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Bowles to receive 2002 service award

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Former Illinois State Sen. Evelyn Bowles will be honored at the Dec. 14 commencement at SIUE.

Fall commencement will start at 9 a.m. for the College of Arts & Sciences and the schools of Engineering and Nursing. The ceremonies for the schools of Business and Education will follow at 1 p.m.

Bowles will be presented with the Distinguished Service Award. According to a press release, the award is given at commencement exercises to honor those who have



Bowles

demonstrated outstanding service to the university, the region and the state.

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SIUE will graduate 850 students this fall

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Fall commencement will take place Saturday, Dec. 14, in the Vadalabene Center gym.

Nearly 870 students will graduate this semester, according to SIUE Assistant Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy.

Ceremonies are scheduled at 9 a.m. for students of the College of Arts and Sciences and the schools of Engineering and

Nursing. The ceremony for the schools of Business and Education will follow at 1 p.m.

Professor Emeritus Marilyn Livingston will speak in the morning, while Economics and Finance Professor Donald S. Elliott Jr. will speak in the afternoon.

Former Illinois Sen. Evelyn Bowles will receive a Distinguished Service Award at the ceremonies.

Former SIUE student receives jail sentence

CALLIE STILWELL
NEWS EDITOR

James J. Whitehead, a former SIUE student, pleaded guilty Nov. 21 in Madison County Circuit Court to a felony charge of attempted dissemination of child pornography.

Officials took Whitehead into custody in April after child pornography photographs were

found on a computer he was using in the lab of Woodland Hall.

According to Madison County State's Attorney Spokeswoman Stephanie Smith, Whitehead will begin the first 90 days of his 180-day jail sentence Jan. 6.

Smith said if Whitehead completes his probation sentence successfully, the second half of his sentence could be waived.

SIUE defends wrestling cut

HEATHER KLOTZ
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE athletic department is ready to defend its decision to eliminate the wrestling program.

"Going through all the proper procedures, we put together a document of philosophy and principle, we established the variables that we could evaluate our programs on, and through that, we developed a mechanism that helped us make a very difficult decision," SIUE Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said.

The comprehensive nature of the report gives Hewitt confidence in the ICAC's final recommendation to eliminate wrestling.

"The report was very comprehensive," said Hewitt. "There are a total of 22 variables included in the report and the wrestling team came up short in the majority of them."

Kay Covington, chair of the ICAC, said the report looked at many areas of each team, including the overall academic performance of the student athletes, media interest,

Date	Event	Location	Time
Dec. 7	Northern Iowa Open	Cedar Falls, Iowa	All day
Dec. 11	Illinois College/MacMurray	Jacksonville, Ill.	6 p.m.
Dec. 14	Illinois	Champaign, Ill.	1 p.m.
Dec. 15	Purdue Duals	West Lafayette, Ind.	10 a.m.
Jan. 3-4	Midwest Classic	Indianapolis, Ind.	All Day
Jan. 11	Roger Denker Open	Warrensburg, Mo.	All Day
Jan. 15	Missouri Valley	Marshall, Mo.	7 p.m.
Jan. 18	Indiana/Eastern Michigan	Bloomington, Ind.	Noon
	Indianapolis	Indianapolis, Ind.	7 p.m.
Jan. 24	Central Oklahoma/Eastern Illinois	HOME	6 p.m.
Jan. 28	Lindenwood	HOME	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	CMSU Dual Jamboree	Warrensburg, Mo.	10 a.m.
Feb. 9	Northern Illinois	HOME	2 p.m.
Feb. 16	Truman State	Kirksville, Mo.	2 p.m.
Feb. 18	Central Missouri State	Warrensburg, Mo.	7 p.m.
Mar. 2	NCAA-II Midwest Regional	Kirksville, Mo.	TBA
Mar. 14-15	NCAA-II Championships	West Liberty, W.V	All Day

community involvement, facility conditions, recent success, the University's affiliation with the Great Lakes Valley Conference and participation levels at National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II institutions and Illinois high schools.

"The philosophy of the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee is that we do not

advocate across-the-board reductions in the quality of programs," Covington said. "We want to maintain the quality of athletics and that precluded us to have to make the tough decision of eliminating a program."

Some wrestlers have concerns about the process and the ultimate decision that could lead to the end of wrestling at SIUE. see TEAM, page 2

More accidents increase patrol

Intersection on southern part of campus proves dangerous

BRIAN WALLHEIMER
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE police are asking students, faculty and staff to slow down and stay alert when leaving campus via South University Drive.

Police Capt. Gina Hays said the intersection of South University Drive and Stadium Drive had 10 accidents from

September 2001 to September 2002. This is far more than any other area on campus during that time range.

"We've noticed an inordinate amount of traffic accidents there," Hays said. "There seems to be a problem with that intersection."

Police Chief Richard Harrison said he had two trees cut down to increase visibility for vehicles turning out of Stadium Drive. He said he didn't think visibility was bad there, but he wanted to make sure that was not causing the accidents.

"It's clear down there," Harrison said. "There's nothing

to obstruct view there."

Harrison attributes the accidents to speeding on South University Drive and people rolling through the stop sign at South University Drive and Stadium Drive.

Because of the accidents, Harrison said he has increased patrols in the area and there is often an officer taking radar on cars coming down South University Drive from the main campus.

"We've taken a very hard-core approach on that," Harrison said. "It's a really high-crash area and we're trying to cut down on it." see PATROL, page 3

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Break brings change of office hours

Campus office hours will change Dec. 13-20 due to the semester break.

All university offices and departments will be closed Dec. 21 through Jan. 1.

The Alestle will not be published again until Jan. 14.

Cougar Lanes will close at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 13

and will reopen at 9 a.m. Jan. 2.

Center Court will close Dec. 16 and will reopen Jan. 10.

Bluff, Prairie and Woodland halls will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 13 and will reopen Jan. 12.

Regular hours for the university will resume Jan. 6.

The Morris University Center holiday hours

Friday, Dec. 13	7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 14	7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 15	closed

Other MUC offices will observe holiday hours Dec. 16-20

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University Bookstore	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
University Restaurant	7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
All other dining areas	closed

The Service Center

Dec. 16 and 17	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Dec. 18 through 20	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	regular hours
Jan. 3	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Office of the Bursar

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The Bursar Satellite Cashier

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Dec. 18 through 20	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Vadalabene Center

Dec. 16 through 20	6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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Center Court Holiday Meal

Tuesday, December 10
10:30 am-2:00 pm



*Happy Holidays
From Dining Services*

TEAM

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"Don't just tell us we came up short," senior wrestler Aaron Wiens said. "Tell me how short, in what areas and why. It is too big of a decision and it affects too many people to make it based on one report."

Many members of the wrestling team share Wiens' opinion.

"If the athletic program says this is the best way to deal with the budget problem then I can understand," sophomore wrestler Matt Oliva said. "College is a business. Still, I think there are more creative ways that they can deal with the budget that pleases the entire athletic program, not just some of it. If not, tell me why."

"They should try other options, like making cuts across the board before coming straight to us," said freshman wrestler Daniel Thompson. "It is not fair to us to approach the budget problem this way and I don't think it looks good for the university."

Hewitt said the university did consider decreasing funding for all the athletic programs, but it was not in the best interest of the school.

"We considered all the options, but our priority focuses on keeping quality programs and not reducing or watering down our potential capabilities," Hewitt said.

SIUE wrestling has won 19 individual championships and three team championships since the program's inception in 1969.

"I want to know why the team's tradition of producing wrestling champions doesn't seem to mean anything," sophomore wrestler Alex Lininger said. "We are traditionally one of the best programs here. We have been dominating in the past and right when we are starting to reach that level again, that's when they decide to cut the program."

Wrestlers on the team credit head coach Booker Benford with much of the team's recent success.

"Booker just got the team three years ago and he is really bringing the team up," senior wrestler Zach Stephens said. "We've come a long way from the five-man squad we had three years ago."

"We need to show them what kind of a program they are cutting," Stephens said. "So, I am really motivated to go out and win a national title for the team this year. I want to prove we are a good team and that Booker is a great coach."

Even if the team does well, Hewitt does not feel the decision will change.

"We are not looking at the individual program," Hewitt said. "We are looking at a budget shortfall and without a reduction in expenditure this problem continues to grow, so we had to address it."

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Police issued citations to Harold R. Tojo for speeding and disobeying a stop sign on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Cheryl L. Schler-

Faust for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued citations to Dylan A. Padberg for speeding and operating an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Katherine M. Bouman for having an expired registration tag on Circle Drive.

Organization of the week

JOSH STOCKINGER
ASSITANT NEWS EDITOR

SIUE members of the Iota Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha are celebrating the fraternity's anniversary this week by promoting upcoming events and making plans for the spring.

Thursday marked the fraternity's 96th year as the oldest African-American Greek organization in existence.

Leamond Sloan, president of the SIUE chapter, said the 11 members that make up the SIUE chapter have been busy with workshops, conferences, meetings and campus events throughout the fall.

Sloan said the fraternity strives to host activities for students on a regular basis.

"In everything we do, we try to do it in total excellence," Sloan said. "So if you come to an event, you can expect the highest quality."

One activity was a credit repair workshop, featuring Michelle King, a credit specialist from Collinsville.

The next Alpha event will be the annual Dedication to Women, at 7:06 p.m. Thursday at the Conference Center in the Morris University Center. The dedication is free and open to students. Sloan said the event features spoken-word performers, poetry readings, modeling and vocal performers.

Sloan added that Saturday evening the fraternity will play host to the Annual Black Out, a social party at the American Legion in Edwardsville.

The event is open to people 18 years and older. Admission is \$8 for people wearing black and \$10 for anyone else.

Sunday, the fraternity plans to participate in the production of holiday food baskets at the St. Patrick's Center in St. Clair County. The baskets are made each year for unfortunate families, Sloan said.

In January, the Alphas will play host to the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Trip to Atlanta to visit King's church, home and grave site. Participants also will walk in a re-creation of King's historical march through Atlanta.

Sloan said another project of the fraternity is to visit area high schools and talk to students about the importance of education. Sloan said the organization works closely with Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for the visits, where the Greeks perform "shell stomping" and speak to students.

"One of our goals on campus is to promote cultural diversity," Sloan said. "And also to increase the number of African-Americans in college by reaching out to the community and to high school students."

Sloan pointed out that former members of Alpha Phi Alpha include Frederick Douglas and King, who serve as inspiration.

Sloan said members must maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average, perform community service and "be of good character."

"Our aim is to create leaders in our organization," Sloan said. "We want to help develop young men into the leaders of tomorrow."

BOWLES

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Bowles served the people of Madison County and the region as a public official for 45 years.

Bowles, who is a native of Worden, began her career as a teacher in Livingston and Edwardsville. She entered government service in 1951 as chief deputy clerk of Madison County. In 1974, she was elected county clerk, serving five consecutive terms.

In May 1994, Bowles was appointed to represent the 56th Illinois Senate District after the death of Sen. Sam Vadalabene. Later that year, Bowles was elected to the Senate and re-elected in 1998. She has just completed that four-year term and announced she would not run for another. Bowles recently

resigned so Sen. William R. Haine could start serving his term.

As an Illinois state legislator, Bowles has been a great supporter of SIUE. She helped appropriate state funding for the electronic entrance signs to SIUE. Bowles also regularly participates in seminars and educational activities for SIUE.

Bowles has been honored by several organizations for her outstanding public service, including recognition from the National Organization for Women, the Girl Scouts, the Illinois Federation of Business and Professional Women, Rotary Clubs International and the Sons of the American Revolution.

PATROL

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According to the media crime log, SIUE police issued 18 speeding tickets in the 45-mph zone of South University Drive in November. There were no tickets issued for disobeying a stop sign.

"People stop when they see a police car," Harrison said.

He said police cannot hide an officer in the area to look for vehicles that roll through the stop sign because the area is so open and the cars are easily seen by

drivers.

"Anywhere you put a squad car, they can see it," Harrison said.

Harrison said drivers should be careful near the intersection, remembering to watch their speed and stop at the stop sign. He said that there have been no fatal accidents at the intersection this year, although he has seen a number of them in the 25 years he has been with the SIUE police.

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Security hits the Homeland

From the Editor



Sept. 11, 2001, taught us that America is not impervious to terrorism. And despite the significant success we have had against Al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan, we are still at risk. Today's terrorists can strike anywhere, at any moment, and with a wide variety of weapons from biological to cyber attacks.

At any time now a new wave of terrorism involving new and perhaps even more powerful weapons could throw our nation into a frenzy again.

The openness of American society and the means and knowledge required to conduct terror in the United States are proliferating rapidly and are widely available.

Perhaps most difficult to conjure is that we may never be sure that we have ultimately defeated those who aim to harm us. So this means the threat of terrorism is likely to be a lingering condition that makes securing our homeland a matter of national policy.

The Department of Homeland Security has four basic divisions. Border and Transportation Security would unify authority over major federal security operations related to our borders, allowing a single government entity to manage entry into the United States. The Emergency Preparedness and Response would oversee federal government assistance in the domestic disaster preparedness training of first responders and coordinate the government's disaster response efforts. Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear countermeasures lead the federal government's efforts in preparing for and responding to a full range of terrorist threats involving

weapons of mass destruction. Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection would gather and analyze intelligence and other information pertaining to threats to the homeland from multiple organizations such as the CIA, National Security Agency, FBI, the U.S. departments of Immigration Naturalization Service, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Energy, Customs and Department of Transportation.

These four divisions are designed to basically protect the American homeland against terrorism by organizing our efforts under one central department.

But for this new department to work, Congress will need to let go of some of its control. Homeland security and terrorism responsibilities of the Congress transcend all aspects of its traditional committee authority.

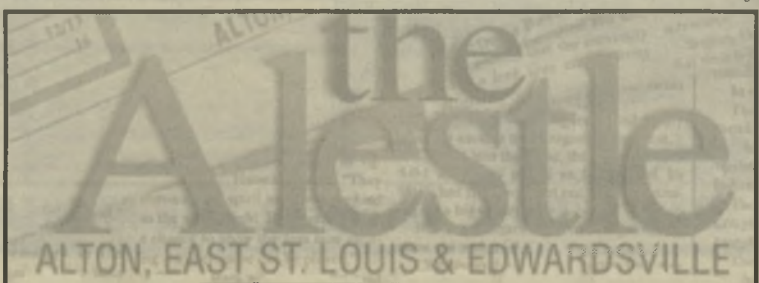
The White House has identified 88 committees and subcommittees that exercise authority over homeland security policy. There are 14 full committees and 25 separate subcommittees in the House that claim jurisdiction over some aspect of homeland security. Of the 13 appropriations subcommittees, 10 hold a portion of homeland security expenditures. Moreover, committee jurisdictions frequently overlap.

While I like the idea that the government has taken a proactive stance to protect the country, it seems a bit superfluous.

Every day the threat of another full-scale war seems inevitable. And with it the defense budget appears to grow. Yet, the only justification for war that I can think of is a moral one.

The U.S. government seems hell bent on using its war on terrorism to police the world. The president talks incessantly of the need for a preemptive strike. But I still wonder whether it's just political posturing. I just hope that the American government is cautious when it judges the morality of others, lest it be judged.

Karen M. Johnson
Editor in Chief



Letters to the Editor

Stand up; Support the sports at SIUE

Dear Editor,

I would appreciate the opportunity to express my views on the lack of support pertaining to SIUE's sports organizations.

When it comes to Edwardsville sporting events, attendance seems to be lower for our university than it was for my small hometown high school. I have previously gone to a few of SIUE's baseball and basketball games, and I feel I have seen and heard enough to make accurate judgments about the number of fans in regular attendance.

The crowd usually consists of family members of the players, and a few friends. When I was watching the games the bleachers were nowhere near full.

I have had some friends say they do not even know what types of sports teams SIUE has to offer.

My roommate, a senior at our university said, "We have a

Student tormented by technology in labs

Dear Editor,

I have been attending SIUE for only a short time. However, since I have been here I have had repeated difficulties with the computer systems here and the competence of the computer staff.

I understand the normal discrepancies that happen with computer systems. I understand that the computers go down from time to time, and I even understand to some degree the slow Internet access problem.

However, recently I have had even more problems. While on Thanksgiving break, I had an economic paper to write for one of my classes. I do not own a printer so I e-mailed it to myself so that I could print it off at school.

Unfortunately, when I returned to school the printer in the lab was broken. The printer had been broken since before break and was still broken. This did not surprise me. This particular lab has never been well maintained. Normally about half the computers are blue-screened, down, or broken. Not only that but there have been several occasions when there was porn saved as the desktop on them.

Well, after the lab in Bluff Hall, I tried a lab in the engineering building. That lab's printer was also broken.

After going to several labs, I finally found one that was not broken and had a working printer.

Not only was finding a

basketball team?" The depressing part of that statement is the fact that she was not kidding. Other friends and classmates have admitted that they don't know where on campus the sports events are held.

The people who make comments like those have the audacity to complain about our university. They say things like, "Our university isn't nearly as much fun as other universities."

Whose fault is that? It's ours. College life is what you make of it.

Let's make the best years of our lives memorable. Get involved. Support your school, and make an appearance at a game or two.

Sincerely,

Lacey R. Baldwin
Junior

working lab difficult. It was also difficult to get money onto my card. Not expecting to have to run around to print my paper, I only had change on me.

It was more than enough change to print my paper; however one can not put change on the printer vending cards, only dollar bills.

I had to go to the ATM and withdrawal money in order to print my paper.

I have several suggestions to fix these on-going problems.

First of all, the labs need to have better maintenance. It is a waste of SIUE's money to have perfectly good computers sitting around doing nothing just because no one is assigned to take care of them. Perhaps a student attendant sitting in each of the labs during the busiest hours could fix minor problems and to report major ones.

Second, the fee for using cards should be a number such as 10 cents or better yet, 5 cents.

The way it is now there is always a little money left over that is unusable.

Since the machines only accept bills you can never add 80 cents or exactly what you need to the card. The machines should at least accept change. This would be a big help.

SIUE needs to change its computer policies and take better care of them.

Daylene Abbott
Freshman
Undeclared

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I just thought that it was very interesting that within a seven-day period, 10 tickets were issued to people for driving uninsured motor vehicles according to the Police Incidents Thursday, Nov 14.

I thought about this for a while and realized these 10 people are only the ones they caught. Which then made me think of how many more people are out there driving on SIUE property every day without insurance.

Kind of makes you feel unsafe to drive and/or park your car anywhere in SIUE. Now even

the thought of walking through a crosswalk makes me uneasy.

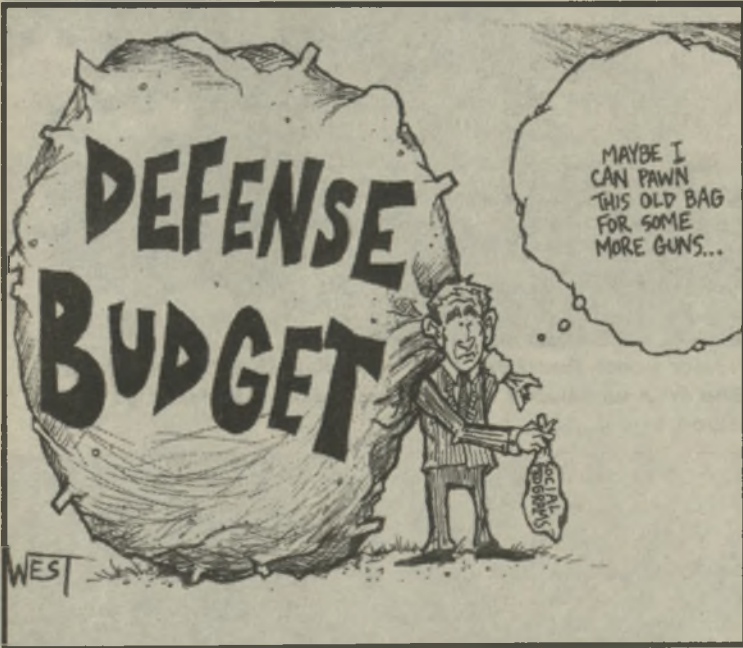
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Nontraditional students prevalent at SIUE

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Twenty-one years after graduating from Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto, Vicki Kruse posed for her college identification card. Returning to school, Kruse wondered how she would balance school, family and work.

1970, 40 percent in 1980 and 45 percent in 1990.

Though age and part-time status have characterized nontraditional students, the NCES examined demographic characteristics, enrollment patterns, work and family responsibilities and financial resources as criteria for its analysis of the condition of

Nashville High School for seven years. Continuing to work part time while attending classes at SIUE, Kollbaum manages to juggle school, work and family.

"The challenge was getting a hold of how much time I could devote to school, family and work," Kollbaum said. "You have to figure out your priorities when you have children and family."

A typical school day for Kollbaum begins at 5:30 a.m. when her 6-month-old daughter, Sabrina, and 7-pound miniature pinscher, Gracie, awaken. By 2 p.m., Kollbaum has taken Sabrina to day care, taught an advanced placement course at Nashville High School and driven an hour to SIUE for Spanish 101.

Kollbaum says her college outlook has changed since returning to school. "When I got my bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University, I was a straight-A student," Kollbaum said. "But what I realized when I started at Carbondale was that being married and working full time then had changed things.

"I was pulled in more directions and it was difficult to always work for that A," Kollbaum said. With the arrival of Sabrina, Kollbaum said she has learned not to stress herself about getting a B.

SIUE Dean of Students Randy Rock said, in most cases, nontraditional students focus more on studies. Typically in class, Rock said, the older students are more willing to challenge ideas presented by the instructor, whereas traditional students are less likely to speak up.

"Traditional students may view numbers or ideas as the gospel, whereas nontraditional students have had life experience to back up their challenge," Rock said.

Returning to college as a nontraditional student, Kruse said she has found herself holding back questions or comments in class. "Sometimes I hold off answering questions because I don't want to take away from the younger person's experience of discovering an answer on their own."

On the other hand, Kruse said, "I have learned, too, that I have some things to offer in the classroom from experiences only time can allow a person."

"You have to figure out your priorities when you have children and a family."

Sara Kollbaum

"I kept thinking, 'How am I going to fit this into my schedule?' and 'Am I going to be able to keep up with the younger students?'" Kruse said.

A member of the baby boom generation, Kruse, entered the work force after high school and spent 10 years in the banking industry, eventually quitting work to stay at home with her children, Aaron, 15, and Adrienne, 11.

After enrolling her younger child in kindergarten in August 1996, Kruse attended Lewis and Clark Community College. She transferred to SIUE in 2000 after receiving an associate's degree.

Initially majoring in social work, Kruse's love of writing prompted her to change to journalism. "I decided I always liked to write and thought maybe I could help people through my writing," Kruse said.

With her family supporting her decision, Kruse said she returned to school because she "wanted to do something more meaningful."

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the two primary factors influencing adult enrollment in 2002 were personal enrichment and to obtain additional skills for career advancement.

Over the past three decades, the National Center for Education Statistics has reported a steady increase in adult enrollment. Nontraditional students, ranging from 25 to 80 years of age, accounted for 30 percent of college students in

education in 2002.

The study concluded that, "almost three-quarters of undergraduates are in some way nontraditional," and in 2000, 73 percent of all undergraduates possessed one of the nontraditional characteristics outlined by the NCES.

Financial independence was the most common characteristic, followed by part-time attendance and delayed enrollment. Students with full-time jobs, dependents, spouses and high school equivalency certificates also met nontraditional criteria.

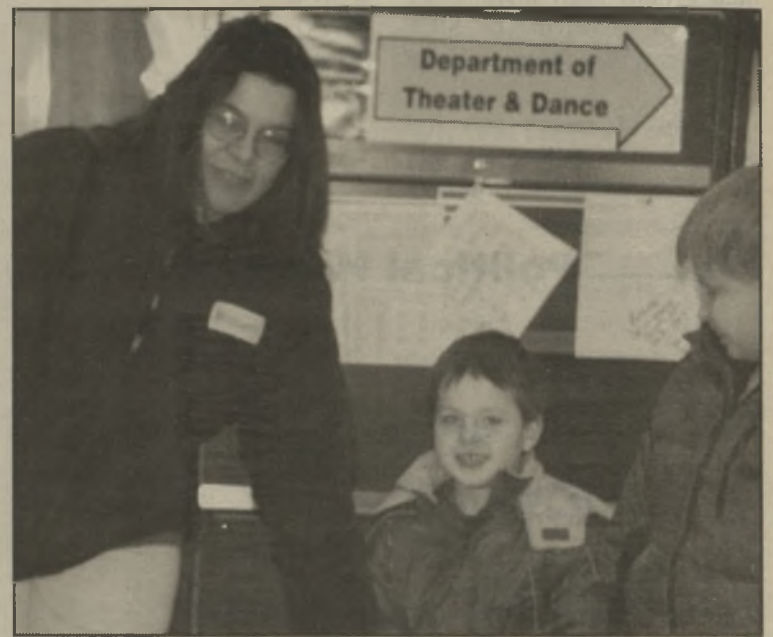
Defining the traditional student as one who enrolls in a full-time college program directly after high school and usually 25 or younger, the NCES reported that 27 percent of undergraduates in the United States presently meet these criteria.

Though SIUE has a diverse student population, younger students comprise the majority. According to the SIUE Fact Book, 80 percent of the undergraduate population in 2001 was 25 or younger, with the average age at 22.9.

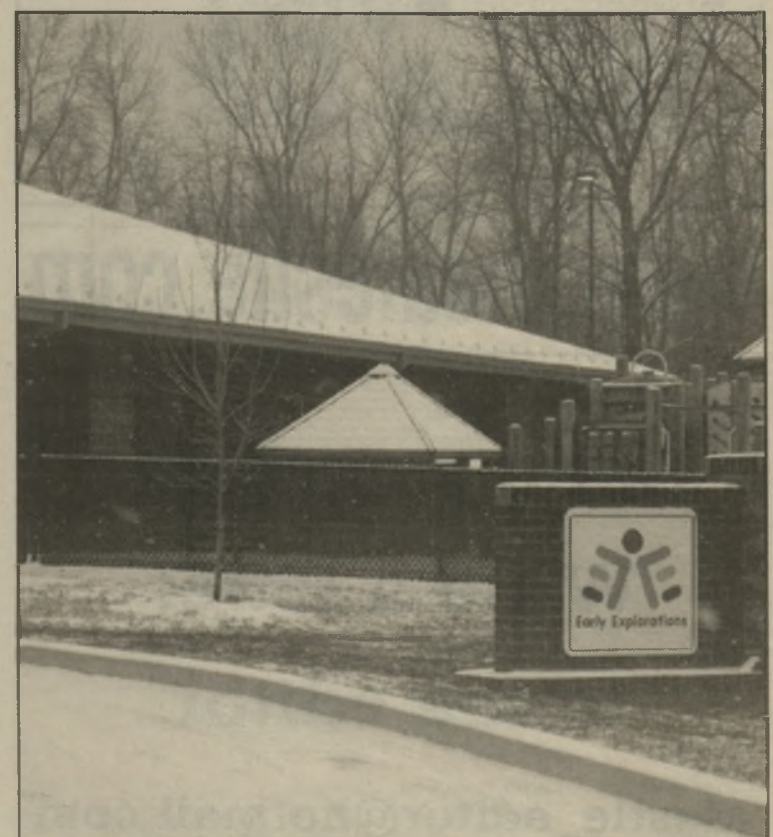
The average age of graduate students in 2001 was 32.5, with 75 percent 25 or older.

Transferring to SIUE after two years of part-time graduate work at SIUC, graduate student Sara Kollbaum, 29, said she found the graduate population here relatively older than at SIUC.

Kollbaum, who returned to college for a master's degree in literature, has taught English at



Senior Carrie Pruitt has been attending SIUE for three years. She lives on campus with her two children Joshua, age 9, and Aaron, age 4.



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Early Explorations and SIUE's early Childhood Center are available for child care on campus.

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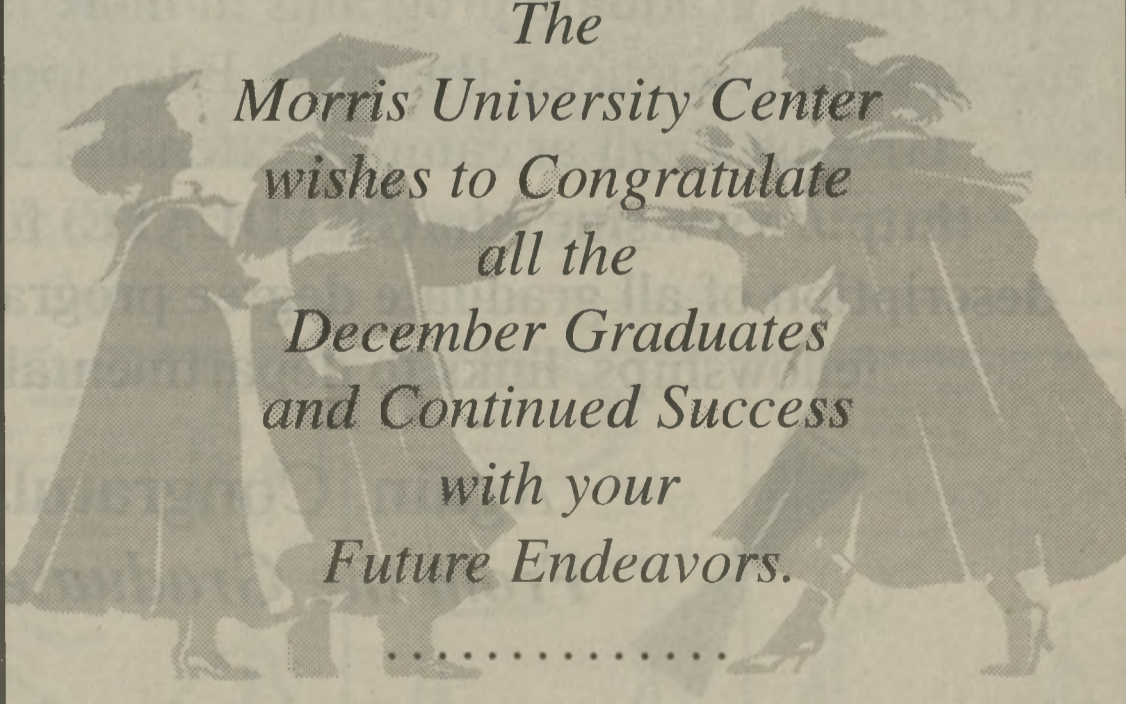
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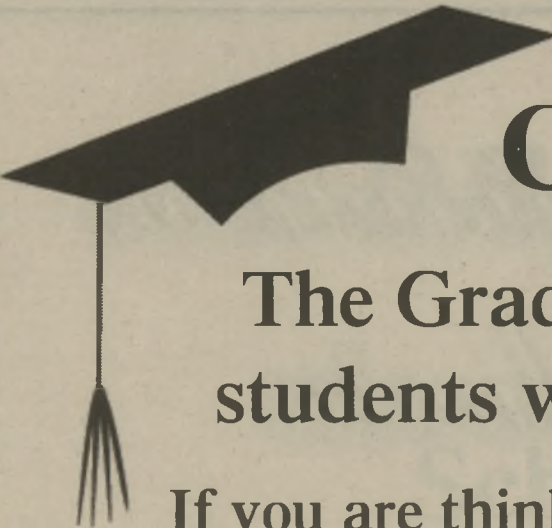


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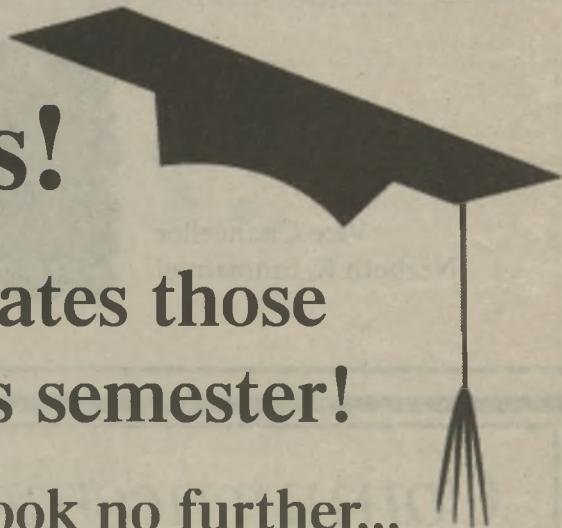
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“Friday After Next” is hopefully the last Latest in “Friday” series would be better left unopened



JEREMY HOUSEWRIGHT
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It appears that the third time’s not a charm for “Friday after Next.”

The third film in the “Friday” series is nothing more than lowbrow humor that rarely evokes even the slightest laugh.

Ice Cube, who serves as screenwriter and co-producer, is back for the third installment as Craig, along with Mike Epps, who plays his cousin Day-Day.

The plot of the film revolves around Craig and Day-Day trying to make enough money to pay their rent after being robbed by a thief dressed as Santa Claus. The characters are no different from the first two films, the arguing father and uncle, the “wannabe” pimp, and of course, what “Friday” film would be complete without the hot girl? The film has that been-there-smoked-that-already feeling that lingered from the second film, “Next Friday.” At least there were some laughs in that film. “Friday After Next” could go down as one of the worst films of the year.

Cube, fresh off one of the feel-good movies of the year, “Barbershop” picked a dud with this film.

The only thing that saved the film from being absolutely horrible was the return of Craig’s father, Mr. Jones, played by John Witherspoon. It’s always amusing to see Witherspoon do his bathroom humor in the films.

The original “Friday” has somewhat of a cult following. It helped launch the career of comedian Chris Tucker. Tucker was smart enough to stay away from the next two films. The original was fresh and full of humor, but the latest film is just cashed out. The newest installment of the series hits a new low with the abundance of unnecessary raunchiness and extremely blunt language.

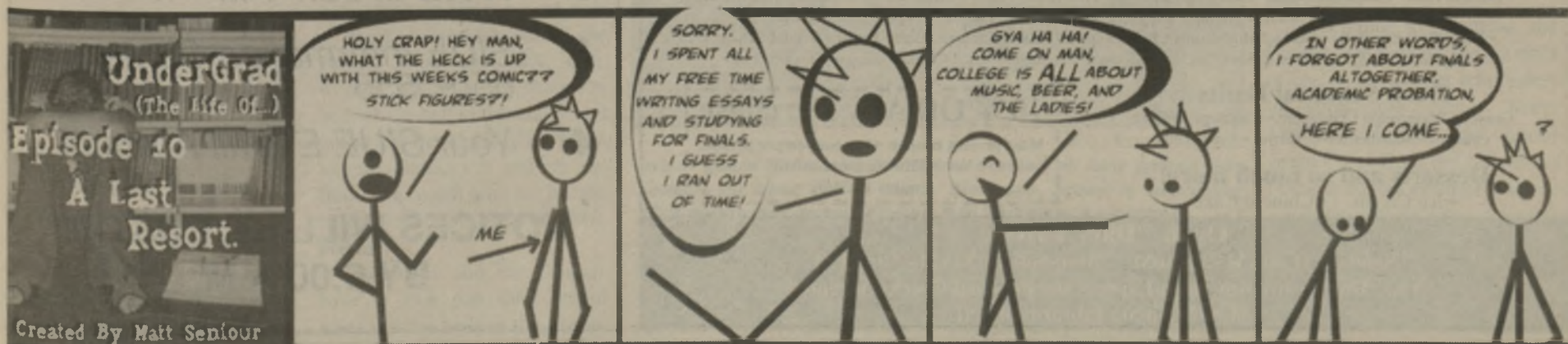
Ice Cube is one of the better rappers-turned-actor to hit the big screen. He has had success in such movies as “Boyz in the Hood,” “Higher Learning,” and most recently, “Barbershop.” If Cube wanted to give his fans an early Christmas present, he should have left this present wrapped up.



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K.D. Aubert, top left, plays Donna, Craig’s love interest in the film. She was last seen in “The Scorpion King.” John Witherspoon’s character, Mr. Jones, bottom left, is the lone bright spot in the film. Ice Cube and Mike Epps, top right, return as Craig and Day-Day in the latest “Friday” film.

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Holiday happenings around the area

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Around the holiday season, there is plenty to do in the Southern Illinois area.

Saturday will be the day of the Third Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Tour in Elsah, Ill. There will be tours of historic homes that have been decorated for the season, as well as Christmas carolers and sleigh rides through town. Alton will play host to a Jingle Bell Run/Walk, a two-mile race for competitive runners and a one and one-half mile

walk for fun. Register to participate at 9 a.m. Saturday morning at Gordon Moore Park. Call (618) 463-7427 for more information.

Saturday and Sunday the Olde Alton Arts and Crafts Fair will visit the Alton High School Annex building. It will be a great chance to look for holiday decorations and gifts for loved ones. Admission is \$2 per person Saturday, and \$1 per person Sunday. Breakfast and lunch will be served and free parking and transportation will be provided from East Middle School to Alton High. Call (618) 467-8860 for more information.

Sunday will be the Annual Old Fashioned Community Christmas in Hartford, Ill., complete with an authentic Santa Claus, caroling, story telling and free treats. Call (618) 254-9394 for more information.

Holidays just wouldn't be holidays without the right atmosphere. From 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Pride Inc. will play host to a Holiday Candlelight Home Tour. Homes in the Alton and Godfrey area will be open for tourists who pay admission. Each home will be decorated in a different style for the holidays. Call (800) 258-6645 for more information. The Brussels, Ill.,

Christmas House tour will be the same day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Call (618) 883-2124 for more information.

For musical entertainment, the St. Louis Wind Symphony will put on a concert of seasonal music at 3 p.m. Dec. 15 at Lewis and Clark Community College's Ann Whitney Olin Theater in Godfrey. Call (618) 466-7751 for more information.

More natural scenery can make for great, not to mention free, holiday entertainment. On Dec. 22 visitors to Cahokia Mounds will have the opportunity to witness the Winter Equinox at sunrise and learn about the ancient solar calendar known today as Woodhenge, located about a mile west of Monks Mound. The Mounds are located on Collinsville Road in Collinsville. Visitors should arrive by 7 a.m. Call (800) 289-2388 for more information.

Family entertainment in Alton includes a visit to Santa, Christmas carolers, pony and sleigh rides through town and a free puppet show in the Lincoln/Douglas Square. This will be from 1 to 4 p.m. every Saturday through December. Call (618) 463-1016 for more information.

Also from now through December, Alton will play host to "A Celebration of Christmas" lights display in Rock Springs Park on College Avenue. The display consists of more than a million lights that cover 65 acres of land. The display promises "a surprise around every corner" and is a perfect place to take a date on a romantic ride. Prices are \$7 per car and \$1 per person in motor coaches and oversized vans. All proceeds are donated to

various area charities.

This holiday season the St. Louis Zoo and Art Museum offer visitors "wild lights" and "jeweled arts."

The St. Louis Zoo is decorated for the holidays with thousands of colorful lights and animated light displays for young and old alike. Live reindeer offer a glimpse of what the ones pulling Santa's sleigh look like and seasonal sounds can be heard throughout the park.

New this year is "Penguins in Paradise," a light display which features arctic birds sliding down an iceberg of white lights. Also new are colorful leaping fish and a sparkling snowflake tree. Admission is \$4 per person and the lights are turning on the fun Friday through Sunday and nightly the 13 through 23 and 26 through 30.

The St. Louis Art Museum is showcasing beautiful jewels from the Mughal period in India through April 20. More than 300 jeweled items, including weapons, jade, crystal bowls and much more will be showcased. The jewels are on display in the Shoenberg Exhibition Galleries.

The collection, assembled by Sheikh Nasser and Sheikh Hussah al-Sabah, of Kuwait, is the result of 25 years of assembly. The jewels on display are only a small part of the nearly 7,000 works in the collection, which span from the seventh to the nineteenth centuries.

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The men and women's basketball teams will play host to Lewis University Thursday at the Vadalaabene Center. The women's game is set for 5:30 p.m. and the men's will start at 7:30 p.m.



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SIUE ice hockey club prepares for upcoming games

Cougars will play host to Wash. U Saturday

AMY GRANT
 ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE hockey club will take the ice at the East Alton Ice Arena one last time before going on a month long break this weekend.

SIUE will start the weekend on the road against Robert Morris College of Springfield before heading home to face Washington University.

SIUE dominated Wash. U in their previous meeting, shutting out the Bears by a score of 16-0. However, SIUE must avenge a 6-3 loss to Robert Morris from earlier this season.

"We really didn't know coming into this season who our



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Senior captain Scott Cloin (#12) and the SIUE hockey club stand ready to face Robert Morris College and Washington University this weekend.

biggest rival was going to be," senior captain Scott Cloin said. "But since (Robert Morris) beat us in one of our worst games, we

will bring our 'A' game."

SIUE is coming off an 8-6 loss against Bradley University Sunday. The loss broke a two-

game winning streak highlighted by a 27-3 victory over Wheaton College Nov. 16.

The Cougars have an overall record of 8-4-1 and are 5-2-1 in the Mid American Collegiate Hockey Association Silver Division heading into the weekend.

The Cougars hold an advantage in goals, 125-67, and shots, 655-419, in 14 games this year.

"We've been the best team on the ice in every game we've played, yet we still struggle at clutch time," Cloin said. "I think we rely too much on the guy next to us on the ice as opposed to taking it in our own hands."

"We have too many skilled players to lose to a couple of the teams that beat us," he added.

The line of sophomore left winger Joe DiMaggio, freshman center Matt Kaiser and freshman right winger Austin Jones has been SIUE's top line this season, combining for 38 goals and 44 assists.

DiMaggio is leading the

Cougars with 29 points, a combination of 15 goals and 14 assists, followed by Kaiser with 28 points and Jones with 25.

The scoring doesn't stop there though. Freshman center Jason Walker has reached the 20-goal plateau and Cloin has returned as a scoring threat with 10 goals and 14 assists.

"Our main strengths are depth and offense," Cloin said. "Our team hasn't been hurt by our fourth line forwards at all this season. Anybody on this team can score on a given night, including our defense."

Junior Derrick Lebyrk and sophomore Patrick Day have split time in goal this season with Lebyrk between the pipes for eight games and Day in net for five contests. Day has compiled the better goals against average of the two goalies at 3.54 with a .868 save percentage.

SIUE will face Robert Morris at 3 p.m. Friday in Springfield and Washington University at 3 p.m. Saturday at East Alton Ice Arena.

Men's basketball prepares for first home GLVC contest

Cougars set sights on Pumas

TRAVIS L. ROSS
 ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

After suffering an 84-73 loss to the Pumas of St. Joseph's College, the SIUE men's basketball team has lost three games in a row and taken a nasty drop to last place in the early Great Lakes Valley Conference standings.

The Cougars' tandem of sophomore guard Rob Baumgardner and junior guard Ron Jones have struggled offensively.

Baumgardner was held to two of 10 from the field and one of six from three-point range in the loss to the Pumas while Jones could only chalk up 15 points on six of 12 from the field and one of four from behind the three-

point arc. After his stellar 29-point performance against the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds, freshman forward Justin Ward cooled off against St. Joseph's, registering just six points and three rebounds in the contest.

Freshman forward Logan Glosser came off the bench to lead all players in scoring with 20 points in the game.

Head coach Marty Simmons said he has been waiting for Glosser to get back on track.

"Logan (Glosser) had struggled a couple of games prior to last night and he came out with a lot of enthusiasm off of the bench," Simmons said. "He worked hard to get his shots and he took the ball to the basket and got to the free-throw line. When Logan (Glosser) is out on the floor, we need him to be the hardest one of our guys out there playing."

Simmons said the Cougars have to look past their record when it is this early in the season.

"We are disappointed,"



KELI KEENER/ALESTLE

Junior guard Ron Jones (#11) has started all four games this season for head coach Marty Simmons. Jones is averaging 16.3 points per game heading into Thursday's matchup.

Simmons said. "We don't want to be 1-3. It is a long season and our main focus is finding ways to continue to get better on a daily basis."

One area the Cougars have worked on all season is rebounding and, after being out rebounded by the Pumas 41-36, the Cougars still have some work

to do. "Rebounding for us is a mental thing right now," Simmons said. "It is something that we practice everyday and we have been able to show (video) tape where we don't block out and where we allow our man to go by us. Every time that a shot is taken, in the players' mind they have to be thinking 'go out and get a body on them and block them out.' When the ball is in the air, you have to have the mentality where you tell yourself that the ball is yours and you need to go and get that ball with two hands."

According to Simmons, the Cougars are without the services of one of their better rebounders in sophomore center Brent Mueller. Mueller and junior guard Corey Bradford will be out of the lineup an estimated four to six weeks due to stress fractures in their right feet.

"Every player has to look at himself in the mirror and find a way to bring a little more

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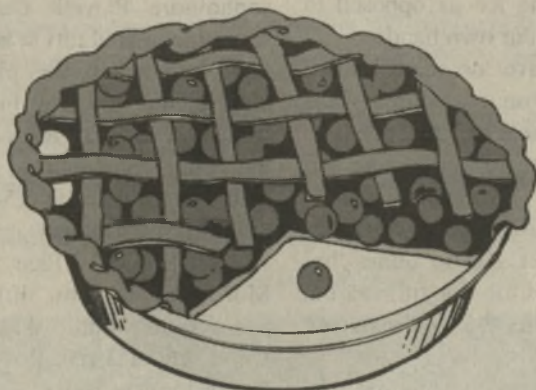
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Women's basketball set to play host to Lewis

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After playing its first four games on the road, the women's basketball team is looking forward to playing at home against Lewis University.

SIUE has struggled on the road this season, dropping its first two games in the Kitchen Pass Tipoff Classic in Pittsburg, Kan.

The Cougars went on to win their Great Lakes Valley Conference opener against the University of Indianapolis 72-55, but then surrendered a loss to St. Joseph's College 87-79 Monday in Rensselaer, Ind.

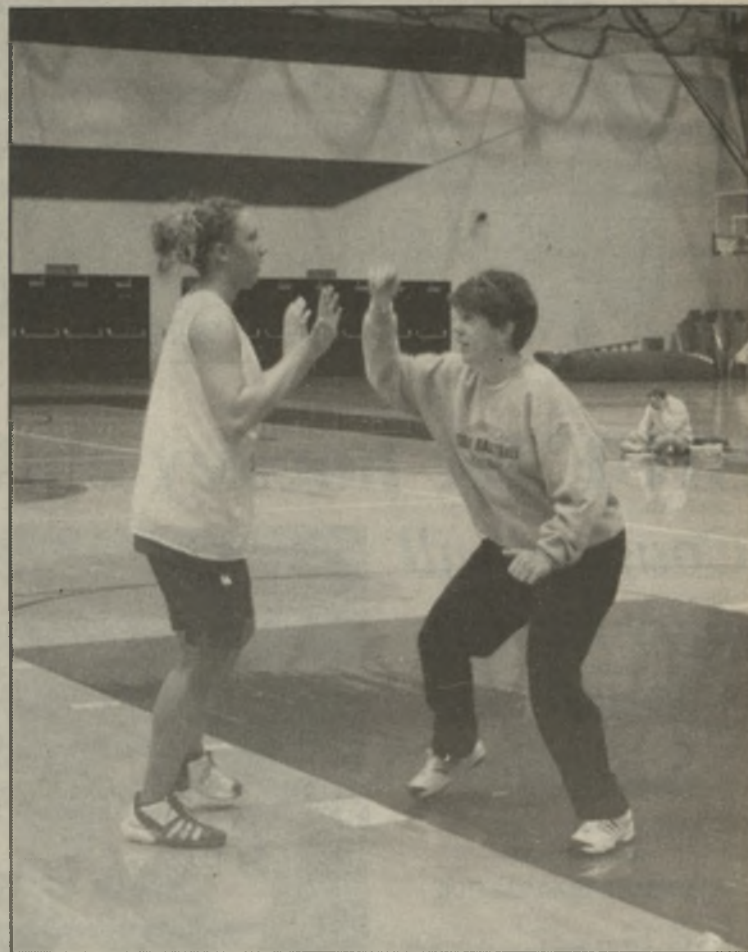
"I think it will help to return home," head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "Everyone is pretty tired; it's been a long couple weeks."

Despite the loss to St. Joseph's, SIUE played a strong offensive game. The team recorded a 61.5 field goal percentage in the first half and went on to finish the game with a percentage of 56.6.

Senior forward Liz DeShasier went a perfect six for six on field goals and five for five on free-throws while recording a career best 17 points.

"We've been shooting the ball well," Hedberg said. "It's just our defense that needs work. Monday we lost our composure against the press and things went downhill."

Two areas where St. Joseph's dominated were in bench points and second chance



KELI KEENER/ALESTLE

Head women's basketball coach Wendy Hedberg gives sophomore forward Annie Miller some defensive instruction.

points.

The Pumas had almost twice as many bench points as the Cougars 26-14 and had six times as many second chance points 24-4.

The Flyers are locked up in a four team tie with a 1-1 conference record, but come into the contest against the Cougars one spot ahead of SIUE with an overall record of 2-2 for fifth place.

Lewis is coming off of a dramatic 67-65 win against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Monday. Tied up at 65 with nine seconds left, junior guard Tracy Buccholz's basket at the buzzer clinched the win for the Flyers.

Buccholz is third on her team with an average of 10.8 points per game.

Hedberg said she was pleased with the way SIUE's defense improved in the win

against Indianapolis, but said the team will continue focusing on its defensive strategies for the upcoming games over break.

SIUE senior forward Ruth Kipping is leading the team with averages of 23 points and 7.3 rebounds per game.

She also has seven steals on the season and a .929 free-throw percentage.

Junior guard Jessica Robert is averaging 12.5 points per game while leading SIUE with eight steals and 4.5 assists per game.

The schedule doesn't get any easier for the Cougars over Christmas break.

The team will play five out of its eight games on the road, including the GLVC-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Challenge in Evansville, Ind. Dec. 28 and 29.

SIUE is set to face Lewis at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Vadalabene Center.

Men's soccer team has four named All-Region

TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Four members of the SIUE men's soccer team have been selected to the 2002 National Soccer Coaches Association of America's All-Central Region men's soccer team.

First team All-Region selections were senior backfielder Chris Camacho and junior forward Mike Ngonyani.

Second team All-Region selections were senior goalkeeper Matt Evers and senior midfielder Josh Hickam

"We are definitely pleased," head coach Ed Huneke said. "I

think that our representation shows what other coaches thought of our team and those guys (Camacho, Ngonyani, Evers and Hickam) were very instrumental in bringing that out."

Camacho started 17 games for the Cougars this fall and contributed five assists from his spot in the backfield.

According to Huneke, the Cougars will especially miss the solid goaltending efforts of Evers who started all 19 games. This season he compiled an 11-4 record with seven shutouts while only allowing 14 goals.

"The thing you really look

for in goaltending is consistency and steadiness," Huneke said. "Over the last two years Matt (Evers) has been both consistent and steady in goal. He has known how to make the big saves and the ordinary ones."

With a different goalkeeper coming up through the ranks next fall, the Cougars will look to this season's leading scorer Ngonyani to pick up some of the slack.

"Mike has proven himself in the manner that we thought he would on the field," Huneke said. "He is a player who is capable of doing a lot of good things."

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enthusiasm and toughness to practice everyday and to the games," Simmons said. "We need to have some guys who may not have been playing as many minutes step up and rise to the challenge."

Simmons said the Cougars are looking forward to returning to the Vadalabene Center for their first home conference matchup.

"I encourage all of the students to come out to the ball game," Simmons said. "Our team

is down a little bit and any additional support is much needed."

SIUE will play host to Lewis University at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Vadalabene Center.



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Head coach Marty Simmons gives some last minute instructions before the Cougars tipoff in a home game against the University of Illinois-Springfield Prairie Stars Nov. 23.

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