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Prices, variety increase in food court

BY BRIAN WHITTLE
NEWS REPORTER

Food services raised prices an average of 3 percent this semester while increasing the variety of food.

"We try to figure out what the best prices are before the semester starts and don't raise prices in the middle of the semester," Jim McDermott, business manager for food services, said.

"We have increased the quality and variety of food since last semester," Bill Canney, assistant director for dining, said. Canney cited the salad bar as an example of the increase in food.

"Last year the salad bar did not offer as much choice. This year we have a large variety of salad and more toppings for the salad," he said. The salad bar has about one-and-a-half times the variety from last

year, according to Canney.

Canney added that prices are examined at the end of the fiscal year, which is in July, and between semesters. Prices are also looked at around mid-semester, but students do not have to worry about overnight price changes, he said.

On occasion, prices on some items do increase during the semester such as for fresh fruit.

Food services decides on its own price increases and then submits the changes to the student affairs office and the vice chancellor. McDermott said student affairs and the vice chancellor have the authority to veto changes but have never exercised that right.

McDermott added that some prices had not been looked in a few years and were ready for a price change. The price

charged for hot food from the serving bar had not been changed in a couple of years, he said. The price went from 22 cents per ounce to 28 cents this semester, which is almost a 30 percent hike. The salad bar also went from 22 cents per ounce to 25 cents per ounce, which is an almost 14 percent increase.

McDermott said finding an appropriate price for hot plates is difficult because quite a number of items are offered at just one price.



Jennifer A. Green/Alestle

Students, faculty and staff dish out more cash for food.

"We need to at least break even and many of the price changes are due to inflation," McDermott said. "We try to keep prices at a moderate level."

New era for SIUE engineering



Sheri McWhirter/Alestle

The \$21 million, 129,000-square-foot Engineering Building, which was formally dedicated Wednesday by SIU Interim President Frank Horton (above), has 43 classrooms for 985 engineering students. The engineering department has seen a 21-percent increase in engineering majors.

Highest enrollment in 25 years

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

SIUE total enrollment surpassed 12,000 for the first time since 1975.

The increase in students is due to "planned growth," according to Chancellor David Werner. He attributed the increase to the growing number of high school seniors and the number who are attending college.

SIUE has been planning for the expected growth for a while by building residence halls and new buildings. Werner also said SIUE has increased its recruiting efforts to attract more students.

SIUE has a target enrollment of 13,500 by 2005.

The enrollment has grown by about 300 students each year since 1997 and reached 12,016 this year.

The number of freshmen increased by 144 students since last year while the number of full-time-equivalent students was up by 433 students.

The School of Engineering had the biggest increase in students with about 20 percent more students declaring majors in that department, from 815 last year to 984.

"I think it's great," Dean of Students Randy Rock said. "It's wonderful to have a campus that is alive and active."

SIUE now has 2,610 graduate students, up from 2,564 last year.

Textbooks get new home

BY MAUREEN HAGRMAN
NEWS REPORTER

Students may eventually find it easier and faster to get textbooks thanks to a \$550,000 project to relocate Textbook Service to a parking lot near the Cougar Lake recreation area.

Finding architects for the new building is one of the topics for discussion Thursday by the SIU board of trustees. The meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. in the Engineering Building auditorium.

According to Chancellor David Werner, the new facility will provide convenience and a faster way of getting books.

"It will be by Cougar Lake recreation center," Werner said. "Students can walk or drive there and pick up books and not have to carry them a long distance. ... The setup would be similar to a grocery store. Students could pull them off the shelf and not have to wait in line like they do now. And it will free up an additional 6,000 feet in the library."

Textbook Service will move from the basement of Lovejoy Library to a new facility in parking lot 15. The building will have 9,000 square feet.

According to the BOT rationale, the new building is necessary to free up space in Lovejoy for "more efficient operation of its services." The project will be funded by SIUE income funds, Lovejoy Library Foundation funds and Textbook Service revenue. The board approved a new textbook building at a meeting last September.

Also on the agenda Thursday are the renovations to the Morris University Center.

The board is seeking a firm to develop final plans and specifications for the \$19.3 million renovations, which will be financed from the sale of 20-year revenue bonds. The renovations will include infrastructure improvements and a wholesale remodeling of the food court as well as adding more amenities for students.

Interim President Frank Horton said MUC renovations are in the first phase of activity and are moving ahead. Horton said the final architectural plans will be constructed to serve the needs of the students.

Horton also said the need for renovations on SIU campuses is great.

The campuses are "falling behind in renovations and new construction on campus. The projects are not going to go away," he said.

Horton said the Morris Library at SIUC and the Science Building at SIUE are on the top of the priority list. Some \$200 million is needed, he said, and renovations will be completed in a systematic way over the years.

The board members will also address the sexual harassment policy on SIU's campuses.

According to Horton, after new Supreme Court decisions, many sexual harassment policies on college campuses need slight changes. Horton said the changes to the SIU policy are simply "fine tuning."

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Carnival offers fun and career info

BY MIKE TERRY
NEWS STRINGER

Students got a chance to learn more about their futures at the Career Development Center's second annual Career Carnival Tuesday in the Stratton Quadrangle.

The carnival gave students a chance to play games and win prizes while counselors handed out information about what the CDC has to offer.

"This will allow students the opportunity to find out who we are, where we are located and what resources we provide," said Jeff Griffith, a CDC counselor.

Students began at "Mark Your Major," where they would spin a wheel and try to land on

their chosen profession.

In "Toss for Training," students could take shots at winning degrees, get caught plagiarizing or even end up on probation.

At "Putt for Paycheck," students hit golf balls to determine their salaries.

More than 400 prizes, including T-shirts, bubble-blowing pens, hats, cups and calendars, were donated by employers that work with the CDC to help students find careers.

The final game of the afternoon was "Who Wants to Be a Career Millionaire?"

A volunteer was selected to answer 11 questions on career issues. Just as in the popular

television show, the contestant was given lifelines and could ask a friend, poll the audience or take a 50/50 chance.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, the CDC will present the IMAGE seminar in the Mississippi-Illinois Room on the second floor of the Morris University Center. The cost is \$10 per person and reservations must be made by Friday, Dec. 15.

Attendees will be able to exchange information with employers and talk with career development specialists.

Topics covered by the speakers at the seminar will include interviewing, techniques, job searching, dressing for success and surviving the first year on the job.

Campus Scanner

Art Show: "Small Works," an exhibition of paintings by Thomas Paquette, who earned a master of fine arts degree at SIUE in 1988, will run through Friday, Oct. 6, in the Morris University Center Gallery. The exhibition is presented by the University Museum with the support of the Friends of Art.

Vote: The SIUE Student Leadership Development Program and Volunteer Services will sponsor a voter registration drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Friday in the Morris University Center.

SBDC: The 12-session Woman Entrepreneur Training Program is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Nov. 27, with instructor Joanne Jung. The \$275 fee includes guest speakers and group interaction. The session will be conducted in Room 1101 of 200 University Park. For more information, call the SBDC at 650-2929.

Laughs: Comedian Kevin Naughton will preside over Just for Laughs at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Cougar Den of the Morris University Center. Naughton has performed at comedy clubs around the country, including The Funny Bone and The Improv. The program, sponsored by the University Center Board, is free and open to the public.

Colloquium: Joe Feagin, graduate research professor at the University of Florida and a Pulitzer Prize nominee, will speak at the College of Arts and Sciences Colloquium at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Katherine Dunham Hall theater. Feagin, president of the American Sociological Association, will speak about "Racism and the Coming White Minority." The colloquium is free and open to the public.



MODULES Leadership Modules Held on Tuesday

9/19/00

Module 13, 2:00 p.m.
Effective Meetings
Dave Heth, Director Financial Affairs SIUE
MUC - Faculty Club

9/19/00

Module 3, 6:30 p.m.
Community Service: Opportunities & Responsibilities
Kathy Engelken, Illinois Campus Compact for Community Service
MUC - Faculty Club

9/26/00

Module 14, 2:00 p.m.
Major Influences in the Political Process
Sen. James Clayborne, Illinois Senate District 57
MUC - Faculty Club

9/26/00

Module 4, 6:30 p.m.
Effective Communication
Cherie Hambleton, Campus Chaplain
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SLDP Reminders....

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September 23 - Share Food Co-op, Granite City, IL
September 25 - Haiti Connection Fundraiser Kiel
October 14 - Beverly Farms, Godfrey, IL
October 7 & 14 - Fairmont City/Washington Park (preparation)
October 21 - Fairmont City/Washington Park Health Fair
October 4 - Oktoberfest Career and Volunteer Fair, Morris University Center

For More Information contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686 or visit the website at www.siu.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP



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Diversity is welcome, when we want it



I am disappointed in this university.
 Of course I am talking about SIUE's refusal to hire Sean McClearey for the police force. It seems this place of cultural diversity and understanding has crumbled around us.

I remember when I was little and my mom worked in university housing, she had a shirt that read "Where diversity comes together." At first, I didn't know what this meant, but I began to understand that it means SIUE is a place where different people can come and be bound together without divisive differences of black or white, male or female.

The university still touts its cultural diversity to this day, but now there is a hollow ring to the talk. Mind you, there are great programs that do diversify our campus and bring different cultures together, but it is the times when we disregard cultural differences that will always stand out.

Sean McClearey is capable of being a SIUE police officer. Once that fact is out of the way, it is necessary to ask one question. Why isn't he an SIUE police officer?

Because, according to university spokesman Keith Nichols, "hiring is based on experience and appearance."

This is disturbing, and a bit ironic. Why would the university base hiring policies on appearance. Especially when Sean's father, Kevin McClearey is the associate dean of graduate studies and has a prominent tattoo on his left hand and forearm. If we are basing hiring policies on appearance, then how did Kevin McClearey get his job?

From all the feedback I have ever gotten about Kevin McClearey and from talking to him, I have found he is a great person and does a good job in graduate studies. Apparently, even with tattoos, he is still able to do his job effectively.

I can't believe someone at this university would use appearance as a basis for hiring. I thought we learned in the first grade that it wasn't important what a person looked like. It is what is on the inside that counts. I would hate to find out I was qualified for a job, but wasn't given a chance because someone disliked my hair or the way I dress.

Keith Nichols also said that if he were stopped, he would not be sure a person with tattoos was really a police officer. I'm sorry, Mr. Nichols, but I have to disagree. I think the badge, uniform, squad car and gun would be enough for me.

And who's to say a police officer can't have tattoos. I'm sure there are many officers in the country who have tattoos, SIUE Police Chief Richard Harrison even said some of his officers have tattoos.

Hopefully the university can take a look at its own practices and make better decisions in the future. I find it sad that we base perception of people on the way they look.

And as for Keith Nichols and anyone who was in on the decision not to hire Sean McClearey: Stereotypes are ugly. Let's hope they never come back to haunt you.

Brian Wallheimer
 Editor in Chief

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In light of the recent posting of a safety alert from campus police I would like to pose a couple of questions for thought. It seems interesting to me that there have not been any alerts regarding assaults by white individuals on this campus. I find it hard to believe that they have not occurred. Is it because there is a degree of racial profiling going on here? Perhaps what is considered an assault could be a matter of semantics if a white man had been involved.

I was assaulted once by a white, male co-worker who filled my office door space preventing any way of escape and insisting on knowing the source of some information I had shared with a faculty committee regarding some concerns about racism by an individual being considered for employment. The co-worker was huge and outranked me. I felt very intimidated and harassed and frightened by his presence and his demands.

Of course I knew my assailant, there was no physical contact (thank God), and I was in a very public place where I could have been heard if I had screamed. In fact, in a manner of speech, I did scream, and nothing was done.

I just could not help but wonder that if the suspect in question on the police alert had been white, would the young lady have reported it? And if she did report it, would the police have posted the alert?

Food for thought -

Dr. Judy Johnson

Special Education and Communications Disorders

Dear Editor:

What happened to Sean McClearey, according to the current statement of events, is difficult to fathom. The tattoo I sport on my ankle is occasionally visible to my students, but this dab of subcutaneous ink has not prompted them to question my qualifications, to ask "Is she really a professor," or to drop out of SIUE. The decision not to hire, as it has been explained thus far, is profoundly troubling.

There is simply no need to discredit individuals in such a way, be it body art, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, ability, hair do, size, age, etc.

Carolyn Epple
 Anthropology

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If you've ever wanted to write a letter to the editor but couldn't find a pen and paper, the Alestle has another option for you.

The Alestle sound-off line is operational and waiting for calls. Similar to sound-off lines at other newspapers, the Alestle's new comment line is there 24 hours a day, seven days a week waiting for you to call and sound off. The number is 841001, from any campus phone.

All calls are anonymous, regardless of any identification given. However, because calls are anonymous, the Alestle reserves the right to edit all comments.

At the end of each day, all comments will be transcribed and printed in a new sound-off section in the next edition of the Alestle on the editorial page.

So, if you don't want to write a letter to the editor, feel free to call and sound off.

You may have noticed major errors throughout the Alestle pages this semester. We apologize for these mistakes. The Alestle uses an Edwardsville newspaper to print the issues and the errors are being made by the printer. Again, the Alestle apologizes for these mistakes. We are doing everything within our power to correct the situation.



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PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT & COMICS

Lives

The Freshman Experience

A continuing saga from the author

BY ANDREW LEHMAN
NEWS EDITOR

Without close friends, the first weeks of college would be nearly impossible to complete.

Fortunately for me, my best friend came to school here, too. She is probably the only person who knows everything about me. It is a wonderful thing to know a person like that, and I feel blessed that I have someone like her in my life. Without her, I don't know if I would have survived my first week.

She was the only person I knew in any of my classes that first week. That was scary. I came from a high school with 2,000 students, but I always knew someone in each class. I always had a pretty good idea who everybody was. I was not popular by any means, but I was nice and showed respect to my fellow students, and they frequently returned the favor.

My two other closest friends went away to school. One went to Millikin University and the other to Quincy University. Within a week

of their departure, I was running up the phone bill. I called them both. Two of the three people that I care about the most outside my family were gone.

That was tough.

Luckily, my best friend stuck around. I felt more fortunate than some of the other people I had met. There is a girl in my English class who does not know anyone here. She only lives an hour away and makes the trip home every weekend. I imagine those circumstances are even harder than mine.

I cannot imagine not knowing a single soul on campus.

My creativity helped me get through, as well. I am an artist and have always used my sketches, paintings and stories to escape reality for a while. The comic strips that I created helped me gain acceptance with the Alestle staff.

The strips also helped me get to know people better. A few people in my English class recognized the name and complimented me on the strip. They wait in suspense for each

LIFE AFTER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Voter Registration Drive

10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Morris University Center

Student Leadership Development Program and Volunteer Services

Mid-day Madness featuring E.M. Grueve

12:00 noon

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

United Campus Ministry - Spiritual Growth Group

7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m., Religious Center

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Cougar Den, Morris University Center

The Orion String Quartet

7:30p.m., Dunham Hall Theater

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Voter Registration Drive

Morris University Center

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5:30p.m., Korte Stadium

Women's Soccer - SIUE vs. Bellarmine

7:30p.m., Korte Stadium

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Cougar Den, Morris University Center

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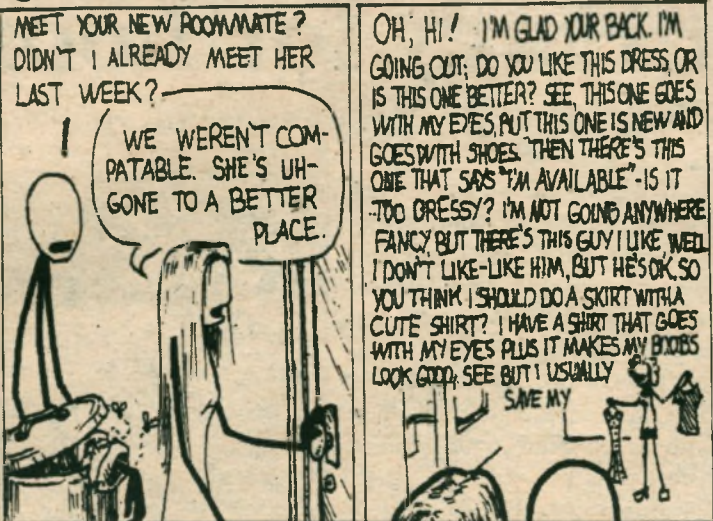
Yet I don't know if I could have completely pulled through without my best friend. I told her about my horrendous week. She reassured me by telling me that her brothers felt the same way about their first week. Now, her eldest brother is an art teacher and paints in Oregon. Her other brother works on the lighting designs for plays in Omaha. So, there is still hope for me.

Without her reassurances and those of my other friends, I surely would have crashed and burned after that first week. Friends are some of the most important people you can have in your life. William Shakespeare once wrote, "But if the while I think on thee, dear friend, all losses are restored, and sorrows end."

Shakespeare was always on top of things.

STICKMAN

Cynthia Kruchten



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2000 ◆

Tennis courts not ready for home opener

Construction delays force women's team to play first two home matches at Edwardsville High School

BY KUMAR BHOOSHAN
SPORTS STRINGER

For the second year in a row, the Lady Cougar tennis team will have to find home court advantage away from home.

Due to construction delays, SIUE will play its first home match at Edwardsville High School instead of the SIUE courts.

"We were promised last year the courts would be done," said Kim Mulherin, the lone senior on the team. "Now, they may not be done until Sept. 25."

Currently the Lady Cougars not only practice tennis, but they also practice sharing.

They have to share the courts with the men's tennis team and the Metro East Lutheran High School tennis team when they have matches.

"We have been kicked off the courts four times this year because of high school matches," Mulherin said.

With so many people using the same courts at relatively the same time, the team has been forced to adjust.

"It's crowded, but we manage by coming in earlier, and the men's team comes in later," sophomore Keli Keener said.

The \$188,000 project has seen some unforeseen delays,

according to Mohammad Rouf, campus engineer.

"Minor errors in the construction so far have taken longer than we thought to fix," Rouf said. "First it was the location of the posts, and that set production back a month."

Rouf said that the "minor errors" will be taken care of and that courts will be done soon.

"The courts are projected to be completed in 10 working days, weather permitting," Rouf said.

"These types of courts need five different finishes and the weather must hold up," Rouf explained. "You can't put a coat of finish on if it rains because it takes time to set."

The money for the construction of the courts came from the state of Illinois, according to Vice Chancellor of Administration Kenneth Neher.

Rouf said that these kinds of tennis courts have never been used at SIUE.

The courts should be done for the team's next home match against the University of Southern Indiana on Friday, Sept. 29.

The Lady Cougars play their first home match this Saturday against Indiana University Purdue University-Fort Wayne and the University of Indianapolis.

Last year the Ladydons fell

to SIUE in the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament semifinals but finished last year in a tie for second in conference regular season play with the Lady Cougars.

IUPU-Fort Wayne comes into this weekend's matchup with SIUE below .500 with a record of 2-3.

But, the Ladydons are led by three seniors, including Dawn Caryer and Jenna Harmeyer. Both players received All-GLVC honors last year as juniors.

"From what we hear, they are very strong this year," Keener said. "But we also feel that we are stronger this year."

The Lady Cougars will be trying to avenge a 5-4 loss to IUPU-Fort Wayne in regular season play last year.

Next the Lady Cougars face the University of Indianapolis Lady Cougars. Indianapolis finished right in the middle of conference play last year with a 6-4 record.

Last year SIUE defeated Indianapolis not only in regular season play (6-3), but Indianapolis fell to the Lady Cougars in the GLVC quarterfinals as well.

The IUPU-Fort Wayne match will start at 9 a.m. and the Indianapolis match is scheduled to start 2:30 p.m. at Edwardsville High School.



Anurag Gupta/Alestle

Two laborers work on the new SIUE tennis courts. The courts were to be done by this weekend, but delays have pushed the date back.

SIUE soccer team will try to defend home turf this weekend in GLVC play

BY CARRIE CARDUCCI
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE men's soccer team will have to do some fancy footwork this weekend at home as it looks to improve on its less-than-average record.

The Cougars will face Bellarmine College on Friday and Kentucky Wesleyan University on Sunday.

Bellarmino will come into Friday's game with a 2-1-0 record.

The Knights are the fourth best in the Great Lakes Valley Conference in team defense, giving up less than one goal per game.

Last season, the Cougars defeated the Knights rather handily 4-0.

"It's important that our

players don't concentrate too much on last year's scores," head coach Ed Huneke said. "We have to respect every opponent, but we have to expect to win."

In Bellarmine's two wins so far this season, goalkeeper Ben Ratterman posted shutouts in both games.

This will be the first conference game of the season for both teams, and Huneke is hoping his team can start off on the right foot.

"This is a high priority in our season," Huneke said.

After a day off on Saturday, SIUE will face Kentucky Wesleyan on Sunday afternoon at Bob Guelker Field.

One focus for the SIUE defense on Sunday will be Wesleyan senior forward

Panicos Orthodoxou, who is leading the team with three points on the season.

"We weren't able to scout either of these teams, so we're emphasizing to read the game as it presents itself and make the necessary adjustments," Huneke said.

Last season, SIUE defeated the Panthers 2-0.

The Cougars are at an uncharacteristic 2-3-1 so far in 2000, but Huneke hopes that record will improve during conference play.

This weekend's play will end a four-game homestand for SIUE, which will go on the road next weekend.

Friday's match will begin at 5:30 p.m., and Sunday's match will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Bob Guelker Field.

SIUE starts conference play in Kentucky this weekend

BY RICK CROSSIN
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE volleyball team will try to use this weekend's games to get back on track after a tough two weeks of play.

The Lady Cougars have lost six matches in row, and head coach Joe Fisher is hoping the team can bounce back this weekend.

SIUE will kick off Great Lakes Valley Conference play against Kentucky Wesleyan College on the road on Friday.

"Ideally this is the situation that we want to be in," head coach Joe Fisher said. "Open on the road against a couple of average teams in the conference and try to get back on track."

KWC is 6-2 on the season, after losing to Bellarmine College in four games on Tuesday.

After Friday's match, SIUE will travel to Louisville, Ky., to take on Bellarmine on Saturday.

Bellarmino comes into this weekend's action at 3-5 and more importantly 0-4 in the region.

"Bellarmino usually plays us tough against us," Fisher said. The Lady Cougars had

Bellarmino's number last season, defeating the Lady Knights in three games during conference play.

This season may be more of the same.

Fisher knows his team is struggling right now and has to do some things to keep his team together and on the same page.

"We've done some team-building things also just to keep the team together," Fisher said.

"We haven't gotten to the point, and I hope we never do, where finger-pointing occurs."

SIUE has tried a few new things to get back on the winning track, one of which is intensifying its practices.

"We changed practice structure a little bit," Fisher said. "We ran some more intense drills and more continuous movement activities with not as much downtime. Those two things will make a big difference."

Fisher said he hasn't pinpointed one particular problem that has led to SIUE's struggles.

"I don't think it has been any huge strategic problem," Fisher said. "It's always one or two minor skill things or mental breakdowns."

Golf team travels north to play in second match

SIUE makes a stop in Normal for two-day tourney

BY BRANDEN PETERSON
SPORTS STRINGER

The women's golf team will face some tough competition at the Illinois Wesleyan University Invitational this weekend.

The invitational will be very competitive since the Lady Cougars will be against some Division I teams.

And to make it tougher the top two teams in the conference, University of Indianapolis and Lewis University, will be at the tourney.

Coach Larry Bennett is expecting good things from all his players this weekend but especially looking to freshman Katie Farrell to do well. Farrell led the team at the Kentucky Wesleyan Invitational last week, shooting an 84.

Other players to look out for are freshmen Kristi Novak and Kacy Gruenkemeyer.

Novak shot a 91 in the team's first event, while Gruenkemeyer shot a 99.

This invitational will also give some of the players, who did not compete last week, a

chance to show their abilities.

One of them will be sophomore Nonie Ehlke. Ehlke is a transfer student from Rend Lake College and will get her first chance to play for SIUE this weekend.

"She has a year of college golf under her belt, so I'm looking for her to produce something," Bennett said.

Even though Ehlke missed last week's competition, she seems ready to show everyone what's she made of.

Out of a 22-team field, there are three Division II teams: Lewis, SIUE and University of Indianapolis.

All the Division II teams competing are from the Great Lakes Valley Conference. There are also four Division III teams that were in the Division III championship finals.

Those teams are Illinois Wesleyan University, Knox College in Galesburg, Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., and Franklin College in Franklin, In..

With all the competition this weekend, the Lady Cougars will have their hands full.

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