

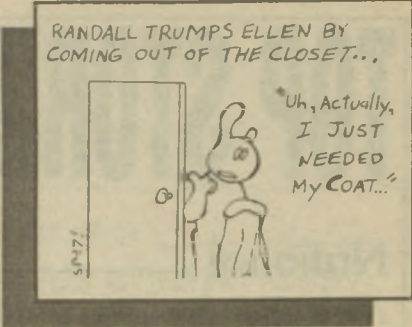
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Second place in competition makes the construction engineers ‘egg’static



Photo provided by Michael Viviano

This is the device that received second place at the Seattle competition on April 6. The designers of the winning structure were Michael Viviano and Robert Meurer.

By Chris Clayton
News Editor

Two members of the SIUE Construction Club came away with second place at the annual american concrete institute Concrete Egg Protection Device Competition on April 6 in Seattle, Wash.

Michael Viviano and Robert Meurer were the members of the team that placed second.

“We were one of five teams from SIUE and there were about 20 teams total,” Viviano said.

Schools from all over the country came to the competition, including schools from Nova Scotia and Mexico.

“The idea behind the competition is to design a concrete structure to protect an egg,” Viviano said.

The scenario for the competition was simple. Teams were required to build a structure out of concrete that could be reinforced with wire only 1.5mm in diameter.

“Basically a weight of 8.5 kg. is dropped down a pipe from three meters until the structure fails,” Viviano said.

The members who participated in the competition were Michael Viviano, Robert Meurer, James Down, Gregory Mattern, Christopher Wilburn, Jim Clements, Brett Wagner, Doug Weber, Brad Koch and Matthew Cowell.

Students learn what homelessness is like in cardboard village

By Bethany Behrhorst
News Reporter

At Springfest on Wednesday and Thursday nights, SIUE students from the Newman Student Union joined together to raise campus awareness of the issue of homelessness.

“Homelessness is such a vast issue, so we thought we could at least make some kind of a difference locally,” Ron Knapp, advisor for the Newman Student Union said.

Knapp compared the problem to a pebble thrown into a pond; as something is done about the problem, more things will be done.

“It’s the rippling in the pond effect,” he said.

Members who organized the project were John Palasz, a sophomore in engineering and Lori Blattel, a junior in the college of arts and sciences. Student members Ben Moss, Lori Hasenstab, Jen Heimos, Steven Delaney and Charlie Hellrung were involved in making this project a success.

The group of students built a small shantytown out of cardboard boxes which they placed in the Morris Quadrangle for students to observe during Springfest.

The students from the union brought sleeping bags and blankets with them and slept in the dilapidated structure, eight students on Wednesday night and three on Thursday evening. Knapp stayed in the cardboard constructed town with the students both nights.

“We try to motivate each other to stamp out apathy,” Knapp said.

The biggest problem students faced during the event was weather conditions.

“It was cold but we had the security of having the option of knowing that we could return to our comfortable apartments and homes the next day,” Knapp said.

“If you’re a homeless person, you wouldn’t have that option.”

The event, which was undertaken with the intent to raise student awareness of the hardships of homelessness, raised almost \$200. The money will be donated to the Second Chance Shelter in East St. Louis.

“Other than a roll of duct tape, it didn’t cost us anything,” Knapp said.

The students who participated in the project were fortunate enough to have a grill for heat, food to eat and bathroom facilities.

Student and community reaction to the project has been supportive.

“I think it’s been really positive. It’s a going out on a limb experience. You get a sense of community,” Knapp said.

The Newman Student Union was revitalized on campus two years ago.

“It was reinvigorated with new student leadership two years ago and it’s been growing ever since then,” he said.

Knapp promoted involvement in any student affiliated organization as a way to make campus more of a community.

“It makes the campus less anonymous and less impersonal,” he said.

For more information about the Newman Student Union, students should contact the Kimmel Leadership Center in the University Center.

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Baseball on four game skid AND Softball eyes a post season berth.

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Today: Sunny 77/48°
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National

Area hit by '94 earthquake aftershocks

CALIF. (AP) — Another late aftershock from the deadly 1994 Northridge earthquake hit Southern California early Sunday, a day after a wave of quakes hit the same area. No injuries or serious damage were reported.

An earthquake expert called the unusual 24-hour turn around "mildly surprising."

The 4.9-magnitude quake Sunday was centered about 13 miles northwest of the 1994 Northridge earthquake, the same location as some of Saturday's quakes, said Steve Bryant, seismologist at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. Because of their locations, depth and other factors, all of the weekend quakes were considered aftershocks of the 6.7-magnitude Northridge quake, which killed 72 people and caused \$25 billion in property damage.

International

Navy rescue units, soldiers meet flood

MANITOBA (AP) — Canada's military sent navy rescue units and thousands of soldiers Sunday to meet the flood pouring down the Red River from the United States, expanding its largest deployment in 20 years.

By today, more than 6,000 military personnel were expected to be in southern Manitoba, helping to build dikes, guard evacuated towns and search for people stranded by the region's worst flood of the century.

The last time so many Canadian military personnel were mobilized for a peacekeeping mission was to provide security at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, said Maj. Doug Martin, a spokesman for the joint task force.



State and Local

Music teacher charged with sexual assault

SPARTA, Ill. (AP) — A Sparta Lincoln Middle School music teacher has been charged with sexually assaulting a student.

Michelle Garde, 26, of Glen Carbon was charged with criminal sexual assault after turning herself in, said Janice Frederking, a detective with the Randolph County Sheriff's Department.

Ms. Garde, who taught at the school for four years before resigning April 16, is accused of having sexual relations with the female student between August and November.

Frederking would only say that the girl was between the ages of 13 and 17. The student would likely be in the lower range because Lincoln Sparta Middle School includes grades four through eight.

Gigantic Wal-Mart to open in Olney

OLNEY, Ill. (AP) — A new Wal-Mart distribution center, bigger than 15 football fields, will begin shipping groceries to stores in five states next month.

The 805,000 square-foot center will begin accepting deliveries on Monday, company officials said.

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Letter to the editor

Phelps defends rights of all religions in the United States

I would like to start off by asking Mr. Schuetz and Mr. Norris, who do you think you are saying that your god, the Christian god, is the One True God? Do you actually believe that millions of people around the world are just wrong. Are millions of Jewish wrong? How about the Islamic, are they all wrong? What about the Native-American beliefs, Eastern Religions and many others, are they all wrong? Are these the counterfeit religions you were talking about Mr. Norris?

You say that everyone has the right to believe differently than you, the question is, do you respect these beliefs? I'm not sure you can and then say that they are wrong. You say you "would not rob anyone of the right to believe whatever he or she will, however right or wrong they may be." Since right and wrong are very subjective and very human concepts, we can never say who or what is right and wrong just because beliefs are not the same. Mr. Schuetz, could the reason you do not feel uncomfortable by other's religious beliefs be, because you already rationalized to yourself, that they are wrong?

You also say that you are not offended by other's beliefs so why should they be offended by yours. When did you become the voice of the world? Just because you may not offend easily, do not deny others their feelings.

Mr. Norris, you think that the ten commandments should be posted in every court of law? I ask you, what if instead of the ten commandments, we put a list of Islamic beliefs up in every courtroom, or how about

Taoist or maybe Wicca. Would you then become offended? Would you feel that they are "pushing their religion and beliefs" on you?

My last item to the two of you concerns the quote "to a world who hates the true God, it (the 10 commandments) is offensive because it condemns the evils they practice." First, I reiterate, who are you to say who the true God is? You have your god, they have theirs, if any at all. Second, if a person does not believe in your god they can not hate it, because you can not hate what you don't believe exists. Third, just because a person finds the ten commandments offensive, or doesn't believe or follow them, does not mean they practice evil. I know many very good people who are not Christians, these people are not practicing evil. They are good, honest, caring people.

I can not sit idly by and let you say that millions (even billions) of people are wrong or that they are practicing evil because their beliefs do not coincide with yours. If I correctly understand the way this works, you just condemned all these people to hell, your hell, one in which they may not believe in. Isn't that where evil people and those who don't believe in god go? These people don't hate the truth. They embrace their truths, just as you embrace yours. Truth is subjective, just because it's not yours does not mean it is wrong.

Mary J. Phelps
Graduate Studies, Psychology

Letter to the editor

The bureaucracy of the Bursar's Office

I would like to bring attention to a problem I had with the Bursar's Office. The problem started when I misplaced my checkbook in early April. I called my credit union to ask them to put a hold on a series of check numbers and was told that was not possible. The customer service individual told me the only think I would be able to do was put a stop order on the series and that a stop order form would be sent to me to accomplish the stop order. What I was not told was that the individual would be stopping my series of checks immediately.

I found my checkbook the following day, and being unaware that my checks had the stop order on them, I wrote a total of 5 checks to different SIUE locations. When I received the stop order form, I put "rescind" on the form and the check numbers I had written. A few days later, I received in the mail a letter from the Bursar's Office that stated I had a check that came back and needed to be taken care of. I called my credit union and was told that after my initial call, the series of checks had been immediately stopped, so I went over to the Bursar's Office to rectify the situation.

I spoke with Mr. Cannon, the Bursar, and told him that the credit union had misinformed me and that

they would be sending me a letter to that effect. He gave me until May 2 to take care of the error so that I would not be charged a \$25 fee for each check that came back unpaid. I received in the mail later that day a letter dated April 21 that basically threatened court action if I didn't pay for the bad checks. I was rather upset because the original letter I received stated I had until April 23 to pay the checks, but was given until May 2 because of the credit union error.

On April 24, I was informed I was permanently barred from writing checks at SIUE, which an individual that works in food service said meant I couldn't write checks for two years, which although is not permanent, is still quite long. Since I choose for personal reasons to bank with a credit union that is not local this will cause personal problems. Ms. Basolo, the head cashier that I spoke with told me that I could appeal the decision of the Bursar's Office. I thought I would enjoy my time here, and that it would be hard for me to choose between SIUE and Kankakee Community College for fall term, but quite frankly I find the bureaucracy a bit much, so I have decided on KCC.

Giosue Floyd
Nursing

Letter to the editor

Religious controversy Who's god is the right one?

In the "Opinion/Editorial" section of the April 22 issue of the *Alestle*, right below the remarks by M. Loretta Fredrich on promoting "harmony" on campus, I read Ty Norris' offensive commentary regarding "the power of prayer."

I have been reading the articles printed on this subject since it was started by Mr. Brian Schuetz, and frankly, I am fed up! Mr. Norris quoted Mr. Schuetz, concerning the Ten Commandments and such, as saying, "to a world who hates the true God, it is offensive because it condemns the evils they practice." May I assume that your Christian beliefs are based on this self-righteous attitude, Mr. Norris and Mr. Schuetz? First it was said that "everyone has a right to express his belief," then you said, in so many words, that those who do not believe in a Christian God (or any God, for that matter) are practicing evil. It seems to me that your definition of the "right" to individual expression is only suitable when it is applied to your terms of what an individual should practice and believe. Is it your decision to determine which religions and beliefs are evil and which are good?

I am currently enrolled in People and Cultures of the East (IS 324), and we have learned much about the philosophies of Buddhism, Confucianism, Jianism, Islam and others. Are the followers of these and other philosophies or religions expected to respect Judge Moore's religious beliefs because they are Christian doctrines, when people like you show little respect or tolerance for their own religions? Furthermore, how would your opinion change if Judge Moore was a Muslim who displayed the Koran in his courtroom and prayed five times daily to Allah? I doubt that you would still say that he "should not be denied his right" to practice his beliefs in the courtroom. I suppose you would probably be outraged. Muslims do not worship "the true God," they worship Muhammed. So Judge Moore would be practicing evil, according to your recent commentary, right?

I am simply saying that neither your Christian beliefs, nor any individual's religious beliefs, should be thought of as superior to another's. It would be nice if people could refrain from condemning the religions of others, simply because they are not "Christian" or deny the idea of "God." Let people practice what they wish, without discrimination and condemnation, in the context of the law. It is when people, or the government, for that matter, are self-righteous enough to decide for others what is "right" for them that freedom of religion, self-expression, speech, and choice are lost.

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Electrical upgrade in the Peck Building will lead to building shutdown for most of the summer semester

This summer the electrical system in the Peck Building will be upgraded. The service within the building is reaching capacity. As computers, copy machines, printers and projectors were added over the years the reserve capacity in the building was exhausted in several areas.

There is also a lack of ground circuits on most of the outlets in the building. Concern has been growing about the reliability of the system as repair parts for

the thirty-year-old electrical gear became increasingly difficult to find. All these issues will be addressed by the project.

Work has been going on for about a year and a half to coordinate the necessary work with the scheduled activities in the building. The first phase of the project will shut down all power and light within the building for a two week period. This has been scheduled between the end of spring term and the

beginning of summer term. The power will go off Monday, May 12 and will be restored before classes resume Tuesday, May 27. During this time the main distribution equipment in the building will be replaced.

Department offices have been moved to other locations on campus during this period. While the power is off the building is closed to anyone not involved in the electrical project. Because of safety

and security concerns, access for faculty and staff is being coordinated on a very restricted basis with the affected departments. The location of the temporary offices has been distributed to all campus departments. The information is on the University web page (<http://www.siu.edu/FACILITIES>), and will be posted on the doors of the building.

Meetings with faculty can be arranged either by telephone or through the departmental offices.

The second phase of the project will last the rest of the summer. During this phase a single floor in a wing will be shut down at a time. While the floor is down, the circuits will be rewired. In the classroom wings this will require that each class in the building will be moved once during the semester. For the office wings the occupants will be displaced for about a week. Temporary facilities within the building will be provided for those displaced.

The third phase is scheduled to take place between the summer session and the fall session. During this period the mechanical systems that heat and cool the building will be rewired.

Cooling will not be available in each area for one to two days.

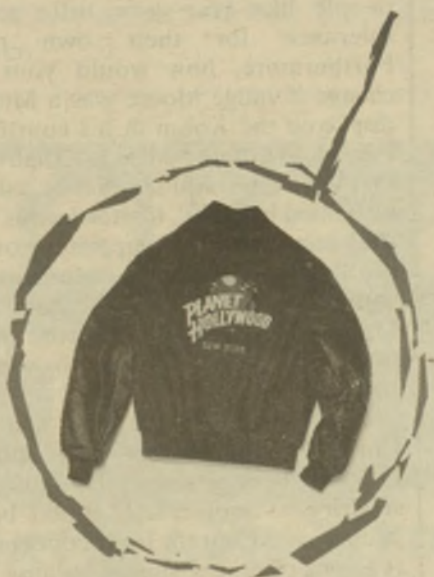
All work should be completed before the beginning of the fall semester.

As funds become available, the electrical, heating and ventilation systems in most campus buildings will be upgraded.

The next major infrastructure project will be the upgrading of the ventilation system in the Science Building at the School of Dental Medicine, possibly as early as next summer.

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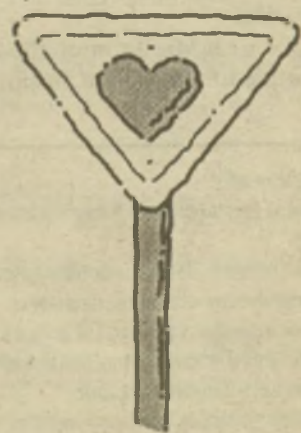
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Texas fraternity charged with hazing

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Deric Weiss remembers the night 10 years ago when he was taken on the ritual "ride" for Phi Kappa Psi pledges at the University of Texas.

Weiss and two other pledges got into a Volkswagen van and fraternity members handcuffed them to their armrests. The pledges knew they would be taken to some remote location and left to find their way home.

To add to the challenge, the pledges also had to drink beer and rum on their way to the drop-off spot. Weiss and another pledge couldn't finish their allotment of rum, but Weiss saw the third pledge, Mark Seeberger, chugging from the bottle.

By the time they reached the drop-off point, Seeberger was too drunk to participate. The active members took him back to his dorm, leaving Weiss and the other pledge behind.

The next morning, Seeberger was found dead in his room, a victim of alcohol poisoning.

Weiss, a 30-year-old medical resident in Denver, said he was shocked when he learned Seeberger was dead.

"I really had no idea until they came out with the autopsy and said he died of alcohol poisoning," Weiss said. "Nobody expected that to happen. Nobody wanted that to happen."

Seeberger's death led to a grand jury investigation. Experts testified that the 18-year-old had consumed as much as 20 ounces of rum within one or two hours. His blood alcohol level was 0.43 percent. A reading of .10 is considered legally intoxicated.

The grand jury declined to issue indictments, saying Seeberger was encouraged to drink, but not coerced.

Later, the fraternity and 10 former members settled for \$1.9 million with Seeberger's parents. The fraternity was also suspended from campus and the incident spurred the Texas Legislature to pass an anti-hazing law.

Ten years after Seeberger's fatal overdose, however, dangerous rites of passage continue at college fraternities.

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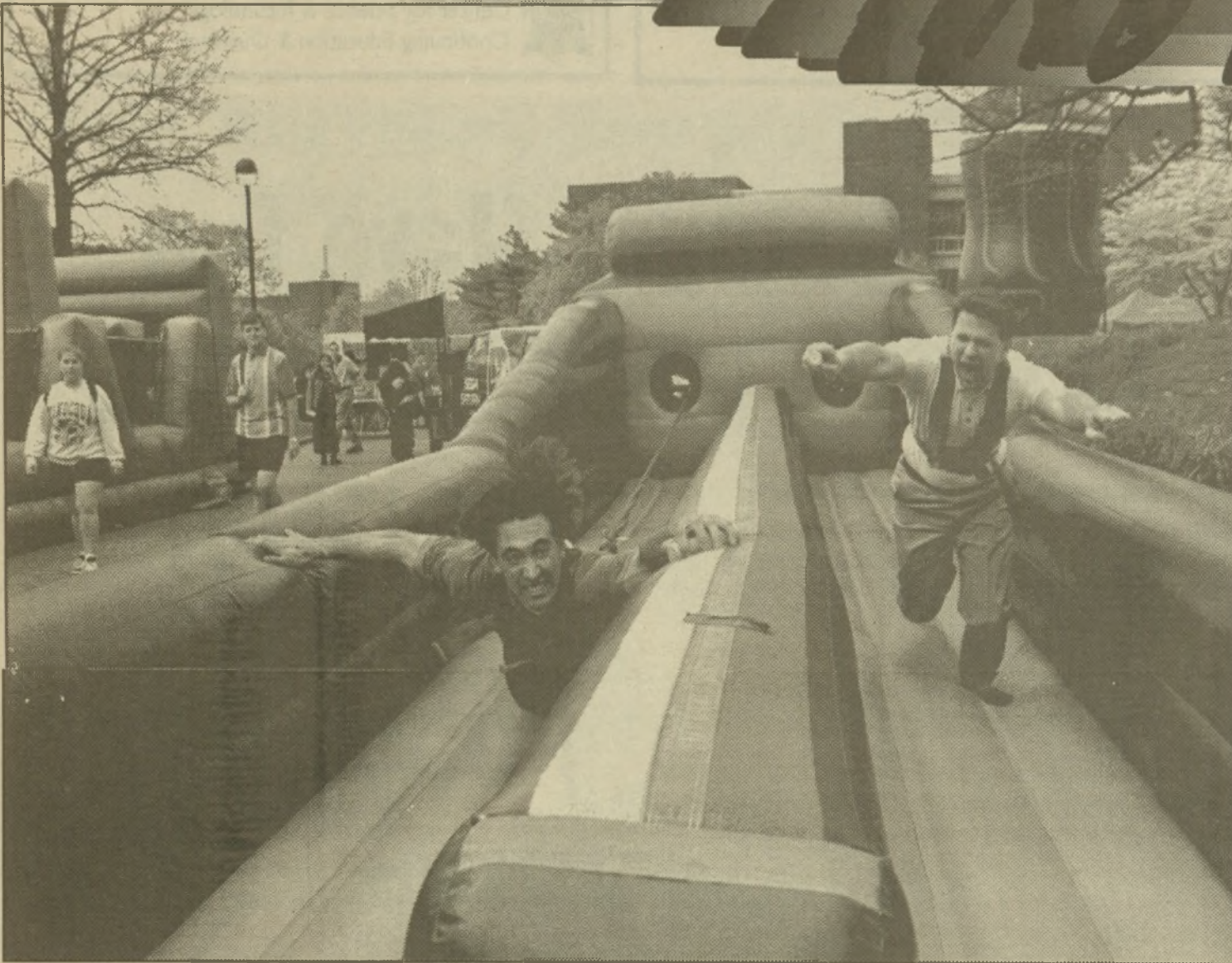
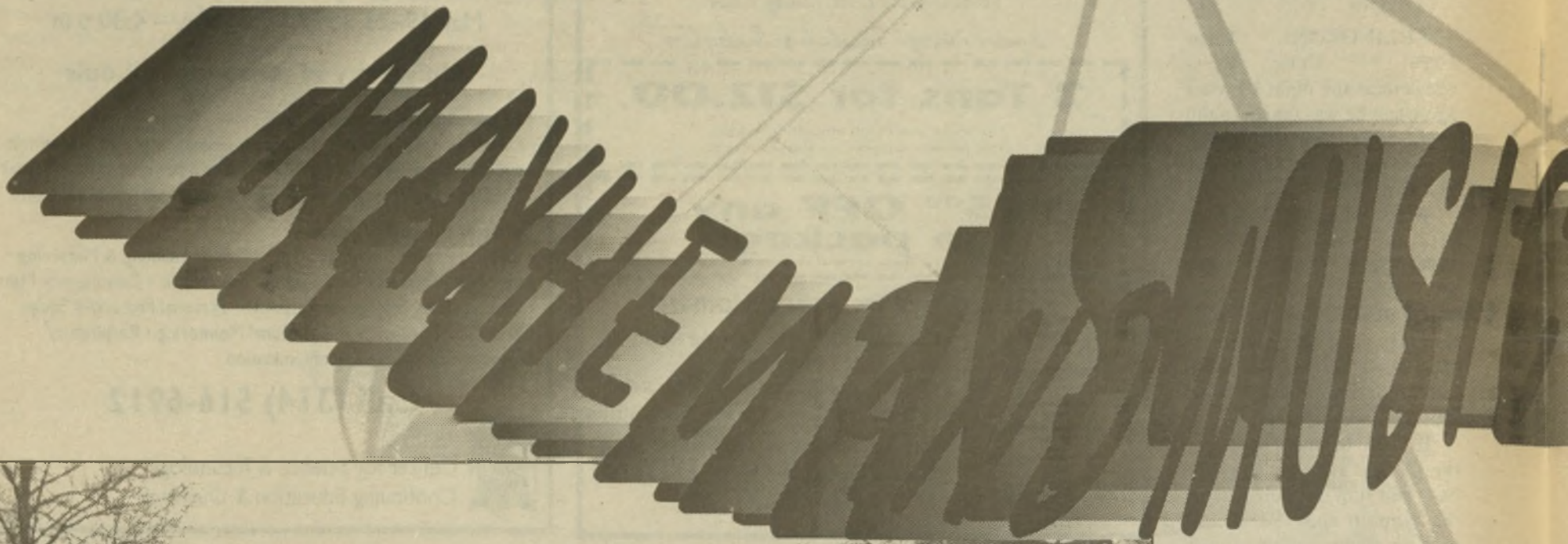
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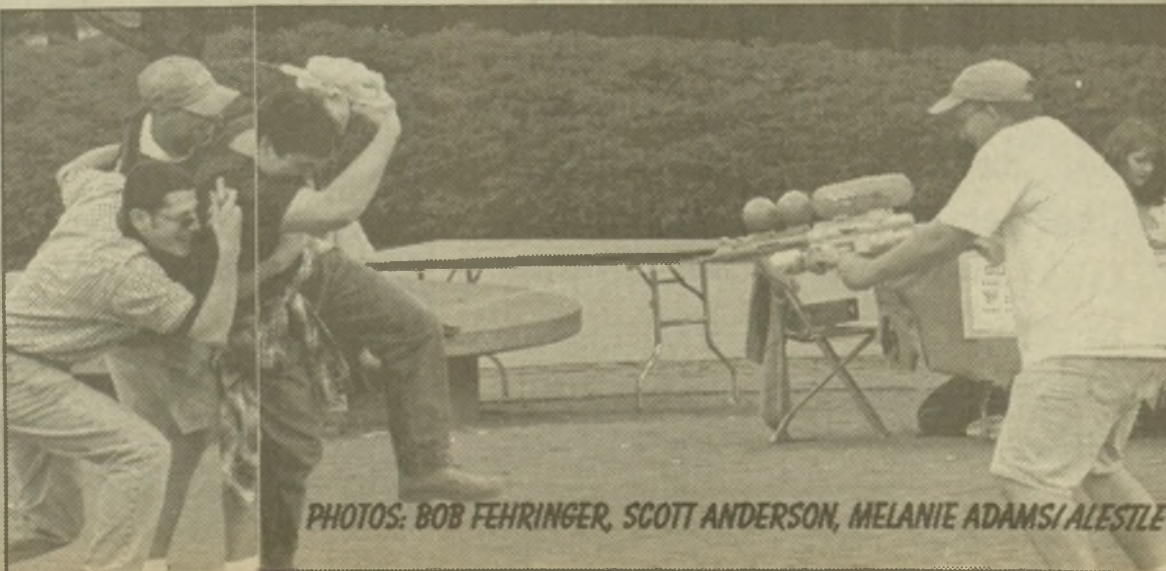
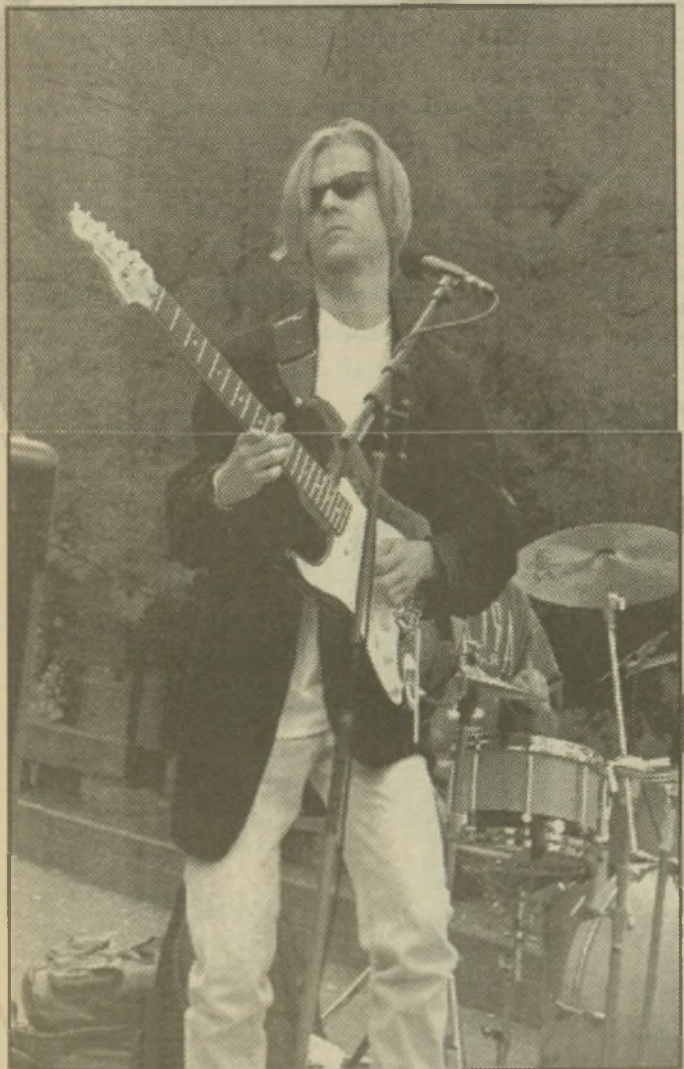
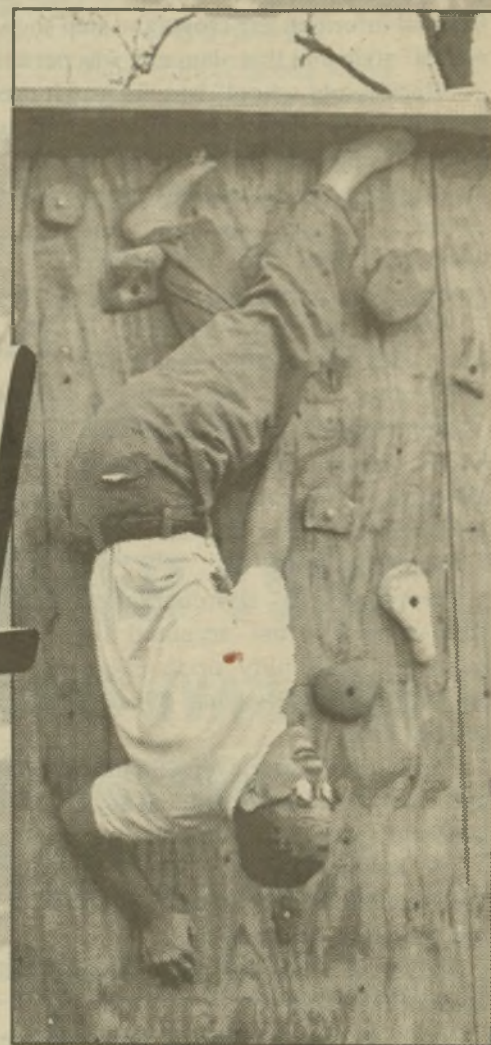
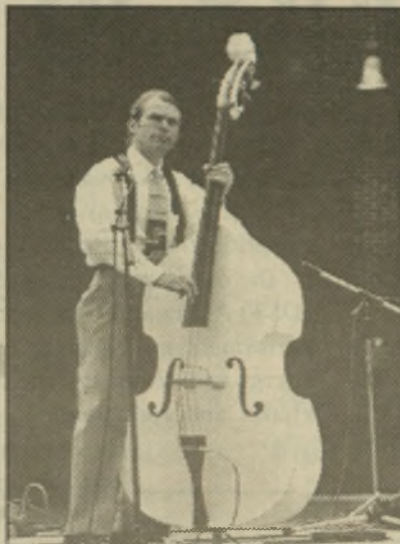
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Far right: A student hangs on
climbing wall.

Middle right: Shanty Town gets a
visitor.



AT THE CARNIVAL



Carnival sensation. Bottom right: The warm spring day gets a little bit cooler with a water-gun fight. Bottom left: Ska band The Secretaries blasted attendees with wild horns to the dancing crowd's delight. Top left: Two students pull their bodies to the limit at the Bungee Run. Left center: Youngsters and students enjoyed the food, folks and fun of the celebration. Left right: The guitar player from Sable performed current hits for the early afternoon crowd.

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Steppin' back to the 'Old School'

By Ty Norris
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

It was "Back To The Old School" Saturday at Marchdown '97.

Ramon Blakely, President of the Pan-Hellenic Council informed the crowd the step show was "old school" style and that slammin' was permitted.

"Back to old school" was the way it used to be in previous step shows. Families and friends would come to enjoy an entertaining evening. This also meant lifting the restrictions of the contest, allowing slammin' and whatever else the perspective organizations presented.

What is slammin'? Slammin' is when each organization makes fun of the other.

Members of the Pan-Hellenic Greek council had no problem adhering to the rules and stepped "old school" style to original steps.

What is stepping?

Stepping is a choreographed semi-dance routine accented by lyrics that exemplify pride in an organization or lines that slam on another group.

Participants were given 20 minutes to strut their stuff and slam one another. They were judged on harmony, appearance, difficulty and originality.

The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. (AKA), Epsilon Chapter, kicked off the show with a routine that was fresh and exciting.

They were dressed in army fatigues, adding to the effect of the routine.

"It's been a long time since we've

stepped," Davina Pulliam of AKA said.

"They've practiced really hard," Annette Tucker, member of AKA, said.

"It (the step show) was a chance for us to show the pride in our sorority," Tucker added.

The devastating ladies of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. (DST) Alpha and Omega chapters, were the second performers and executed a routine marked by high energy and dexterity. The ladies of DST, adorned in khakis and red berets, poured it on thick. These ladies rendered their routine with skill and pizzazz.

"The crowd was very responsive," Annitree Edison of DST said.

"Although we're (Greeks) competing; we're still family," Edison said.

The zealous ladies of Zeta Phi Beta were the final group in the sorority category and displayed their sisterly love as well. They broke it down to a cut by LL Cool J, fancied with kango's and all.

Back in the early '80s a

kango was a type of hat worn by LL Cool J. It meant you were "cool".

"The Marchdown represents Greek unity, something we are doing together," Audrey Smith of Zeta Phi Beta Inc. said.

"The stepping is rhythmic and closely related to the drums and dances in Africa. It's a representation of the African-American culture," Smith said.

A 10-minute intermission was given halfway through the step show and I took this chance to see

how the judges were doing.

They appeared to be a little perplexed. Why? They had a hard task ahead of them.

"It (the decision) is extremely difficult, because they are all so good," Jennifer Hamer, a judge and Professor of Sociology, said.

After the intermission it was time for the fraternities to take to the stage.

The men of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc., Midwest Regional chapter, kicked off the fraternal portion of the Marchdown.

These men proved why they are "first of all." The men performed an original routine for an audience that seemed mesmerized.

The Alphas routine involved using chairs for props in a number which simulated the sexual act. A couple ladies in the audience even expressed the desire to be one of the chairs.

"I loved it," Cathy Nicholson, a senior in Speech Communications, said.

"I felt a sense of satisfaction after all the hard work the brothers put into the practices," Demon Williams, step captain of the Alpha step team said.

The high energy from the performances of the sororities only escalated as each fraternity performed.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. better known as the "Q" dogs, shook the crowd with their showmanship and fierceness.

The "Q" dogs simply said, "nobody moves like the Q's." The Q's moved and grooved making the crowd only want more.

"It meant a lot to us. It was good experience for us and some of our young Greeks that participated,"

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The Marchdown represents Greek unity, something we are doing together.

**Audrey Smith
Zeta Phi Beta, Inc.**

Box Office Top Ten Johanson makes no 'bones' about his work with Lucy

By Ty Norris
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

On April 24, Dr. Donald C. Johanson spoke to an attentive crowd on his discoveries of what is believed to be the fossils of human origin. Globally known as an paleoanthropologist, Johanson spoke about the "Dawn of Humans."

Johanson was the last of a series of speakers in the Arts & Issues sequence.

His work is spirited and controversial at the same time. He, along with his exploration team, discovered what is believed by many to be the oldest, most complete remains of human ancestry. The discovery of "Lucy" as it is called, was made in Hadar, Ethiopia.

"We were celebrating in the camp and listening to a song by the Beatle's called "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds," so we named it Lucy," Johanson said.

"I thought it was female because it was three and-a-half feet tall," Johanson said.

The remains of "Lucy" included the entire lower jaw and post-cranium.

According to Johanson, Lucy's teeth were full so she was an adult. Her brain size

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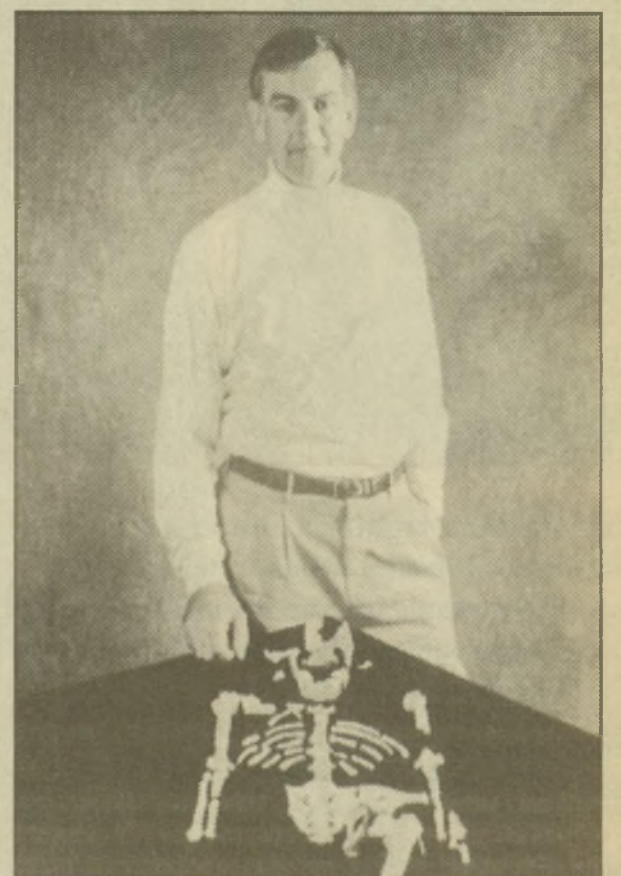


Photo courtesy of University News Services
Dr. Donald Johanson, a paleoanthropologist, displays his finding, "Lucy," possibly the oldest woman in the world.

"Volcano" and "Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion" jumped into the big time with their debuts. They knocked "Anaconda" into third place after its reign as number one for two weeks straight. "Volcano" had a pretty good opening, but it will be a struggle to make the \$90 million it cost to make the disaster epic.

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7. Grosse Point...	\$3 million
8. Scream	\$1.4 million
9. The Devil's Own	\$1.2 million
10. That Old...	\$1.1 million

Marchdown

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Shawn Round (Tree) of Omega Psi Phi said.

Two chapters of Iota Phi Theta fraternity, Inc. performed as well. The fraternity is the newest member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

"Our organization is the first to be let in in 65 years," Reggie Jones, member of Iota Phi Theta said.

These men proved with their remarkable performance that they "are building a tradition, not resting on one."

The Iotas put it plainly telling the other greeks to "move over" because an Iota was here.

Throughout the evening the greeks bounced and the crowd bounced.

"It was better than last year, we were more entertained," Shonrell Smith of Zeta Phi Beta sorority, Inc. Delta Kappa chapter, said.

"It turned out real nice," LaKeyisha Lane, a freshman majoring in Mass Communications, said.

As the evening grew later, the judges job only worsened. They had to decide who would walk away as the "step master".

"Everyone is just as good as the other," Jane Floyd-Hendey, a judge and Coordinator of Disability Support Services, said.

The participating groups took the stage... the once boisterous crowd was now quiet.

Among the participating sororities, Alpha Kappa Alpha won third place, the Zeta's won second place and the divas of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. won first place.

In the fraternal crew, Iota Phi Theta

garnered third place, with Omega Psi Phi winning second and the men of Alpha Phi Alpha winning first place.

"I thought we were going to have a lot of competition. Even though we slammed, it was all in fun," William Goldsmith, of the Alpha step team said.

"It (winning) meant a lot because it was the cumulation to a rough year of Alpha Phi Alpha," Aaron Gaskew, member of the winning step team, said.

"I felt on top of the world. It was a great experience and I enjoyed it," Gaskew said.

Members of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Inc. and Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, Inc. did not compete in the competition, but showed their support in attendance and served as monitors for the event.

Members of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority were also in attendance.

"We're excited. It's a neat experience, especially for those who don't get a chance to see it," members of Alpha Sigma Tau said.

"For Greek week in the fall we are planning an Ebony and Ivory step show," Alix-Ann Rowland, Greek Council President, said.

According to Rowland, this step show will not be competitive , but will be a chance to give the other greeks of different cultural backgrounds a chance to step.

Though there were winners, I feel as if there were no losers. The Greeks and non-Greeks all showed what true unity is, coming together to express and appreciate uniqueness and individuality.

"The marchdown showed a lot of unity. The unity among the greeks is starting to build," David Douglas of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity said.

Lucy

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was 400 cubic centimeters and she walked upright.

Dr. Johanson, along with his team, also discovered other fossils believed to be part of the Lucy family. The National Geographic Society has dubbed these fossils as the "The First Family."


"Lucy is celebrated in every anthropological textbook," Johanson said.

"There is also a commemorative stamp of Lucy in Ethiopia," he added.

Johanson is the founder of The Institute of Human Origins, an internationally acclaimed. multi-disciplinary research center.

He has returned to Hadar, Ethiopia, and discovered numerous new ancestor fossils.

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Air Ball

By Todd Spann
Sports Editor

Rodman

Back in top form. First game back, Rodman gets ejected.

Benes

The St. Louis Cardinals got a start from their ace Andy Benes, who has been on the D.L. since the start of the season, Monday night against the Giants.

The Cardinals are almost officially at full strength, so we should be able to stop saying "It's only April."

Bad Streak

All of a sudden, the SIUE baseball team has a case of the Cubs.

Of course, not as bad, but a four-game skid in college is something to be concerned about.

On Friday, the Cougars lost once to Kentucky Wesleyan. The team then lost three times to Southern Indiana starting on Saturday and ending on Monday.

Head Coach Gary Collins said, "We had a bad Friday. We had a bad Saturday. Pitching was bad, defense was bad and there wasn't good enough hitting."

Asked if anything good came out of this weekend he said, "Nobody got hurt."

Week in sports

This has been a very good week for sports.

Ken Griffey Jr. broke the record for most home runs in April with 13.

Rex Chapman broke the most three pointers in a playoff game.

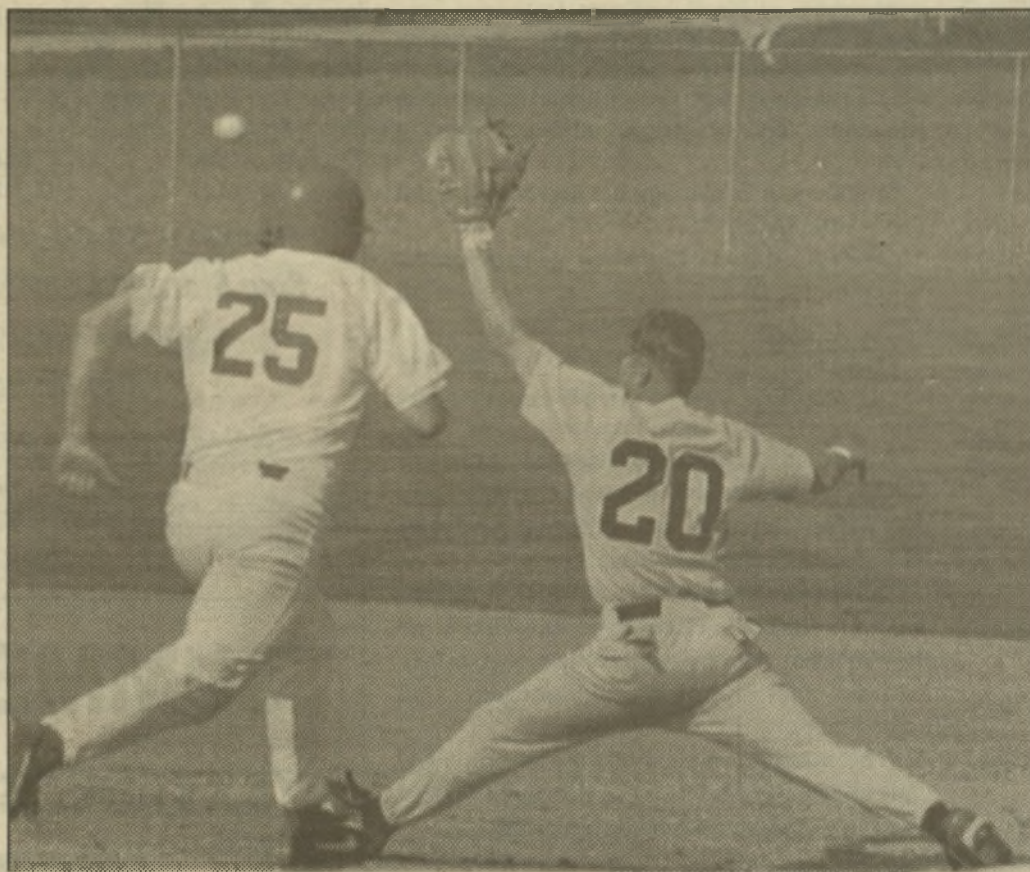
Jordan once again scored fifty-plus points in a playoff game.

Matt Williams tied the record for homeruns in a two-game stretch with five.

There has to be a strike coming on somewhere. This is going too well.

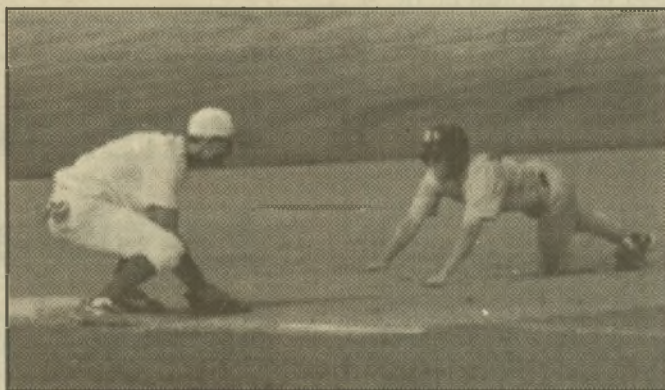
SIUE 6, Southern Indiana 7

Cougars can't buy a win



Chris Clayton/Alestle

Ryan Crawford tries to beat the throw to first base and Jesse Bugger (below) attempts to tag out a Screaming Eagle in Monday's afternoon game against Southern Indiana.



Todd Spann/Alestle

Southern Indiana loss marks fourth in a row for SIUE

By Todd Spann
Sports Editor

Southern Indiana came into campus Monday afternoon looking to defeat the Cougars for the third straight time in as many games.

The Screaming Eagles, riding a seven-game win streak, brought their scrappy play into Roy E. Lee Field.

The Cougars fell behind early in the contest, 3-0, but were led back by a three-run blast by first baseman Steve Davis to go ahead 5-3.

But not to soon after that, the Screaming Eagles went ahead for good with four more runs taking a 7-5 lead.

The Cougars scored one more in the seventh but were shut down in the final innings.

"They just outplayed us in every way," Head Coach Gary Collins said after the defeat. "We didn't pitch well and we didn't field well."

The Cougars dropped their fourth game in a row Monday, and all coach Collins could say is they go out and get back at it on Saturday.

On Saturday the Cougars go to Romeoville, Ill., to play Lewis for a double header and then play two at Quincy on Sunday.

The Cougars have fallen to 16-7 in the conference and 29-14 overall.

“They just outplayed us in every way.”

Head coach Gary Collins

Softball

Victories in round robin keep post-season in grasp

By Brett Licata
Assistant Sports Editor

Domination of three Great Lakes Valley Conference teams gives SIUE that much more of a chance to qualifying for regionals.

In the process, Montgomery picked up her 300th career win in the triumph.

"It's nice to achieve those things, but I give all the credit to my team," Montgomery said. "This is a great group to coach. This has been a very enjoyable season."

The Lady Cougars softball team hosted a round-robin tournament on Saturday which included Quincy, Southern Indiana, and Northern Kentucky.

Junior pitcher Deanna Smith notched her 12th victory of the year in a 4-1 SIUE win over Quincy.

East Alton's Jamie Thorp put the Cougars on the board in the second inning when she singled home freshman Kim Wagner. Wagner pinch-ran for Hamel's Christy Perry who had doubled.

After Quincy managed to tie the contest in the third inning, SIUE came back with two runs in the fifth. Senior catcher Kim Darrow scored the game-winning run on a single by Collinsville's Gwen Jackson. Erica Connett added another insurance run in the seventh when she singled-in Jackson.

The Lady Cougars outlasted Northern Kentucky in the second game, 4-3. Connett started the second inning with a single. Perry picked up the RBI when she doubled home Kim Wagner, who pinch-ran for Connett. Newark's Lisa Ness pinch-ran for Perry and scored on an error by the catcher.

Northern Kentucky answered in the bottom of the

Softball collects honors for solid year

From Sports Information

With a second-place finish at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Softball Championships, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville collected additional hardware over the weekend.

Seniors Jennifer Smith and Kim Darrow and junior Gwen Jackson were the SIUE selections to the all-conference team. The players were not the only Cougars honored as Sandy Montgomery was tabbed Coach of the Year.

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Honors

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Runner-up in last year's GLVC Player of the Year voting, Smith makes a second appearance on the team. The former Collinsville High School standout is batting .278 with 37 hits, seven doubles, three triples and a team-leading 31 runs batted in. The slick-fielding shortstop owns a fielding percentage of .946.

Montgomery said Smith has been a big factor to the Cougars' success.

"Jennifer is one of the best defensive shortstops we have had here in quite some time," Montgomery said. "Because of our style of pitching, a lot of balls come her way, and she has done the job well."

In her second year at SIUE, Washington's Darrow has started all 43 games behind the plate. The Illinois Central College transfer has put together 29 hits and 16 RBIs for a .282 batting average. While stealing 10 of 11 bases, she has gunned down 19 of 30 would-be basestealers.

"Kim is one of the top catchers in the country," Montgomery said. "She calls an excellent game and it was evident again this past weekend."

A newcomer to the Cougars, Jackson has made an immediate impact, leading the team with .328 batting average. The Belleville Area College transfer has collected 42 hits, eight doubles, team-leading four triples and 29 RBIs. The designated player in the Cougar lineup leads the team with 15 stolen bases.

Montgomery said Jackson utilizes her quickness effectively.

"Gwen had some outstanding weekends in conference play," Montgomery said. "Her speed is unstoppable, which allows her to beat out ground balls and make things happen."

Softball

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second inning with two runs of their own. SIUE struck in the sixth when Perry hit a sacrifice fly to score freshman Kari Franzen. Darrow walked to start the seventh, and senior Jenny Hagel doubled to advance her to third. Hagel scored when Jackson flied to center-field to put SIUE up 4-2.

Pinckneyville's Jessica Silbe gave up a run in the final inning, but managed to close out Northern Kentucky to pick up her 16th win.

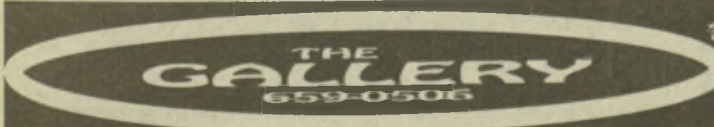
"They just keep coming at you. They have good outfielders who run down a lot of balls," head coach Sandy Montgomery said. "This was a must-win game and we pulled it out."

Silbe took the mound again in the final game of the day against Southern Indiana. SIUE started the onslaught with a nine-run first inning. Jackson and Michele Sucich of Newark each had two RBIs in the inning. Pinckneyville's Jenny Hagel, shortstop Jennifer Smith, Perry and Connett each contributed one RBI in the first. SIUE went on to down Southern Indiana 9-4.

"We ripped them in the first, but we weren't as intense the rest of the game," Montgomery said. "It wasn't the prettiest seven innings, but we held on."

The Cougars take on Missouri-Rolla today and Indianapolis University/Purdue University-Indianapolis this Friday on Senior Day to end their regular season. SIUE will try to add on to their 35-13 overall record.

"These are both very good programs," Montgomery said. "We just need to play to our capabilities."



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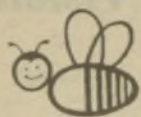
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Crossroads, T.R.I.G.G.A., Phazes, Da Erasa. I love all of you. S.N.I.P.E.R.

ΔΣΘ ΔΣΘ ΔΣΘ ΔΣΘ S.N.A.K.E.S remember to keep the Mercedes polished to a shine. Phenomenal

OO-OOP! TO all of my ships of D.S.M.A.F.I.A., it was a long hard road but we made it! I love you all! Always, Phazes #10.

D.S.M.A.F.I.A., THE coldest line produced this spring. Keep it real. Not - nor -- not -- it's DST. If you do know, you're not to understand! Oo-oop #12 Baby T.

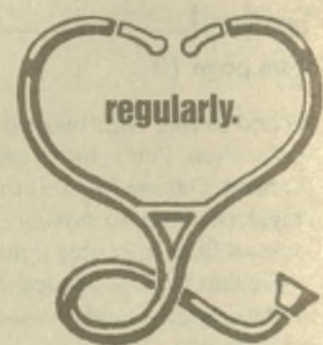
COME OUT and get your car washed by the Ladies of ΔΦΕ on Sat. at Shell on 159 and Glen Carbon Rod. ΔΦΕ

CONGRATS TO my ships D.S.M.A.F.I.A. Kenyatta Brienne Mystique Nakia Nerlean Markida LaShawn Tiffany G. LaTasha J. Audrey H. and Tiana! With all ΔΣΘ and my love! Always, Nicole W.

TO MY sorors, never doubt that the torch will burn forever. Anything less than #1 would be CAT-astraphic. Oo-oop D.S.M.F.I.A #12 Da Erasa. PS. Hi Angie S.

ΣΤΙ JAMES, is it better the second time? Vomit, puke, hurl, ralph, regurgitate.

Have a heart to heart with your doctor...



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