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Honoring 9/11

TRAVIS L. ROSS
NEWS REPORTER

Students gathered around the Rock in the Stratton Quadrangle Wednesday to reflect on the terrorist attacks that stunned the United States of America Sept. 11, 2001.

SIUE Chancellor David Werner had words of reassurance and inspiration to offer to the solemn crowd.

"Today we come together as a community to mark the tragedy that occurred one year ago this morning," Werner said. "We will always remember watching in horror as the second plane crashed into the World Trade Center, confirming that the first crash was no accident.

"Who can forget the black holes in the World Trade Center? Who can forget the images of people running through the

streets of Manhattan as the buildings crashed behind them? Who can forget the scars in the earth left by the plane crash in northern Pennsylvania? Who can forget the relievers' call of 'lets roll' as they went after terrorists? Who can forget the search dogs combing rooms and searching for signs of life? Who could think this nation would not choose to rebuild and who could doubt the fiber of the American character?" he said.

"The Pentagon has been repaired and the scars in northern Pennsylvania are healing," Werner said. "Today let us remember those who died on Sept. 11."

Senior Akbar Ahmedov said the ceremony brought students together and made them really think about what happened one year ago and what unity is.

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Top Left: A fireman talks to some children at the ceremony on the Stratton Quadrangle.

Top Right: The Rock is painted the colors of the American flag. A student reads a poem placed near the Rock.

Bottom: Students, faculty and staff bow in prayer during the ceremony.

CATHY CRATER AND
STEPHANIE ANDERSON/ALESTLE

Shimkus and Phelps to debate in Dunham

Republican
John Shimkus

Shimkus has
served in
Congress
since 1996



Gun Control:

John Shimkus said the Second Amendment to the Constitution guarantees Americans the right to own guns. He believes restricting guns will not reduce crime.

Education:

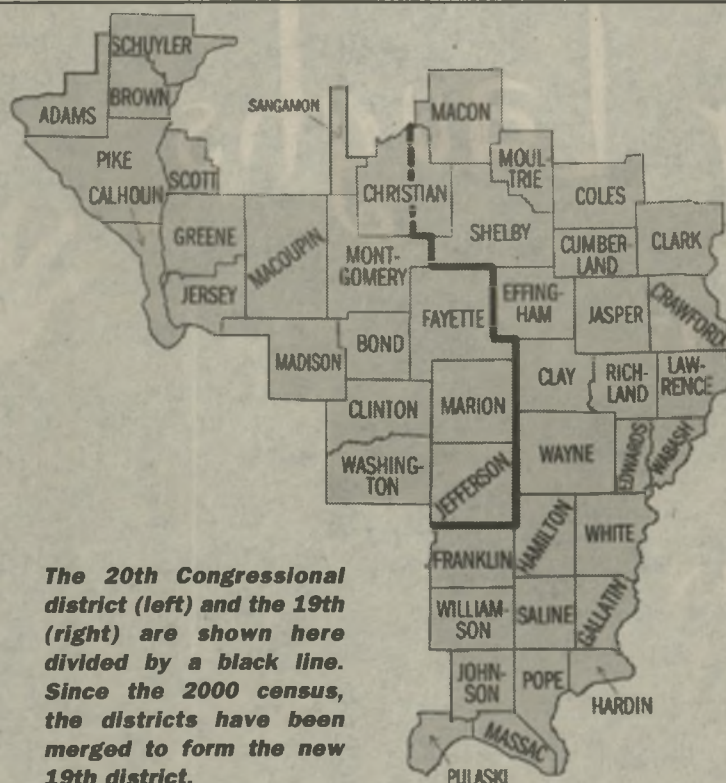
Shimkus was a co-sponsor of President George W. Bush's education plan, and supports greater local control over schools and full federal funding of Pell grants.

Abortion:

Shimkus is pro-life and supports a ban on abortion, partial-birth abortion and the RU-486 abortion pill. He believes no federal money should support abortion.

Health care:

Shimkus supports making health care more accessible to more people. He favors broadening veterans' and Medicare benefits.



The 20th Congressional district (left) and the 19th (right) are shown here divided by a black line. Since the 2000 census, the districts have been merged to form the new 19th district.

BRIAN WALLHEIMER
NEWS REPORTER

John Shimkus and David Phelps, the candidates for Illinois' 19th district in the U.S. House of Representatives, will square off Monday night in Dunham Hall for one of the pair's

four debates before the Nov. 5 election.

The debate, which will take place at 7 p.m., is part of Political Awareness Week, a four-day series of events aimed at making SIUE students more knowledgeable about politics.

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Democrat
David Phelps

Phelps has
served in
Congress
since 1998

Gun Control:

David Phelps believes people have the right to own a gun. He is happy with current gun laws and said if they are enforced, there is no need for more restrictions.

Education:

Phelps believes federal money should be used to build schools in Illinois. He favors more scholarships and tax credits to make higher education more affordable.

Abortion:

Phelps is pro-life. A spokesman declined to elaborate.

Health care:

Phelps wants a Patients' Bill of Rights to hold Health Maintenance Organizations accountable. He also favors putting prescription drug benefits into Medicare.

Trustees may act to plug leaks here

BRIAN WALLHEIMER
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE Chancellor David Werner said he is hopeful that the Illinois Board of Higher Education will put the Science Building high on its priority list for funding in 2004, the sixth time the university has asked for the funding.

The Southern Illinois University board of trustees will vote Thursday on what order project proposals should be sent to the IBHE. According to the board of trustees' agenda, the Science Building is No. 1.

This year's request will cover \$1.7 million for architectural and design costs for the expansion and renovation of the Science Building. If the IBHE approves the project, SIUE will ask for \$41 million to fund the expansion and renovations.

"I am hopeful it will be high on IBHE's list," Werner said at a meeting to discuss the board of trustees' agenda Tuesday.

Each year Illinois universities submit project proposals to the IBHE and they are ranked in order of most important. The IBHE then sends that list to the state Legislature and the Legislature funds as

many as possible based on their cost.

"It just depends on the nature of the projects," Werner said.

Budget issues at the state level may mean fewer projects are funded.

Last year, the Science Building just missed the cut so Werner expects it to be a high priority this year.

Vice Chancellor for Administration Kenneth Neher said the plan is to add to the north side of the Science Building. The addition would be 28,000 square feet and include "wet labs," a term Neher used to describe labs that may need ventilation.

Neher said after the new portion is constructed, renovations to all the building's systems, such as electrical, water, sanitation and gas, would be upgraded.

"They are all basically shot," he said. "It truly needs to be expanded and updated."

Neher said advances in science and technology has put a strain on the more than 30-year-old building.

"Think of what science was like 30 years ago and think of the demands we put on electricity today," Neher said.

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Carnival has fun, information

Career Development Center event offers students career tips

AMY MERRILL
NEWS STRINGER

A career carnival at SIUE will give students an opportunity to win prizes, learn information about career choices and have fun.

The carnival is offered through the Career Development Center and will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Stratton Quadrangle.

"It's a chance for the Career

Development Center to get out and interact with the students and market the services we have available," career counselor Jeff Griffith said.

It is an event geared toward students, including different games and prizes like T-shirts and Frisbees.

There is also a grand prize drawing for a cooler filled with resume paper, a leather portfolio, an SIUE pin and more.

"The grand prize package is for those students who are graduating soon and may need some of these items to get started on their career search," Griffith said.

Although the carnival offers interaction with CDC, it is not to

be confused with the Career Fair, which will take place Oct. 2.

The Career Fair is a day for students to polish the resumes, wear the expensive suit or dress, and meet with potential employers in search of internships or jobs.

However, the carnival gives students the option of speaking with counselors and learning about how to seek careers after graduation.

"When students walk in the door as freshmen, we would like for them to get help and direction so they are prepared to leave here (SIUE) for the first time to pursue their profession," Griffith said.

For more information, call 650-3708.

MEMORIAL

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"After Sept. 11 it was stressful for people because there were some threats made to Muslims," Ahmedov said. "As time went on things went well. Some faculty tried to explain to students what exactly was going on."

Prior to the ceremony, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel talked about what the events of Sept. 11 meant to the United States of America and to SIUE.

"If anything, what the outcome of Sept. 11 provided was a greater sense of community," Emmanuel said. "This campus came together in a special and collective moment in American history."

"I believe that we have the resolve and ability to regroup and rethink ways to protect ourselves and the generations to come."

"One of the nice things that happened is we discovered how diverse of a nation we are,"

Emmanuel said. "Despite our anger and strong sentiments we did not go around endangering others that may look different from the average American."

Student Body Vice President Michelle King said students will be able to pick up quilt squares from the Kimmel Leadership Center.

The quilt squares will be sewn together and unveiled in the Goshen Lounge Veterans Day, which falls on Nov. 11, 2002.

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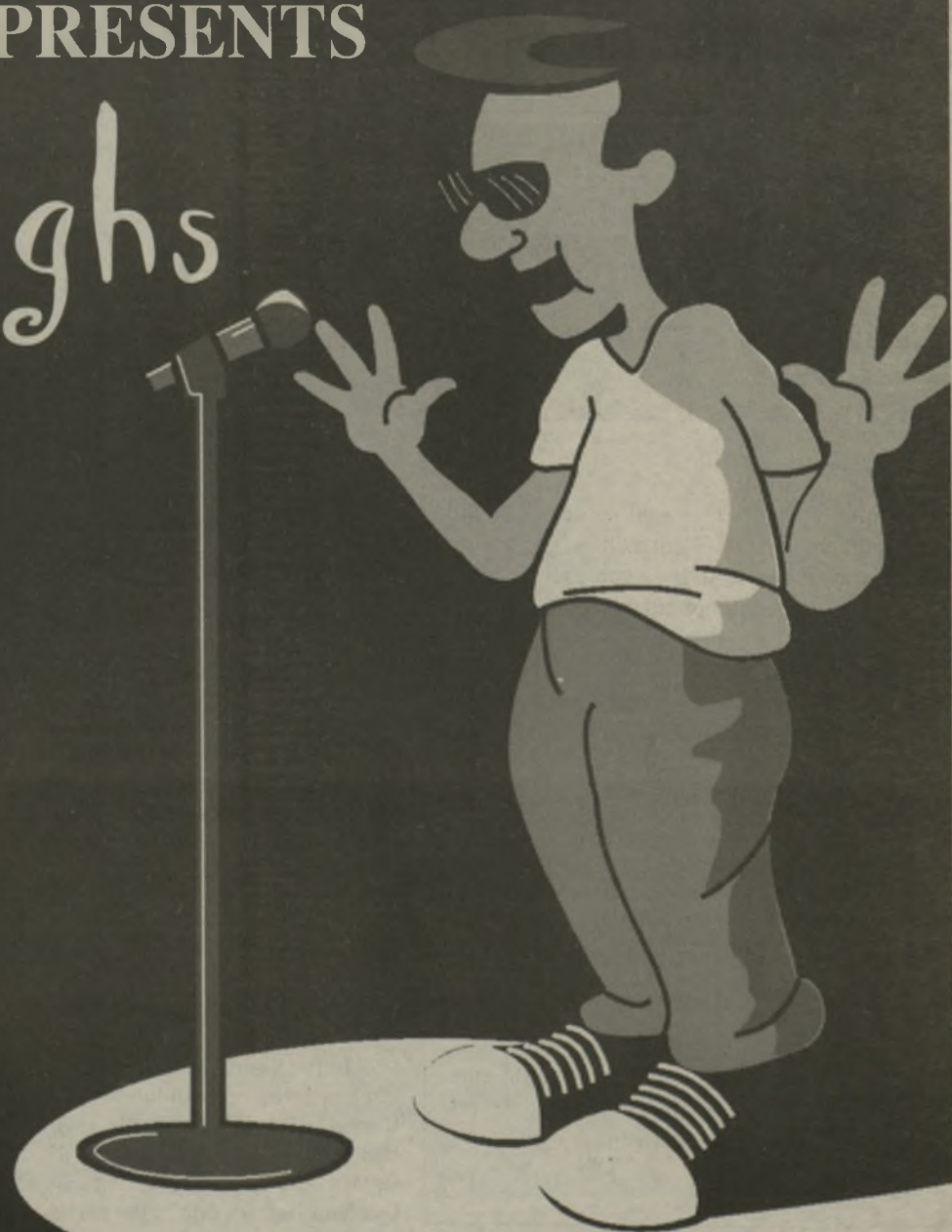
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A taste of culture and dance



CATHY CRATER/ALESTLE

Kristina Martinez entertains a crowd in the Goshen Lounge Tuesday as part of "Taste of Culture." The show was sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. Free lessons were given following the performance.

BOT

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Over the past few years, Neher said hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in maintenance and repairs to the Science Building. Several times over the past few years, offices were ruined by flooding when pipes failed.

"It's old and falling apart,"

Neher said. "We're spending big bucks keeping it up."

Other projects SIUE may submit to IBHE include: \$1.1 million for planning and designing of a School of Pharmacy Building, \$1 million for planning and designing renovations of Lovejoy Library,

\$1.5 million for Americans with Disabilities Act compliance renovations and \$6.8 million for a building for the Alton Dental School.

The board of trustees will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Multifunction Room of Bluff Hall.

DEBATE

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Shimkus, R-Collinsville, has been the representative for the 20th District in Illinois since 1996 and Phelps, D-Eldorado, has represented the 19th district since 1998.

Because of declining Illinois population in the 2000 census, Illinois lost one seat in the House. Much of the 19th and 20th districts are merging, pitting the two incumbents against each other in the new 19th district.

The debate will consist of timed introductions for each candidate and then their responses to questions. The debate's sponsors, SIUE, the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women, each will have submitted a question that the candidates will answer and then screened questions from the audience will be fielded.

The debate is just the beginning of Political Awareness Week. Roxann Read, a member of the Political Science Association, said the idea for Political Awareness Week was born before the organization started, but the two go hand in hand.

Other events include a luncheon with lobbyist Garrett Deakin at noon Tuesday in the University Club of the Morris University Center. Those attending should bring a lunch. Read said Deakin lobbies for SIUE and will speak on his experiences in a field that many political science majors don't consider.

Political Science Association Adviser Denise DeGarmo said she would like to thank the university, the Political Science Department and the Kimmel Leadership Center were instrumental in sponsoring this undertaking.

From 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday in Peck Hall Room 0406, Edwardsville City Clerk Patty Thiede will present "Women in Politics." Read said Thiede will focus on the challenges she has faced in running for public office.

Along the same lines, from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the University Club, SIUE attorney Kim Kim will present "Women's Influence in the Political Process."

"Men and women are supposed to be equal, but in a

political realm it's still unequal," Read said.

The League of Women Voters will hold "So You Want to be a Candidate" from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Wednesday in Peck Hall Room 2304. Read said anyone who has ever thought of running for a political office can get valuable information on how elections work and can take a test to see if they would be a good candidate.

Madison County Board Chairman Rudy Papa and County Clerk Mark Von Nida will present "Issues in County Government" from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Sept. 19 in Peck Hall Room 2304.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Sept. 19, there will be a voter's registration drive in the MUC.

Read said she is hopeful that Political Awareness Week will be an annual event and encourages any student interested in the political process to attend the week's events.

For more information on Political awareness Week or the Political Science Association, call the Political Science Department at 650-3572.

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STEVE BRITT
NEWS STRINGER

Since the year 2000, more than 200 computers have been donated to families of children in after-school programs in East St. Louis.

Don Baden, associate dean and director of the program "Bridging the Digital Divide," said, "60 to 70 percent of children have computers available at home. Less than 5 percent of the children we are helping have them."

The program takes donations

of old computers, refurbishes them and distributes them to families.

"We work with eight after-school programs, 1,000 to 1,015 kids. The directors of the programs choose who gets the computers," Baden said.

This Saturday, the students involved with the Kimmel Leadership Center will assist in giving out the computers.

"Students will carry and set up the computers. The families will come in and the students will show them the nuts and bolts of how to work it," Baden said.

The families are then free to leave with the computer. If any major, crippling error should occur, Baden said they just exchange computers.

"Last year we received 165 computers from a variety of sources.

The university, individuals donated, some corporations and even a few local banks," Baden said.

The only requirement is that it must have a CD-ROM. For more information or to donate a computer, call Baden at 650-3644.

Former library professor dies

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Richard G. "Dick" Reilly, a member of the faculty at Lovejoy Library for 32 years, died Sept. 1, 2002. Mr. Reilly was 73 years old.

Mr. Reilly worked in Lovejoy Library as an assistant

professor. He began at SIUE in 1965.

Mr. Reilly retired from SIUE in 1997.

He earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Washington University in 1951.

He obtained a master's degree from Western Michigan

University in 1965.

Memorials donations in Mr. Reilly's name can be made to these charities Lighthouse for the Blind, the Salvation Army's Hope Center for Children or the Christian Women's Benevolent Association.

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Campus Scanner

Seminar: The Department of Speech Communication is presenting a number of speakers from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday in Alumni Hall Room 3402. Some of the topics to be presented are "Hot Head and Cold Shoulders: Interpersonal Conflict Management" and "Language, Interaction and the Social Construction of God." For more information, call 650-3097.

Trivia Night: Student Government will hold sponsor to a trivia night at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Maple-Dogwood Room in the Morris University Center. A silent auction will begin the event. Teams can have six to eight players. Admission is \$10 and \$4 for students. Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information, call the Student Government office at 650-3818.

SLDP: "Major Influence in the Political Process" module will be presented at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the University Restaurant in the Morris University Center. SIUE General Counsel Kim Kim will present the module. The second module for Tuesday will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the same location. Cherie Hambleton, director of United Campus Ministry, will present "Effective Communications."

Business Hour: The School of Business will hold its Executive Business Hour at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Alumni Hall Room 2401. Jennifer Gasparich will share her experiences as a researcher for the U.S. Department of Commerce. For more information, call 650-3823.

Employee seminar: The Offices of Human Resources will offer new employee orientation for civil service employees who have not had a formal orientation from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday in

Rendleman Hall Room 3210. The seminar will help new employees understand benefits and special programs entitled to SIUE employees. Orientation is limited to 20 employees. To register, send an e-mail to sclark@siue.edu or calling 650-2155 by Wednesday.

Concert: The Campus Activities Board is sponsoring Five for Fighting at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in the Vadalabene Center. Tickets for SIUE students are \$15 and \$20 for the public. Tickets can be purchased at the Morris University Information Center, at Metrotix.com or by calling (800) 293-5949.

Exhibit: The Faculty Art Exhibition is on display at the New Wagner Art Gallery near the atrium lobby of the Art and Design Building. The exhibit runs through Sept. 27. For more information, call 650-3071.

Blood Drive: Blood drives will be at Park N Shop from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday in Bethalto; Park N Shop from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in Godfrey; Dairy Queen from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday in Edwardsville; Bernis Chiropractor and Associates from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday in Alton; and at SIUE from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. Donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, not have gotten a tattoo within the last year, not be taking blood thinners or antibiotics and not have given blood within the last 56 days.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting: The Gut Level Group meets at 7 p.m. Saturdays in the Religious Center. This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon.

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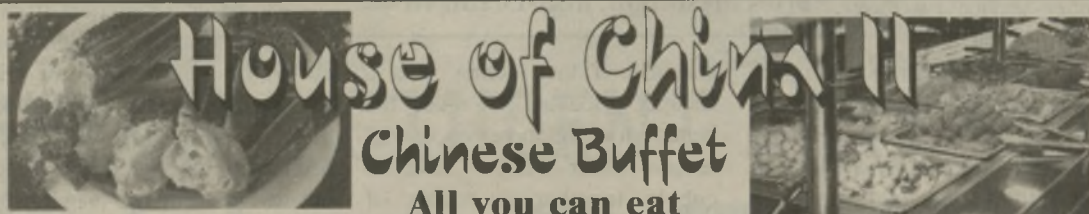
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From the Editor Letters



Sept. 11 tribute by Hallmark said it best.

As I reflected on Sept. 11, I noticed how each station and network chose to use the catastrophic events that took place one year ago to market itself.

I flipped the channels and saw that ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox were counting down the minutes to commemorate the exact time the first hijacked plane slammed into the first World Trade Center tower. Each station's bug had patriotic colors. Even the cable channels that were covering the events were getting into the act.

There were people playing bagpipes, marching, singing and reciting poetry. There were so many sounds that filled the air. That is until I flipped to channel 30 and there was total silence. I had been packing my bag with books and the day's assignments, but I stopped. I thought for a minute that something was wrong with my television. I flipped to another channel, then back. Still there was silence.

There was however a large American flag which filled the screen waving in a noiseless wind. In the middle of this flag appeared to be a black hole, or a tear, and from it the names of those who died that day appeared. One at a time the names in white lettering started small, grew larger and then faded back to black before the next name emerged.

It was heartbreaking.

I stood there for several minutes, then I sat for a few more. Then I thought, there is still no sound. I had to check the channel guide to see what station I was watching. It was Hallmark and it was off air from 6:30 until 10 a.m. in commemoration of the victims of Sept. 11.

There were no tricks, no flash, no noise, just the reverent reflection of a day that will forever loom in our hearts and minds. Silence truly is golden.

Karen M. Johnson
Editor in Chief

Runner urges drivers to be more patient and careful

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter to point out a dangerous, potentially fatal situation that took place on Whiteside Road. On Aug. 28 at about 4 p.m., there was a group of thirty plus kids running along the side of the road. During this time there was heavy traffic, but still those kids chose to run alongside cars. SIUE Police were called to take care of the annoyance.

That "annoyance" happened to be SIUE men's and women's cross country practice. They were running hills that day for training. That's correct, they were running a mile up a steep hill, 10 plus times, trying their best to also stay out of the way of speeding cars. The men's and women's cross country teams were training (and currently are) on their school's campus for their meet season, during which they race six and three miles respectively.

Hill workouts are one of the

many different workouts completed by the teams during the season. They also run mile repeats, up tempos, ladders, sustained, out and back and intervals, in addition to morning runs and weight training. Runners could put in three to four hours a day working out to best prepare themselves for competition. They put in 50 plus miles a week, so they are ready to race. I'm not asking you to understand the workouts we do, or even why physiologically, but please try to understand that we are working that hard to represent your school.

I wish that was what the driver of the car who called the police was thinking that day. Instead, I'm sure it was something along the lines of "who are those crazy idiots?" The scary thing is, there were other cars honking, or barely moving, while the teams were desperately trying to stay while

completing the workout.

We don't run hills every day, we don't even run them every week. Actually, so far this season we've run on Whiteside once. All we are hoping for is patience and understanding for one day, not even an hour, so we can workout safely.

So the next time you are driving on campus and see a group of kids running single file along the road, you can safely assume its us, the SIUE cross country team. You are more than welcome to be impressed by our hard work and dedication and shout words of encouragement. You can even come to our first home meet Saturday Sept. 14 starting at 9 a.m. If not, then next time please just drive safely by and give us a friendly wave.

Sincerely,

Carrie Carducci
Sophomore

Viewpoints

Tenure track profs are a help, not hindrance, to students

I find that most college students think that tenure exists, for the sole purpose of insuring that lazy professors live high off the academic hog. A lot of these students are convinced that if professors had to worry about their jobs and performances like people in the "real world" they would get better service for their tuition dollar.

Well, as the old saying goes, "be careful for what you wish, you may get it."

The fact is, a lot of universities are trying to get away with hiring as few tenure-track faculty as possible these days. According to the U.S. Department of Education, tenured employment has dropped

dramatically over the last thirty years.

To a university bean-counter, one face in front of a class room is pretty much the same as another

If administrators of the University of South Florida had their druthers, they would get rid of Professor Samuel Al-Arian because of his pro-Palestinian, anti-Israeli views.

and if that face comes with a cheaper price tag, so much the better. More and more people who receive their Ph.D.s have to cobble together a couple of teaching jobs at different universities and colleges just to get by.

They fly across the freeways, often with just enough time to pull

out the grade book and take roll.

Let me illustrate with an example from my own department. Right now, one of the most challenging courses in the Mass Communications curriculum, multi-media, is taught by several of these part-time adjunct faculty members. I took this course, and bled bullets, during it. However, I benefited from a full-time professor who was

always on hand to help me with my questions. Had he not been there, my forehead would have been much bloodier than it turned out to be, from me banging my head against the wall. But, because of this full-time faculty member, whom our department no longer has, I learned quite a bit. I

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Take patriotism a step further: to the polls November 5

What does patriotism mean to you?

After Sept. 11, 2001, patriotism seemed to mean "pride in our country." Everyone was filled with patriotism after that tragic day, and no one was afraid to show it.

There were flags all over the streets, in windows of stores and houses, it seemed as if you couldn't go anywhere without seeing a flag! It was an awesome sight.

However, in the first election of 2002, voter turnout was near

an all-time low!

Why, in a time of such patriotism is our nation's most sacred right being ignored?

All of the students have a great opportunity next week, the opportunity to register to vote. It only takes a minute and with it you gain the ability to cast a vote on Nov. 5.

Do you think you can't make it home to vote anyway, you shouldn't bother to register?

Well, our great government thought of that scenario and created something called an

absentee ballot, which can be obtained various ways depending on your situation.

The only requirement is that the ballots be postmarked by election day.

Remember, your vote counts! Your vote will help choose the people who will hold the top offices in Illinois for the next four years.

Voting only takes a few minutes. So what do you have to lose?

Andy Rathnow
Freshman

TENURE

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struggled, but I learned.

I am in no position to question the abilities of the people currently teaching the class, but, what happens to the students when these teachers leave the campus?

They likely have to wait until the class next meets to have their questions answered. I know our department wants to make a full-time hire to fill the position. But, what if the university decides they like how the current situation looks on the bottom line?

The students lose out.

Besides insuring that full-time, knowledgeable people are on hand on a regular basis to assist students, tenure protects

freedom of academic speech.

If administrators of the University of South Florida had their druthers, they would simply get rid of Professor Samuel Al-Arian.

Al-Arian is currently beating back a lynch mob led by TVs Bill O'Reilly and Governor Jeb Bush to remove him because of his pro-Palestinian and Anti-Israeli views.

Administrators of universities, despite what they say about themselves, would simply rather not have controversy at their doors and are notorious for seeking shelter whenever the mildest of controversial winds blow.

If Al-Arian were not

tenured, there would be no question that he would be booted out of his job.

Tenure is not the lead-pipe cinch that students seem to think it is. It's a long, hard, six-year road of publishing, academic committee work and teaching reviews. It's a good trade off for people who are unlikely to recoup their considerable educational expenses within a reasonable time frame.

I think about these issues a lot because I plan to be a Ph.D. When I get there, I sure hope the students are on my side, because I plan to be on theirs.

Jon Pike

Graduate Assistant
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Band of the week

Core Project

Lifest



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Local band is rapping its way to success with positive lyrics

NANCY McDONALD
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

Core Project is making a name for itself in the music world.

The band formed three years ago and started off only having three members: Justin "Kammasutra" Maginn on vocals, Chris "C-Rock" Taggart on guitar and Stephen "Stek-Wik" Stecher on bass and vocals. The band added Nathan "Fingaz" Hershey on keyboards, Todd "T-Mills" Miller on bass, Tony "Ton'Def" Barbata on drums and Matt "Heistbone" Gotsch as the disc jockey.

Their music is an amazing mixture of live hip-hop, rock, acid jazz and funk. Some of their musical influences include 311, George

Clinton, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Superfly and The Roots.

Core Project made their first album, "Untied," at Webster University in St. Louis where Stecher majored in music. "Untied" sold out in less than six months.

After the success of "Untied," they opened for acts such as Ja Rule, Crystal Method, Kid Koala, Abyss and The Urge. They also toured in the spring of this year with Nelly and the St. Lunatics.

The tour was a learning experience for both the band and the audiences. "We learned how extremely exhausting it was to put on a good

show and they [audiences] learned that white boys can play hip-hop," Maginn said.

Some of the appeal Core Project has on audiences is that all of their songs have a positive message.

Taggart said, "Being positive is everything. It's our outlet."

Maginn and Stecher write the lyrics to their songs while Taggart, Barbata and Miller write all of their music.

Not only do they write all of their own music, but they also do all of the advertising, booking and personally answer messages from their fans on

their website.

Maginn said, "It's hard to keep your sanity, but it's all worth it."

Their second release, "Fluid Forward Motion," came out last May and they are currently writing new material for their third release.

Maginn said, "We are real people. None of us had any rich parents we could bum off of. We are very thankful for how far we've come."

Core Project will be playing at The Bluenote in Columbia, Mo, this Friday and will also be at Club 313 in Belleville Sept. 21.

To listen to some of Core Project's songs or for more information about them, go to www.coreproject.net.

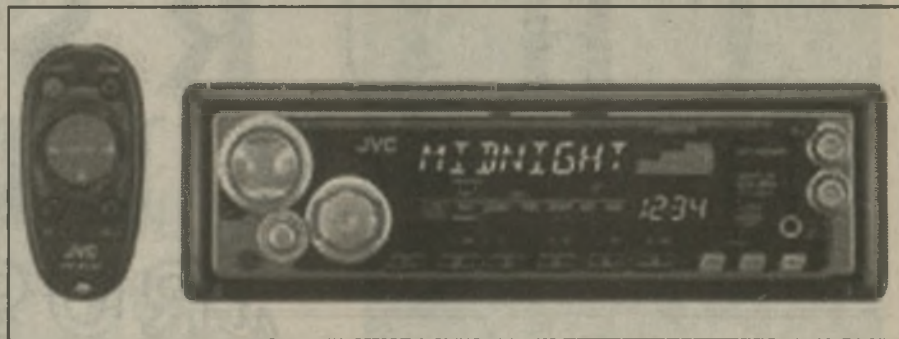
"It's hard to keep your sanity, but it's all worth it."



PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT & COMICS

Thought of the day...

"Here's something to think about:
How come you never see a headline like 'Psychic Wins Lottery?'"
-- Jay Leno



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Car audio systems may be out of some students' price range

THOMAS PHILLIPS
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

Fifth-year SIUE student Becky Sharp commutes from Edwardsville in silence. Her 1997 Ford Escort is often completely free of sound and music.

This is not due to technical difficulties with her car radio or sound system, but by choice.

"I just don't listen to music all that much while I'm driving," said Sharp, who listens to a wide range of music. She said she does turn the radio on at times, but doesn't place a high priority on it.

With sound systems, multi-disc changers and other options such as television, digital video disc players and video game systems available to consumers to install, home entertainment is quickly becoming more popular.

"I see people coming in, trying to out do each other frequently with sound systems, entertainment systems, new accessories, the whole nine, basically," said

Kevin "K.P." Prestonn, who owns a car shop in suburban Chicago specializing in car audio and entertainment systems.

"The college students I see try to go all out. It's wild what some of them come in and ask for," he said.

So, among college students, is it really important to "keep up with the Joneses," and install more high technology in your ride?

Special education major Erica Terrell, a junior at SIUE, thinks so. "I've got a CD player in my car," said Terrell, who drives a 1998 gray Ford Escort. "I had it put on, because it originally came with a tape deck. It's a JVC, and cost about \$120 for the purchase and installation."

Senior social work major Shauvanna Chandler has a different viewpoint on upgrading.

"Nope, I don't have a CD player," she said. "Can't afford it. I do have a tape deck,

with a detachable face and I rarely turn it on. It's not really important, you know? I can do without it."

Tiacka Johnson, a freshman construction major, feels just the opposite.

"I just have a tape deck in my car, too," Johnson said.

"But now I think

I'm going to buy a CD player. Just a standard one. I don't care if the car comes with it. It's hard for me to drive without music. I always listen to it, unless I'm really trying to concentrate."

Prestonn says that cost is a big factor to some who have dreams of rattling windows or catching the latest movie on a screen attached to a backseat.

"Don't be fooled, it does cost money," Prestonn said. "But the quality is worth it if you go to the right place. If you come in with twenty bucks, you're not leaving here

shaking the ground. I can sell you some batteries for your Walkman, but that's about it."

Freshman Tiffany Nelson obtained quality in a way that college students are finding more convenient: secondhand.

"I have a CD player in my car, with a six-disc changer in the trunk," said Nelson, who plays everything from Aaliyah to Nelly in her 1996 Honda Civic. "I mean, who wants to sit in the car with nothing on? I enjoy singing along with the music. Who wants to sit in a quiet car?"

Prestonn said that he does understand that music and college life do "connect" with one another.

"But I do know that the words college student and broke also tend to connect with each other as well, which is why I try to be more understanding when they come in," Prestonn said.

"I understand why most of those [interviewed] only have the basics. So save your money and come in. It's never too late to get what you want."

"The college students I see try to go all out—it's wild what some of them come in and ask for,"

Sorority hosts poetry reading

LASHANDIA HOLT
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

Monday, Sept. 9, more than 100 SIUE students packed into the University Restaurant in the Morris University Center to "Feel The Vibe."

Feel the Vibe is a program held every semester by the women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Epsilon Xi chapter. Started in the fall of 1996, it allows students a chance to lyrically express themselves through poetry, as well as song.

The program began with a poem from the master of ceremonies, Yeside Abina, and then featured the works of other students, who read their poems about an array of topics from crying to the love of being a plus-sized woman. Tiffany Schulz sang a song by Traci Chapman, and Leamond Sloan left many teary-eyed after singing "A Ribbon in the Sky" by Stevie Wonder.

Teck Holmes, a special guest from MTV's "The Real World Hawaii," made an appearance. Shortly thereafter, an alumna of SIUE, Ms. Nterputation, Flora Carson, graced the microphone with two thought-provoking

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Floyd Boykin, top right, and Flora Carson, bottom right, were two of the professional poets featured.

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poems. Three other professional poets were to follow: Chill, Floyd and Invisible, all poets who can be found Friday nights at Legacy Bookstore on Delmar in University City.

"I could relate to the poems more this year," Mike Ausberry said.

"I did not know what to

expect, it was very nice and I am looking forward to the next one," freshman Jackari Joiner said.

"Feel the Vibe was a great success due to the outstanding attendance and participation," Abina said.

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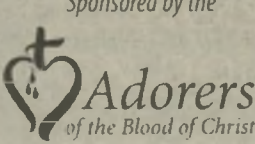
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Sports Quote of the Day

"It's not necessarily the amount of time you spend at practice that counts; it's what you put into the practice."

~ Eric Lindros

Coming Up

SIUE cross country teams host McKendree College in Cougar/Bearcat Challenge Saturday at 9 a.m.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2002 ◆

Cougars golf places second of twelve in only home meet this season

Golf team finishes eight strokes behind Quincy University

HEATHER KLOTZ
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE women's golf team tasted success at their only home meet of the season placing second out of 12 schools over the weekend.

SIUE recorded scores of 341 and 347 for a total of 688 at the finish of the two-day invitational held at the Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville.

Junior Brittany Auld was the top finisher for the Cougars with an 83-86 mark, giving her a fourth place finish. Junior Katie Farrell also played well finishing with an 89-81 mark to tie for fifth place.

"I am pleased with the performance of the girls," head coach Larry Bennett said. "Second place is nothing to be ashamed of."

The Cougars admit the second place finish was easier because of the advantages of playing on their home course. However, they also experienced the disadvantages of their course.

"For all the course did to



SIUE hit the links Sunday and Monday at Sunset Hills Country Club in Edwardsville. The Cougars finished with a scores of 341 and 347 for 688 in the two day tournament.

AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTER

help us, it also played a role in hurting us," Bennett said.

"Some people hit some shots they would love to have back just because it is such a tough course."

"This course is definitely a mental course because it will play with your mind," senior co-captain Nonie Ehlke said. "You get frustrated a lot easier."

The course also played a role

physically for SIUE.

Sunset Hills is "very hilly with steep slopes that the other teams might struggle more to walk around on," Bennett said.

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Cougars get ready to head to Michigan

Cougars set to compete in GLVC/GLIAC Challenge.



AARON WIENS
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE volleyball team will face three schools this weekend in the Great Lakes Valley Conference/Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Challenge.

If the Cougars hope to advance to the next level, as their 7-2 record would indicate, they will have to win games against some of their toughest non-conference opponents in Allendale, Mich.

SIUE recently received seven votes and was named on at least two ballots this week in the American Volleyball Coaches Association's Division II Coaches Poll.

The Cougars will get ready this week to face Northern Michigan University, Ferris State University and No. 4-ranked Grand Valley State University Friday and Saturday.

Northern Michigan is 3-4 after some matches against other nationally ranked teams. Ferris State has a record of 7-1 and hopes to prove that they are a team to be reckoned with while Grand Valley State is 6-1.

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Women's soccer team moves to 3-1 overall

SIUE earns a 1-1 split last weekend in Erie, Pa.

AJIT OZA
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE women's soccer team earned a split in the two games they played over the weekend in Erie, Pa., and moved their overall record to 3-1.

The Cougars dropped a 2-1 decision to Mercyhurst College Friday, but bounced back and topped Gannon University 3-1 Sunday.

Junior midfielder Sara Decker gave the Cougars the early lead against Mercyhurst on a goal in the 17th minute.

However, Mercyhurst bounced back and scored two second half goals to hand the Cougars their first loss of the season.

SIUE played a far better game than their opponents, with the exception of a 10 to 15 minute span. That was the time when Mercyhurst scored both of its goals. The Cougars failed to capitalize on numerous chances in the second half.

"Had we gotten two or three more goals, I believe that the game would have been over," head coach Brian Korbesmeyer said.

Mercyhurst was able to capitalize on the mistakes that the Cougars made to take the win.

"We were very frustrated because we knew that the better team did not win," Korbesmeyer said.

In the next game against Gannon, the Cougars were able to make a comeback to record a victory.

Senior forward Colleen Creamer opened up the scoring for SIUE with a goal at 24:35 of the first half on an assist from freshman midfielder Kelly Dill.

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AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTER
Colleen Creamer is leading the Cougars with six points and 14 shots this season.

Tennis ranks second in GLVC

SIUE moves record to 4-1 with win over Quincy.

TRAVIS L. ROSS
SPORTS REPORTER

With a 7-3 victory over Quincy University, the SIUE women's tennis team is red hot.

The Cougars lost close decisions in singles competition at the No. 1 and No. 6 spots, but hammered the Hawks at Nos. 2 through 5.

In No. 1 singles, Quincy's Laura Schuering defeated junior Coryn Reich in three sets, 5-7, 6-1, 7-5.

At the No. 2 spot, sophomore Chrissy Yingst downed Maggie Schuering 7-6, 2-6, 6-2.

The Cougars would win the middle of the lineup card in straight sets with freshman Gina Wohltman winning at No. 3 over Leah Marsot, 6-3, 6-3, and senior Keli Keener defeating Sarah Hardin, 6-1, 6-0.

Senior Katie McKay won as well for the Cougars at No. 5, 6-1, 6-0.

Sophomore Allison Coats

took a tough loss at No. 6, losing in three sets to Becky Postle, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

The Cougars' sweep of the Hawks in doubles competition was the third doubles sweep this season for SIUE. The Cougars also swept the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Bellarmine University.

At No. 1 doubles, Reich and Yingst beat Laura Schuering and Maggie Schuering 8-6, while the No. 2 team of Wohltman and Keener kept its winning streak by defeating Marsot and Hardin 8-4.

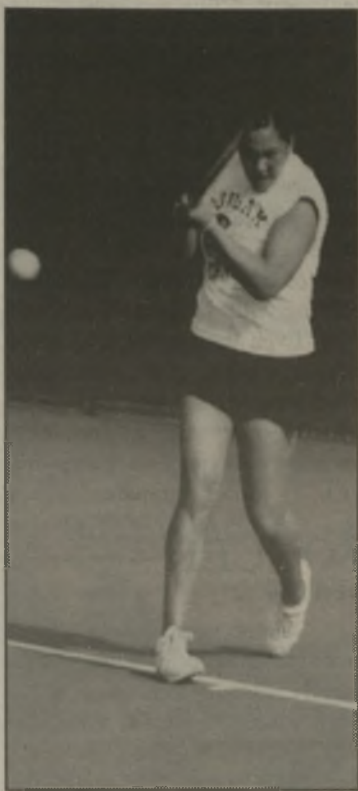
In the No. 3 spot, McKay and Coats beat Freeman and Postle 8-3.

Wohltman and Keener have been key players for head coach Bill Logan this season. Wohltman has compiled a 4-0 record in singles play, while Keener has amassed a 4-1 singles record.

The two have combined in doubles action to post a 5-0 record.

"This is a really tight group and I am very proud of them," Logan said.

The 4-1 Cougars will play host to the Panthers of Kentucky Wesleyan College at 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13, and the Screaming Eagles of the University of Southern Indiana at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the SIUE tennis courts.



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE
The Cougars sweep of the Quincy University was the team's third doubles sweep this season.

Kentucky Wesleyan is currently 0-2 and one spot up from last place in the GLVC.

Southern Indiana sits in second place in the conference behind the University of Indianapolis with a 2-0 record.

These matches mark the Cougars' final meets at home for the fall season.

GOLF

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Unlike other teams, the Cougars were prepared for the meet because their team practices on the course.

The team regularly practices at the club and appreciated the chance to host a home tournament there.

"They (Sunset Hills) have been so accommodating with us," Ehlke said.

Bennett pointed out the team is careful not to wear the welcome out since club members are forced to rearrange their schedules around the tournament.

The popularity of the club is a major reason why SIUE only hosts one tournament a year. Another reason is the amount of work involved in hosting a tournament.

Bennett admits it is not easy to host a tournament, but said it is worth it in the long run.

By hosting the tournament, Bennett was able to have the whole team play.

"When you go out to matches with 11 girls on the team, you are always only taking five, maybe six players and that means five don't get a chance to play," Bennett said. "Here they all had a chance to play and improve."

Playing a tournament at home was a source of inspiration for the players, but it also placed added pressure on them to win at home.

The pressure eventually took its toll.

"The girls put a lot of pressure on themselves because they wanted to win the home meet badly and didn't end up playing very sharp the second day," Bennett said.

The disappointment of not finishing first was lessened by the continued improvement the Cougars have displayed.

Each tournament has brought greater success for the team.

"That is what we are really trying to do, get better each week," Bennett said. "Our main focus is the conference tournament the first week of October."

The Cougars hope to continue their steady improvement as they head next to Western Illinois University to participate in the Westerwinds Classic.

The tournament begins Friday in Macomb at the Mussatto Golf Course.

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Major Influences in the Political Process
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Module 15, 2:00 p.m.
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Rudy Wilson, Assistant Provost
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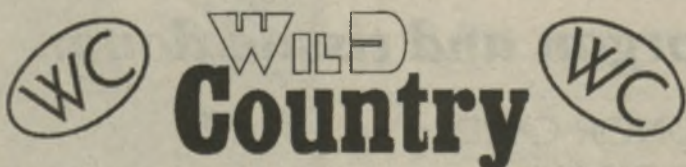
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VOLLEYBALL

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Head coach Todd Gober realizes that this weekend could be "very big" and hopes that his team "steps up to the challenge of good competition."

Although the Cougars still have some defensive questions and are not playing every game with the same intensity, Gober is extremely excited for what the rest of the season will bring, starting with this weekend.

"Even though we have been playing poorly, we are still managing to play well enough to win," Gober said. "The team chemistry is just so good this year," junior transfer Erica

Schuette said. "I was surprised by the amount of fun this team has. None of us get into fights which helps coach get more done in practice."

The team chemistry might be great, but Gober thinks the possibility of going 0-3 this weekend exists if the girls do not come ready to play.

"If they lose their focus between now and then, it's going to be a bad weekend," he said.

Gober is still looking for some freshman to step up in a big way. "I am real excited about this year's freshman class," he said. "They have so much talent."

Leading the charge of the freshman class is Kindra Westendorf, who already has 73 kills and 12 blocks for the season. Trisha Winter is another freshman that has seen a lot of playing time.

Winter has notched 60 kills and 22 blocks so far and seemed to be a fan favorite at SIUE's last home game with one fan yelling, "It's Wintertime in Southern Illinois." The Cougars will play Wednesday in Springfield, Mo., against Drury College before opening up conference play at home against Quincy University on Sept. 21.

SOCCER

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Gannon needed only a little over two minutes to answer back. Shelly Barnes knocked in a corner kick at 26:44, tying the match.

The Cougars then scored the game-winner at 28:23 of the first half. Sophomore backfielder Angela Light was granted a penalty kick after being pulled down in front of the goal. Light's penalty shot ricocheted off the hands of Gannon goalkeeper Cayla Veach and dribbled into the right corner for a 2-1 lead.

Junior forward Becky Baker added another goal at 50:42 of the second half to seal the win for SIUE.

The Cougars out shot Gannon 25-8 and owned a 4-3

advantage in corner kicks.

Sophomore goalkeeper Jessica Brown made one save and allowed one goal in the game before being relieved by junior Kristin Covalt who finished the game with three saves.

"The players were able to put the loss behind them and play much better," Korbmesmeyer said.

With a 3-1 start to the season, voters in the National Soccer Coaches Association/Adidas National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II national rankings have taken notice of the Cougars.

SIUE has been ranked No. 24 nationally in the Sept. 9 release of the top 25 poll.

The Cougars are currently

ranked No. 3 in the Great Lakes Region behind third-ranked Northern Kentucky University and 16th-ranked Mercyhurst College.

Next up for the women's soccer team is a game against Lindenwood University, the No. 4-ranked team in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Lindenwood has a record of 3-0-1 and will meet up with SIUE at 1 p.m. Saturday at Korte Stadium.

Korbmesmeyer's outlook for the remainder of the season is optimistic. "We are looking to capitalize on our offensive chances, as well as minimize our mistakes," Korbmesmeyer said.



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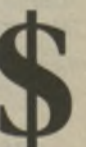
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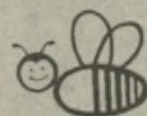
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