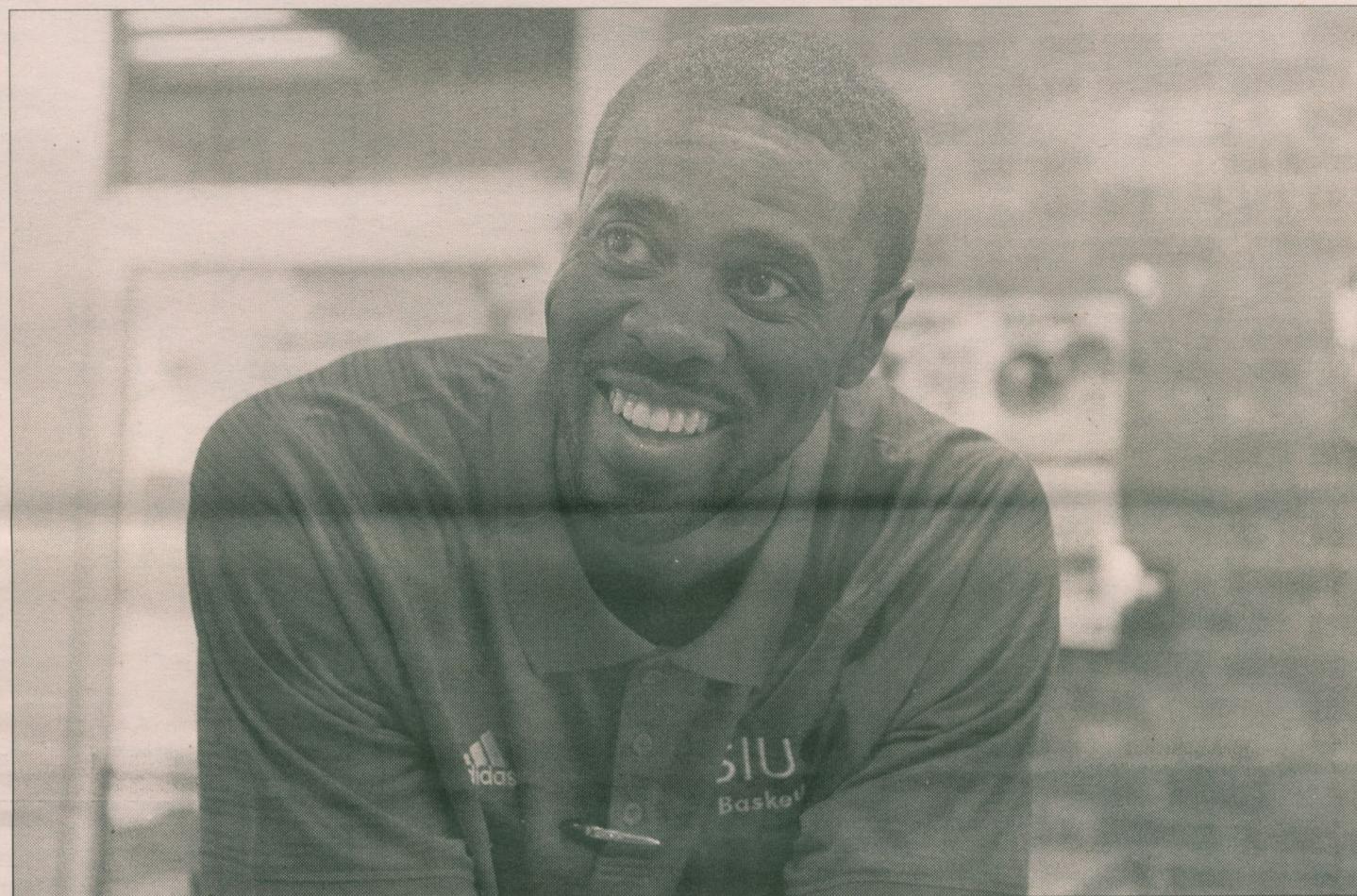
High School (Edwardsville High School): scored 1,269 points; 1998 St. Louis Post-Dispatch Player of the Year; USA Today All-American



College (Marquette University): started 22 games; top-20 rebounder in Conference USA; 53% field goal percentage



Coaching (Marquette, Green Bay, Missouri State, Tennessee, Cal): grad assistant on Marquette's 2002-03 Final Four team; won CIT championship with Missouri State in 2009-10 season



Men's basketball Head Coach Jon Harris laughs while meeting students on Tuesday, April 7. Harris went around to the on-campus living facilities and passed out pizza as a way to greet his new fanbase.

| Photo by Christian K. Lee/Alestle

Harris brings familiarity, closeness to SIUE family

BEN LEVIN
Alestle Sports Editor

Jon Harris was named the head coach for the men's basketball team a little more than two months ago, but has been known around the Edwardsville area for almost two decades.

As a graduate of Edwardsville High School, Harris was the 1998 St. Louis Post-Dispatch Player of the Year and took his talents to Marquette University, where he played with future NBA Hall of Famer Dwyane Wade for two years, including an NCAA Tournament berth.

After his college playing career ended, Harris took his talents to the bench, where he spent the last 13 years as an assistant and took his first head coaching position on April 6, 2015, at SIUE.

The journey to head coach has been a lengthy one for Harris, who said his basketball career started a long time ago in his family's living room.

"One of those Christmases in there, I got a little hoop," Harris said. "I can remember that and just shooting around really the rest of Christmas morning. I have a brother who's older than me by quite a bit, but we messed around with it for a while."

Although it would be some time until Harris starred for the Tigers, Harris said he has been around EHS basketball for a very long time.

"My brother and I are nine years apart, so I grew up as a ball boy when he was in high school," Harris said. "He played one year under Mike Waldo his senior year and I was a ball boy. I kind of grew up watching the game and watching him play and went from there."

Before his high school career began, Harris said he knew he was a talented player.

"Honestly, I had a lot of growth to do, but I was always one of the better players," Harris said. "In sixth or seventh grade, I figured out I really enjoyed playing and that love for playing, most importantly. I was having a fair amount of success, so I really just wanted to buckle down and do that."

Almost 1,300 points and a four-year collegiate career later, Harris proved he was a special player. Despite making the NCAA Tournament during his time at Marquette, he said his favorite on-the-court memory

university. Harris said being student-athletes helped the two bond together.

"She was a year ahead of me, and we were in the same apartment complex," Harris said. "She was actually across the hall — not that that's why we started dating — but when you're an athlete on campus, you kind of travel in the same circles; you see the same people. We just kind of got to know each other and started dating the summer of my junior year."

Harris said having a former athlete as a partner has been helpful in finding ways to spend time with his family and at work.

"It's a hard part of what we

handful of games in there when she was just real little. She was born in November and with the snow and it's cold; but for the most part, weather permitting, they'll be at every game. They'll travel with us on the road games."

Having a family around is a luxury most coaches have, but for Harris, seeing his kids grow up in the same place he did adds to the enjoyment.

"It's pretty special," Harris said. "Honestly, it's been so fast-paced I've not had a lot of time to process really being at home. I'm not really interacting with my family a whole lot yet, but it'll be pretty cool to take them around and say, 'Hey, this is where I used to play and went to school.' They're at that age where they can understand and grasp that."

It makes sense for both the university and Harris to join together, given his history in the area, but Harris said being back in his hometown did not play a huge part in him wanting the job at SIUE.

"There's a lot of potential here," Harris said. "Honestly, being home isn't even half of it. I think that's unique and I'm excited about that, but I think there's a lot of potential here on the job. We're in a good basketball league. It's a great campus and community environment. I think we're in a great recruiting area; I think there's a lot of talent within a 30-mile radius where we can touch a lot of guys. I think the thing for us is going to be to get kids to come on campus and see what we're all about."

One of the most important things any college coach can do at a new school is set up a recruiting plan. Harris said his plan to bring in new players is focused primarily on teams around the St.

Louis area.

"We'll try to put a fence up around this St. Louis Metro-area," Harris said. "Obviously, we're recruiting the Southwest and Southern Illinois conferences; it's pretty hard. You can get to Indianapolis in three hours, Chicago is four [and] Memphis is four. There's a lot of different regions we can touch."

Included in the recruiting mission for the Cougars is the type of players the university wants to bring in. Harris said he has already established his guidelines for incoming players.

"There's so many different facets to recruiting," Harris said. "We spend a lot of time just getting to know the guys, their families and the circles of people that are around them. That's the biggest thing. We want guys that are wired the right way, guys that are about winning, that have to put the team before themselves."

Harris said having players with a high level of abilities is important, but he cares more about what kind of men the future Cougars will be.

"It's about laying a foundation," Harris said. "First and foremost, do the right things off the court. Everybody knows right from wrong. That's the biggest thing I'm trying to drive home to the guys. You have to live a certain way. We don't make a ton of rules. It's a lifestyle; it's a way of doing things."

Coach Harris — along with the new men's soccer head coach Mario Sanchez — will do meet-and-greets with locals at the Cougar Caravan 15. The coaches first stop is 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 7 at Bull and Bear.

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SIUE Men's Basketball Head Coach

was during the regular season.

"My senior year, we made it to the tournament and lost in the first round," Harris said. "It's not a great memory. My favorite memory was [during] my junior year. We faced [the University of] Cincinnati and they were ranked No. 1 at the time, and they got off to a 21-2 start at our gym. We wound up coming back and winning the game, so that was pretty sweet."

During Harris' time at Marquette, he also met his wife, Heidi, who played for the women's basketball team at the

do," Harris said. "You have to find that work-life balance. That's where you have to have a spouse that understands, and she's strong enough to do a lot of things on her own. Obviously, I'm there when I can be."

In addition to Jon and Heidi, the Harris' family has three young children — Hailey, Leah and Jaxson. Harris said his kids were introduced to basketball at a very early age.

"Our oldest was born when I was at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay," Harris said. "She might have missed a

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A little offense is enough to get U.S. past Colombia at World Cup, 2-0

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Colombia wanted respect. The U.S. wanted a win.

Both got what they were looking for on Monday.

The Americans survived their most important test so far in the women's World Cup to win, 2-0, on second-half goals from Alex Morgan and Carli Lloyd. And Colombia, which played the second half short-handed, proved it deserves to be considered among the sport's elite.

"The whole world saw how Colombia has made progress in terms of women's soccer," Coach Fabian Taborda said. "I think the future will shine for us."

The U.S., meanwhile, will be trying to forget the recent past as it prepares for its World Cup quarterfinal with China on Friday. Because while the U.S. remains unbeaten in the tournament, it is limping past opponents.

Monday marked its second straight win over an opponent playing short-handed — the U.S. ended group play with a win over 10-player Nigeria — and it has scored just two goals from open play in the two games combined.

"The frustrating part of it is we all want to do well," Lloyd said. "[But] what's done is done. These four matches are done.

"We've just got to keep moving forward, keep plugging away."

The U.S. won't keep moving forward much longer, though, if it doesn't find a way to jump start a sluggish offense that is lacking in both rhythm and chemistry.

"I know we need to score

goals. But we only need to score more than our opponents," said Abby Wambach, who missed badly on a penalty kick Monday and has scored just once in the tournament.

"At times we're a little frustrated," said midfielder Megan Rapinoe. "We'd obviously like to be scoring more goals and getting a few more chances."

Against Colombia the few first-half chances the U.S. did get were turned away by Catalina Perez, the backup goalkeeper, who stopped stops from Wambach, Tobin Heath and Alex Morgan in the first 30 minutes. Wambach did get the ball past her once, but an offside penalty negated the apparent goal.

But a red card for a hard tackle on Morgan two minutes into the second half both ended Perez's night and forced Colombia to go the rest of the way with just 10 players.

And the U.S. took advantage of both circumstances when Perez's replacement, Stefany Castano, came off the bench cold on a chilly night and failed to make a save in her first two opportunities.

The first came in the 53rd minute when Morgan, given plenty of space by the short-handed Colombians, charged into the box from the right side and put a low right-footed shot on goal that a diving Castano deflected into the net with her right hand.

The second came on a Lloyd penalty shot 15 minutes later after Rapinoe was tripped in the box by Colombian defender Angela Clavijo.

It then fell to a U.S. backline that has played brilliantly in this



Alex Morgan of the United States is tackled by Catalina Perez of Colombia during the Round of 16 match at the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup on Monday, June 22, 2015, in Edmonton, Canada. | Photo by Qin Lang/Sipa USA (MCT)

World Cup to make that lead stand up and it was equal to the task, extending its scoring streak to 333 minutes.

That also allowed goalkeeper Hope Solo, who wasn't called upon to make a save until the 84th minute, to reach a number of milestones. The shutout was the 87th of her career, extending her national team record, and eighth in World Cup play. Solo also tied Brianna Scurry for most wins by a keeper with 133.

So while the U.S. effort wasn't

pretty and wasn't dominant, it was successful. And Wambach said that's really the only thing that matters.

"We ... have to be proud of ourselves, that we're moving on," she said. "We want to look at all the positives. There's certain things that we can do better. And from a forward's position — and actually from a leader on this team — I want to score more goals."

On Monday, she reminded everyone, two were enough to send the Americans on to the next round, giving them four more days to find

a solution for its ailing attack.

"We're obviously pleased to be moving on," Coach Jill Ellis said. "This is the World Cup. I'm really satisfied with advancing. It's about finding a way. I'm pleased with where we are."

So is Colombia, which goes home having beaten France, the world's third-ranked team, and frightened the second-ranked U.S. in a World Cup where no one gave

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June 26
Ottawa

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June 22
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Colombia

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June 30
Montreal

Germany

June 20
Ottawa, Ontario

Sweden

June 26
Montreal

France

June 21
Montreal

S. Korea

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16-team, single-elimination matchups:

Final

July 5
Vancouver

Third place

July 4
Edmonton



Second round

Quarter-finals

Brazil

June 21
Moncton,
New Brunswick

Australia

June 23
Vancouver, B.C.

Japan

June 23
Vancouver, B.C.

Netherlands

June 22
Ottawa, Ontario

Norway

June 22
Ottawa, Ontario

England

June 27
Vancouver

Canada

June 21
Vancouver, B.C.

Switzerland

June 27
Vancouver

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