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# New equipment invades Mass Comm Department

BRUCE F. KLOSTERMANN  
NEWS STRINGER

For the SIUE Mass Communications Department, a new school year means new equipment.

During the summer, engineers and instructors have been hard at work installing \$500,000 worth of new audio and video equipment in Dunham Hall.

The most significant upgrades have been made in Dunham Hall's television studio,

which is now completely digital. New studio television cameras, field cameras, a new video

equipment have all been added.

The new equipment will not only allow production of higher quality video, but students will also find the editing process more convenient, thanks to the LANshare system.

In the past, students had to save their editing work on a

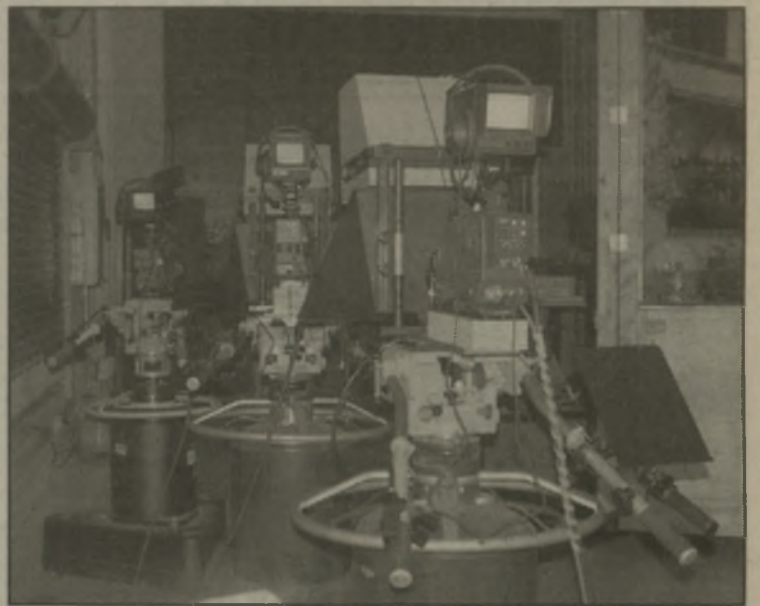
*"They're supposed to be some of the top cameras on the market, so I'm excited to use them,"*

*~Josh Stockinger, senior*

switcher with cutting-edge graphics, a plasma video screen, a local access network share system and digital-video editing

particular computer then resume work on the very same computer.

With the new system, all of  
*see MASS COMM, page 2*



JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

**Top , a row of new studio cameras for the MC204 video editing class are part of the \$500,000 spent on equipment for the Mass Comm Department. Bottom, the switchboard was also among the equipment bought in hope of receiving accreditation.**

## Werner updates Student Senate

BRUCE F. KLOSTERMANN  
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The SIUE Student Senate held its biweekly meeting in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center Friday.

Chancellor David Werner stopped by to welcome the senators back, take questions and report on enrollment, construction around campus and the upcoming state tuition-freeze program.

Werner reported that fall enrollment at SIUE was at 13,295, a 4.5 percent increase since last year.

The Hairpin Drive construction project was among the topics Werner discussed.

The project, originally intended only to beautify the campus by adding a central lawn, became a necessity after the Disability Support Services' office was moved from Peck Hall to Rendleman Hall.

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"We didn't want our disabled students to have to cross that high-traffic area, so the construction was started as soon as possible," Werner said.

According to Werner, funding is in the works for either major renovations to the Science Building or possibly a new building altogether.

"Upgrading the Science Building is essential to our engineering, science and upcoming pharmacy programs," Werner said.

"One way or another, we're going to get that done."

The university is also trying to finalize the state of Illinois' tuition-freeze program.

The program, which ensures students' tuition rates will remain constant over a four-year period, will most likely take effect in the

fall of 2004.

Only new students who are Illinois residents will be eligible for the program.

Funding was approved Friday for Iota Phi Beta's Masquerade Ball, which will be held Friday, Oct. 31, in the Meridian Ballroom of the MUC.

The senate also approved the constitution for the SIUE chapter of the American Concrete Institute Friday.

The chapter, under the supervision of construction professor Luke Snell, has been established to further civil engineering and construction management students' knowledge in concrete as a building material and to study trends in the concrete industry.

Two members of the ACI will be competing in a concrete cube competition in Boston in two weeks.

## Track resurfacing gets jump-start

CALLIE STILWELL  
NEWS REPORTER

As the outdoor track at Ralph Korte Stadium approaches a decade of use, only a few parts will undergo construction this month.

The entire project will cost approximately \$80,000, according to Mohammad Rouf of Facilities Management.

Head coach Darryl Frerker said the track itself is not being

resurfaced, but primarily the areas used for the long jump and triple jump.

According to Frerker, the faulty surfaces "didn't adhere to the concrete underneath."

During times of heat, the surface bubbles.

"It's actually just a couple of places," Frerker said.

While maintenance will only be done to areas near the track, the track area will be closed completely until construction is

finished because of the machinery and surface work.

"Hopefully it will be a couple of weeks," Frerker said.

He added that all-weather tracks usually have a life span of about 10 years.

"Overall, the construction of this track was better than anticipated," Frerker said and added he doesn't see the need for a new track in the near future.

## Students needing lift can turn to Cougar shuttle

MIA LEWIS  
NEWS STRINGER

catch the bus."

According to the Cougar shuttle brochure, getting around campus is free. The Cougar shuttle runs every 10 minutes. Students may catch the bus at Hairpin Drive in front of Peck Hall and take it to Cougar Village. It also goes to the residence halls and the Early Childhood Center.

The Cougar shuttle brochure also says that students may get picked up to go to downtown Edwardsville to go shopping for 50 cents. Going to St. Louis isn't a problem either.

According to the brochure the Collinsville Metro bus will take students to the nearest

*see MCT, page 2*

Not all students living on campus have cars, which is one of the reasons they have access to the Cougar shuttles on campus.

The Cougar shuttle is part of the Madison County Transit bus system. This year MCT has created new ways for students to get more information about the bus system.

"In the Cougar shuttle brochure, we now have a different map and shuttle schedule that is easier to read," Joe Wright, director of marketing for the MCT bus system said.

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## Board of trustees elects student voter

STEVE M. BRITT  
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE's Rick Maurer is the new voting student trustee on the Southern Illinois University board of trustees.

"It's great. I love it. I get to sit on the board with all these great people," Maurer said.

The political science major was chosen by Gov. Rod Blagojevich after being recommended by state Rep. Jay C. Hoffman, D-Collinsville. Maurer will serve until July 1.

The board also has a student

trustee, Ed Ford, from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

"One student votes, the other student trustee acts as an adviser. We work as a team," Maurer said.

Under the board's rules, only one student trustee may cast a vote. The privilege alternates each year.

Last year's voting student trustee was Ted Clark from Carbondale.

"This year it's Edwardsville's turn. Basically the tradition has been back and

forth," Maurer said.

Maurer said he plans to keep an eye on for two key issues.

"I'm going to try to work with the board to keep tuition at a reasonable level, even with the economic trouble we have," Maurer said.

He also wants to begin working toward renovating buildings on both the Edwardsville and Carbondale campuses.

"A lot of buildings are getting old, 40, 50 years and they need renovating," Maurer said.

## Safe Zone allies offer understanding

CALLIE STILWELL  
NEWS REPORTER

Safe Zone meetings were brought to campus to inform the SIUE community about issues facing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students, or GLBT students.

Faculty and staff can take a

larger role in helping those students by attending a Safe Zone meeting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday in Peck Hall, Room 3117.

Issues include topics for the Brown Bag Sessions this semester as well as the Safe Zone ally training session.

Safe Zone Chair and

criminal justice professor Kevin Cannon said the training session allows faculty and staff to become Safe Zone allies. The allies give concerned students a resource to go to where they will not be judged or receive repercussions.

Cannon said there are 25 ally members.

## MASS COMM

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the computers in the lab are interconnected, meaning students can save and resume their work on any computer in the lab.

"It makes for a more effective learning space," Mass Communications Department Chair Patrick Murphy said.

Students in audio production classes are also learning on new equipment this semester, as Pro Tools systems have been installed in Dunham Hall's audio labs.

Pro Tools, a state-of-the-art computer program for multi-track digital recording and editing, has become the industry standard and can be seen in radio stations across the country.

The addition of Pro Tools to SIUE's studios means students will be better prepared to work in the industry.

Adjunct professor Tim Mauldin said, "The sound quality is so much better (with Pro Tools). Very few radio stations

still use analog audio."

Mauldin teaches audio production this semester, and his students are already becoming more comfortable with the technology.

"It takes a while to figure out, but once you sit down and really work with it, it's easy," senior Stephanie Wendt said.

Mass communications professors are reaping the benefits of the new equipment as well.

Room 1015 in Dunham Hall has been upgraded to a smart classroom with a new plasma video screen and computer.

Students in photojournalism classes will also be using new technology for the first time this semester. Several Nikon D100 digital cameras were purchased last year, but with no one to teach the class, they weren't used.

Photojournalism is back this semester, and students are

looking forward to using the cameras.

"They're supposed to be some of the top cameras on the market, so I'm excited to use them," senior Josh Stockinger said.

The equipment upgrades were made not only to give students better learning opportunities, but also to obtain accreditation by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.

The ACEJMC, a national accrediting body, will visit the Mass Communications Department next year, and Murphy said he is looking forward to it.

"This accreditation will put us on the same level as schools like Nebraska, for example," Murphy said.

"It will give a degree from our department even more weight."

## MCT

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Metrolink station for a small fee, exceeding \$1.50.

The Metrolink will take students to areas in St. Louis such as downtown, the zoo and Lambert Airport. It will also take students to different areas of Madison County.

The new information about the shuttle service seems to attract students.

"I think we have seen an increase in students riding the shuttle bus," Wright said. "I think they are appreciative of the service and it is a great experience for students that have

never rode the shuttle before."

Students have different opinions about the bus service.

"There are many students that ride the bus and at times it gets crowded," senior Kelley Lumpkin said. "Despite that I still feel that the shuttle service is very helpful."

For students who like to ride their bikes, the buses have bike racks installed so students may take their bike along with them. The bus system also works with people who choose to carpool.

Wright feels strongly about helping students with the

Madison County Transit bus system.

He said the bus system is committed to helping people achieve a better quality of life.

He also encourages people to ride the bus more often because it's a great experience.

For more information about the shuttle service, call MCT at 931-RIDE or go to MCT's Web site at [www.mct.org](http://www.mct.org).

Students may also pick up Cougar Shuttle brochures and bus route schedules around campus.



## Effort under way to form bargaining unit for faculty

MIA LEWIS  
NEWS STRINGER

The SIUE nontenure track faculty had a social and meeting Friday.

The meeting was first, and at the Illinois Education Office, and the social took place at Shenanigans, a sports bar and grill in Edwardsville.

Guest speaker Sharon MacDonald, spokesperson for the NTT union at Illinois State, spoke at both events.

At the meeting the NTT organizing committee discussed future plans.

"The SIUE nontenure track faculty will continue to have more organizing meetings throughout this academic year," Illinois Education Association organizer David Vitoff said.

Other plans involved making the committee a union. "The chief activity will be to continue outreach in which our supporters are contacting everyone in our proposed bargaining unit," Vitoff said.

"Bargaining unit means all the people that we hope to have covered in a union election and ultimately under a union contract (all lecturers and instructors)."

At the meeting and social MacDonald expressed how she wanted the NTT members to become a successful union.

She said that it's going to be hard work for the SIUE NTT organizing committee to become a union. She also said when they become a union, they are going to have job security, recognition and a better educational environment for their students.

Faculty members seemed impressed with the meeting as well.

"The meeting answered many questions," SIUE faculty member Scott Heagher said. "It gave me much confidence about the plans of faculty."

Other faculty members also had a positive outlook for the NTT Organizing Committee.

"We are just trying to establish equity among the faculty," speech communication professor Alan Schiller said.

Some of the nontenure faculty were not able to attend both events, but still showed support.

"I'm here at the social and I'm hoping for the future," SIUE faculty member Mike Hasenstab said.

The NTT Organizing Committee will have more meetings in the future. It will also have more socials for supporters.

Supporters are encouraged to keep an open ear for announcements about upcoming events.

## Police Incidents

### Traffic

9-08-03

Police issued a citation to Carl B. Mitchell on Circle Drive for not having valid registration.

Police issued a citation to Kevin A. Moore on Cougar Lake Drive for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

9-09-03

Police issued a citation to Terran M. Jones for disobeying a traffic control device on East University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Laura L. Meier for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Lindsay J. Stephenson on South University Drive for not having proof of insurance.

Police issued a citation to Marvell Seals on University Drive for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and not having valid registration.

Police issued a citation to Ousseynou S. Papa on Cougar Lake Drive for not having proof of insurance.

Police issued a citation to Timothy M. Voss on South University Drive for speeding and driving with a suspended license. Voss was arrested on a zero tolerance violation. Voss posted \$100 bond and was released.

9-10-03

Police issued a citation to Ross D. Tyler for failing to yield in Lot 7.

Police issued a citation to Heather M. Koekenmeir for disobeying a stop sign on Circle Drive.

Police issued a citation to Adedamola Oshin on South University Drive for not wearing a seatbelt.

9-11-03

Police issued a citation Paul D. Lath on South University Drive for having expired registration.

9-12-03

Police issued a citation to Andrew P. Affrunti for having an illegal unattended vehicle on the inner roadway near Cougar Village building 511.

9-14-03

Police issued a citation to Carl B. Mitchell for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Jessica L. Berg for speeding on South University Drive.

### Other Offences

9-08-03

Police arrested Haley E. Murray for fleeing from an officer.

### Drugs/Alcohol

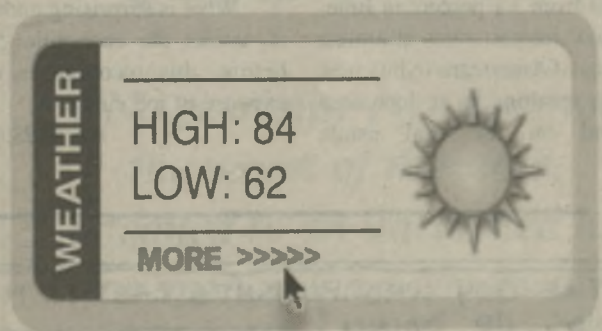
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# Opinions & Editorial viewpoints & commentary

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## Exercise your civic duty – get involved

Life can be complicated for college students.

In addition to keeping up with the work from several classes, the university has an abundance of extracurricular activities to sift through as we strive to define our independence.

One very important aspect that should not be neglected is our responsibility to the community.

Right now, at least in part, our community is the SIUE campus.

This is true for the students who live on campus as well as for commuting students who spend several hours every week on campus.

Who makes the important decisions at SIUE?

Are there any important decisions that will be made in the near future? How will those decisions affect you?

The best way to know the answers to these questions is to get involved.

Being informed is not only each student's right, it is also each student's responsibility.

There are two governmental bodies students should know about, the student senate and the Southern Illinois University board of trustees.

The senate represents the voice of the students to the administration.

Our elected senators meet with the chancellor, the vice chancellors, deans and program administrators on a regular basis to discuss issues.

The senate monitors and votes on how student fee dollars are spent.

The student government also approves formation of new student clubs and organizations and makes financial decisions concerning those organizations.

campus goes through the SIU board of trustees.

The board has members who are appointed by the governor and two student trustees elected by the students of the Edwardsville and the Carbondale campuses.

Both the student government and the board of trustees make decisions that affect each student of SIUE on a daily basis.

The student senate meets every other Friday afternoon in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.



they are packed full of vital information for students.

It is not easy to be involved or to keep track of all of the ins and outs of the governmental groups of a community, which is why we elect officials to represent our best interests.

However, it is important to stay involved and know those who represent us.

It is our responsibility to spare a couple hours each month to attend meetings that are designed to keep us informed.

Otherwise, important decisions will be made without any input from those who will be impacted the most.

Stella Ramsaroop  
Columnist

*“... it is important to stay involved and know those who represent us...”*

The only way this group can accurately represent student issues is to know what is important to the students.

This is where civic action comes into the picture and each student, as a citizen of the campus, stands up to let his or her voice be heard.

Students should also know that almost every significant financial decision made for the

The board of trustees meets monthly on different campuses.

Just last week the board met on the SIUE campus.

Information about board meetings can be found at [www.siu.edu/bot/index.htm](http://www.siu.edu/bot/index.htm).

All meetings are open to the public, which means students may attend.

While some meetings may seem long or, at times, boring,

## Economy improving yet jobs for grads a rarity

STEVEN DA  
THE COLLEGIATE TIMES

(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. - College graduates are still struggling to find jobs and stocks are assuming new bull markets, both indications of the dawning of a new economic boom.

Back to the first quarter of this year, many optimistic analysts still wonder if the United States was in a shaky, stagnant economy with remarkable concern about a double recession.

If the economy falls after a seeming rally, it would be a real slump and it will take much more time to recover.

Even the most conservative analysts have solid reason to believe we will continue to see a relatively strong economic performance in the not-so-distant future.

Without a doubt, all of the traditional economic indicators are suggesting this recovery.

Three critical factors—investments, consumer consumption and exports—are up, indicating a fairly encouraging economic picture in the near future.

Consumer spending climbed 0.8 percent in July, rising from June's 0.6 percent.

According to the Department of Commerce, personal savings as a percentage of disposable

personal income rose to 3.8 percent from 3.1 percent in June.

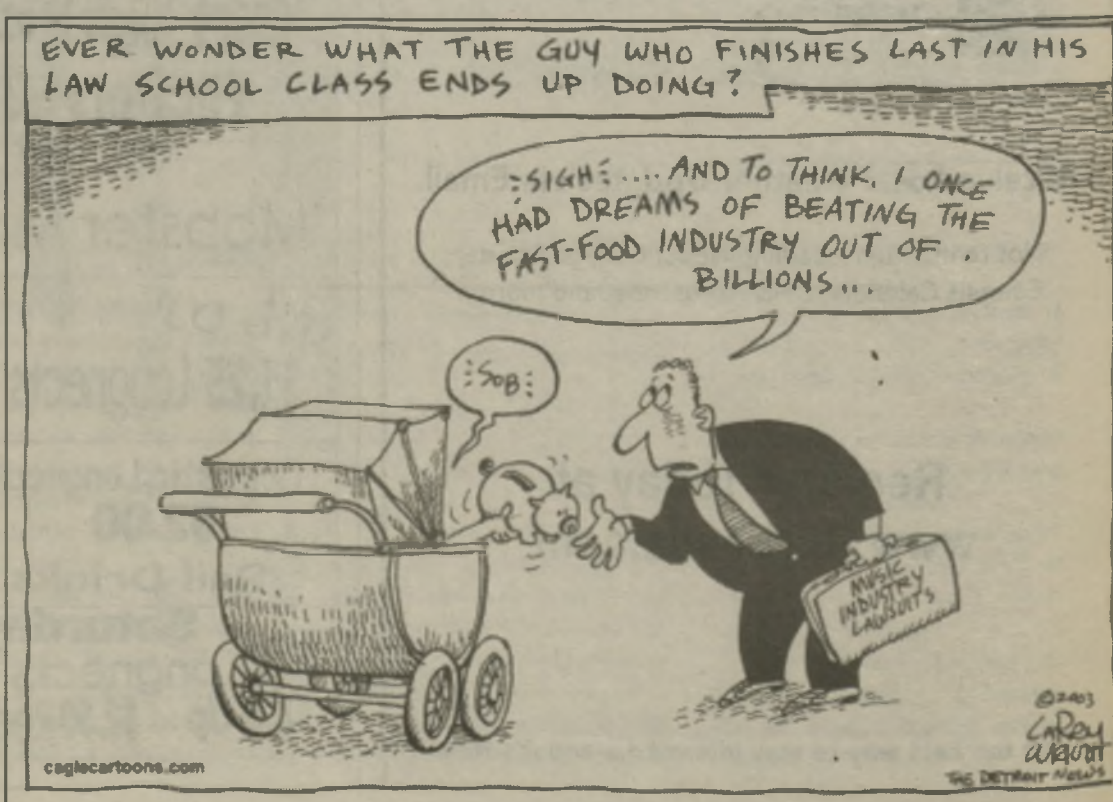
Low interest rates stimulate millions of Americans to buy new homes, resulting in an increased demand on the real estate

industry.

What is surprising and ironic is, unlike the economic growth before, this recovery is at the expense of job cuts and

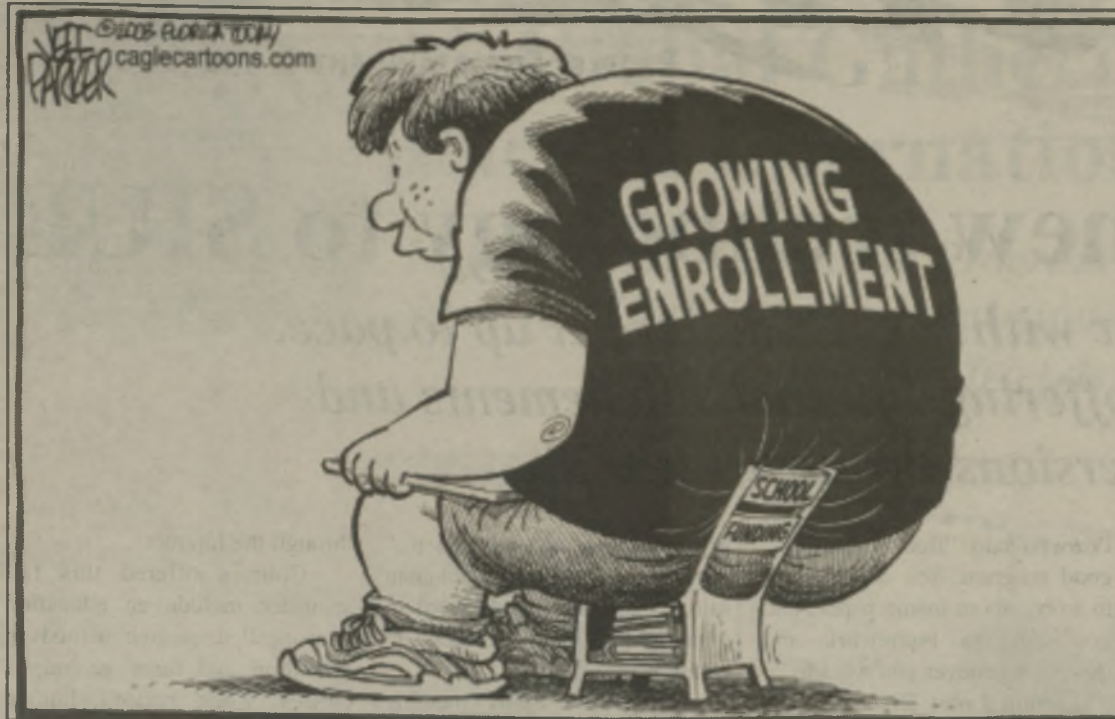
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## Political Cartoon





## Political Cartoon



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accompanied by a high unemployment ratio.

While the economy and stock market are experiencing growth, so has unemployment, as high as 6.2 percent.

In 2001, America lost about 1 million jobs. This year, 2.4 million jobs were lost.

Even for a business major, it is hard to understand the economy is recovering with such a high unemployment ratio and continuing job loss.

Because the technology will continue to develop and be applied to business, we will see this is a long-term trend.

Furthermore, migration to developing countries will generate an even more prolonged structural unemployment issue.

Therefore, job searches will

become increasingly difficult in this country.

For the new graduates from colleges with less professional experience who are competing with very experienced professionals for limited positions, landing a job is a real challenge.

Nevertheless, a fairly encouraging economy is in the future. More specifically, the stock market will be rising for at least the next one or two years.

Surveys show 71 percent of Americans are optimistic about the future of the economy and most look forward to a better life.

Most investors agree, while it is a good time to invest in the stock market, it is a difficult time to find a job.

## Quote of the Day

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~Helen Keller

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# Lifestyles

PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT & THE ARTS

## WebCT brings new technology to SIUE

*Students not familiar with WebCt better get up to pace.  
More courses are offering Internet supplements and  
on-line versions through WebCT.*

DARCI TRADER  
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Technology is constantly changing the world and changing the way we learn.

In the age of the computer, college campuses across the nation have changed with the times.

Universities have built computer labs, created Internet access in dorm rooms and provided teachers with tools to teach in this new era.

In 1999 SIUE chose a computer program to help teachers make the Internet transition, Web Course Tools.

"WebCT is produced by WebCT Inc. with headquarters in Massachusetts," said Jennifer Vandever, a staff member at the Faculty Technology Center who helps keep WebCT up and running. "Originally it was designed by a computer science professor in British Columbia, where most of the research and development and technical support is still done."

A faculty committee was formed in 1998 to explore course management systems.

The committee finally selected WebCT because it best fit SIUE.

"The committee that chose WebCT in 1998 thought it best met our needs," Vandever said. "Also it was much more cost-effective."

WebCT is a very diverse program that can be used for many things, from chemistry quizzes and assignments to a whole workbook for Spanish 101.

"Each WebCT course comes with a set of tools; the professor gets to decide which tools to use and how to use them," Vandever said.

This program has already started to change how students take quizzes, tests, do homework and even how they turn in English papers.

"Many courses now use WebCT to post online quizzes and homework, which can automatically be graded," Vandever said. "Those grades can then be made available to students immediately. In a non-WebCT course, the students would probably have to wait until the next class. WebCT students

get a better sense of where they stand in the course."

Not only can assignments and quizzes be turned in and graded through WebCT but so can research papers and other written assignments for English classes.

"Many professors have

Pozorski said. "But overall it is a good program. You do not have to worry about losing papers and you can do homework and quizzes whenever you want to."

Junior Louis Rigo does not like the extra work that is involved for students using WebCT.

my upcoming nursing classes," sophomore Megan Buchanan said. "I am looking forward to doing quizzes and assignments in a new way."

WebCT is not only changing how classes do homework, but how classes are run in general.

through the Internet.

Courses offered this fall semester include an education course called research methods in education and three geography classes; world regions, human geography and physical geography.

There are also five different nursing classes offered varying from nursing skills to an administration practicum.

"As tempting as it sounds to take a class from the convenience of your room, students should think carefully before enrolling in an online course," Vandever said. "Online courses require a lot of self-discipline and time management."

As many students know, the Blaster Worm and the Sobig e-mail virus hit SIUE's computer network very hard.

Resident halls and Cougar Village went almost two weeks before the problem was totally solved.

During the first week of classes, teachers and students had trouble not only accessing the Internet, but also WebCT.

"I was very frustrated that I could not talk to my mommy and I could not access WebCT when I wanted to the first week of school," sophomore Serene Seymour said.

"In this type of environment, where almost everyone uses the Internet on a daily basis, the likelihood that viruses and worms will infect an unprotected computer is high," Vandever said. "This is why it is extremely important for everyone to regularly update their virus-scanning and operating system software."

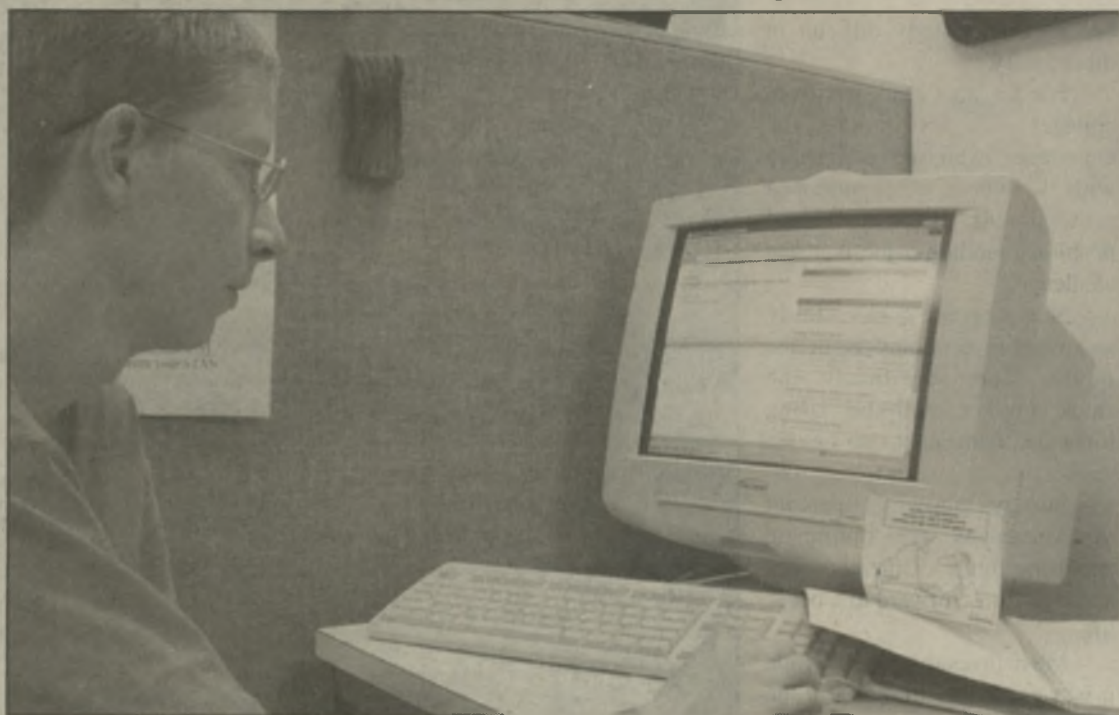
Technical information and updates about viruses can be found at [www.siu.edu/techalert](http://www.siu.edu/techalert).

When using WebCT, it is important to always scan files you download from the site before saving them to your computer.

WebCT is a safe environment, but as with all systems, the user must keep virus protection and operating systems up to date.

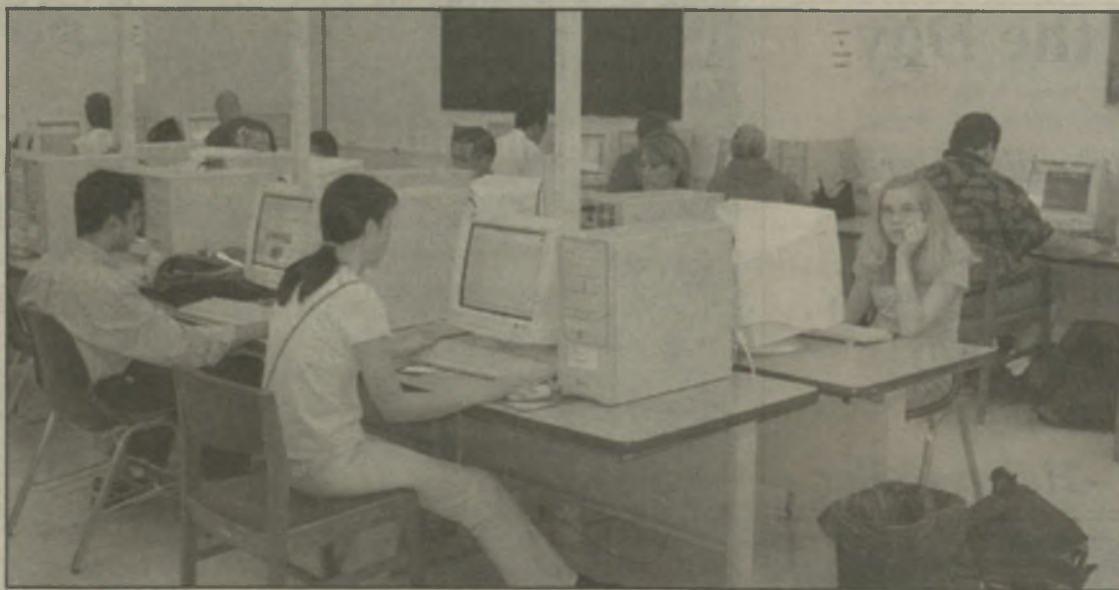
Vandever said the best advice to keep people from accessing your WebCT account is keeping your user name and password confidential.

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KEVIN HILL/Alestle

**Junior Jason Bryant demonstrates how WebCt is used to supplement regular coursework.**



KWAME ROSS/Alestle

**A computer lab, almost filled to capacity, is a necessary tool for students as more courses jump on line.**

students turn in written work using WebCT," Vandever said. "For instance, students can submit their papers using the Assignments tool; the professors can download, read and grade them. Then they can send the student a corrected copy using the same Assignments tool within WebCT."

"Sometimes WebCT is not very user-friendly," junior Dave

"I do not like WebCT for the fact that I have to work everything out on paper and then transfer the answer to my computer," Rigo said. "Or the fact that half the time WebCT counts the problem wrong because you capitalize a letter when it wants it in lower case. It is just too picky."

"I have never used WebCT, but I am going to start using it for

There are already several classes that are offered through WebCT and do not meet regularly.

These classes are held through a classroom-connection service called Illinois Virtual Campus.

Through this service students can take lectures, quizzes, tests and everything else a student needs for a class





*"In the United States, everything is huge! You can't get anywhere without a car!"*

Julie Auriol

MIGUEL MARLING  
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Members of the International Hospitality Program and friends of IHP joined SIUE international students from North America, South America, Africa, Asia and Europe for the annual fall picnic, A Global Gathering.

International students study at both the graduate and undergraduate levels and are in the School of Business and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Many students major in business or engineering and some study communications, economics, accounting, art, computer management information systems or computer science.

Although this year's picnic was inside Bluff Hall's multipurpose room due to inclement weather, there was still plenty of activity.

The picnickers enjoyed a potluck lunch of barbecue-style food and international dishes.

Music was provided by the one-man band of Butch Moore. The variety of country, jazz, bluegrass and blues rhythms gave the international students a taste of some of America's original art forms.

A line-dancing lesson and performance by the country and western dance group, "The Slappers," followed the meal.

Nearly 50 students and IHP members moved to upbeat country music.

The crowd seemed thrilled to learn a dance form so unique to the United States. A mix of languages and some big left feet made the whirl of the barn dance even more entertaining.

Food and music typically accompany IHP events. However, the group's specialty is not song and dance.

IHP consists of mostly local families, business people and some SIUE faculty who have been aiding SIUE international students in adjusting to life in the United States for nearly 25 years.

The group focuses on providing friendly and family-like advice and on forming lasting relationships with

## "A Global Gathering" takes place at international picnic

*International Hospitality Program hosts annual fall picnic for SIUE international students, IHP families, faculty, staff and friends of IHP.*



International students enjoy music, dancing and food at the International Hospitality Program's annual fall picnic for students, faculty and staff.

international students.

Members, known as host families, volunteer their time and experience out of goodwill.

Each new school year brings new and old host families to IHP.

For many, interacting so closely with international students is a new experience, and for others, it is having had such an experience that draws them to

participate.

Some international students remain part of the program for the duration of their time at SIUE.

Some international students request to be part of IHP and are assigned host families.

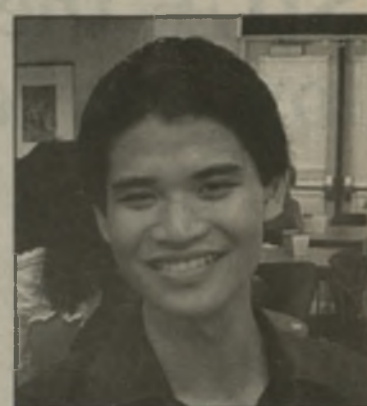
More timid students have the opportunity to meet host families with whom they quickly become

friends with at IHP events.

Typically, students win invitations to unique sightseeing, cultural and sporting events around the Metro-East area.

Some students have already been to baseball and football games, on dinner-dates with their host families and even visited the Anheuser Busch brewery.

In past years, students have



*"The United States has different pedagogical methods, you have to keep up to date."*

David Sulistyo

visited nearly every mall in the Metro East area, the Missouri Botanical Gardens, Forest Park, St. Louis Zoo, Jewel Box, art and history museums, historic Central West End, Cahokia Mounds, Six Flags, the Landing, the Loop and theatrical and musical events.

The International Student Services Office, located in the Morris University Center, cosponsored the picnic this year.

Though a representative from the office was not available for comment, in the past Toni Liston, international student services adviser, has praised newly arrived international students, "eager and enthusiastic, very much like the original American pioneers, leaving their family and friends to take on a whole new adventure."

For help with financial decisions, obtaining visas and other documents, coursework, housing and campus life in general, international students have the International Student Services Office as a resource.

However, it is often difficult to perform simple and seemingly trivial daily activities when one is in a foreign country.

Grocery shopping, doing laundry, going out to eat, buying amenities and other daily activities can become tricky tasks.

Larger decisions such as purchasing a car, applying for insurance and planning for vacation travel are even more complicated.

For these reasons, IHP offers experienced Americans looking to help international students in any reasonable way.

The group's motto, "We all smile in the same language," illustrates IHP's good intent.

Students or faculty interested in joining the group may contact Ajay and Joye Kansal at 288-3175.

Yearly dues of \$10 cover the costs of entertainment and booking.

One can always expect to find plenty of food, music and new friends at IHP events.

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# SIUE theater offers students low-cost quality productions

ELIZABETH A. LEHNERER  
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

With the cost of tuition, books and those pesky parking tickets, SIUE students are almost always in search of a good bargain.

The theater department is offering a deal that cannot be beat.

For the past three years the SIUE theater and dance department, in conjunction with University Housing and the Office of Student Affairs, has offered ticket deals to students for performances on the Mainstage.

This year is no exception. Undergraduates or graduates, living on or off campus, can obtain a free ticket for one performance of each production with a valid student I.D.

The productions take place on the university mainstage located in Dunham Hall.

Lana Hagan, director of marketing for the department of theater and dance, said the purpose of the offer is to expand student life on campus.

"We want students to take part in what's happening here, right in their own backyard," Hagan said.

Since the program began in 2001, attendance at the mainstage shows has tripled.

For the 2000 to 2001 school year, student attendance at theater productions was estimated at 950.

By the 2002-2003 school year, total attendance had reached 2,929 students.

Though the educational benefit of having a theater and dance department on a college campus is evident, Hagan said members of the student body who do not participate in the productions still profit from the performances.

"Theater is a place where all students can open a door to a lifetime of learning through theater arts," she said.

In a step toward extending the ticket deal, The Office of Student Affairs has expanded complementary tickets to include Season for the Child, a selection of four shows designed for children's enjoyment, sponsored by Friends of Theater and Dance.

The offer states students can obtain a free ticket for themselves and for a child, which was prompted because of the movement to offer family programming on the SIUE

campus.

Most mainstage shows are meant for mature audiences and productions do not permit children under the age of three.

Season for the Child is a way for students to show the live theater experience to their children or other youngsters they know.

The shows include, "Hansel and Gretel" on Oct. 25, "The Snow Queen" on Dec. 13, "Telling, Singing, Beating the Drum" on Jan. 24 and "Rikki-Tikki-Tavi" on March 27.

Students can obtain tickets for the entire fall semester, which includes "Dark of the Moon," "Dance in Concert 2003" and "La Ronde," at the Dunham Hall Box Office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets cannot be exchanged so students are advised to choose the show dates wisely.

Tickets are always available prior to the shows on performance days.

Also, during Family Weekend, Oct. 14 through 19, parents can obtain discounted tickets of \$5, as opposed to the normal price of \$8.

For more information on shows and tickets, contact the Box Office at 650-2774.

## WebCT

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If you think someone has accessed your WebCT account, call the Office of Information Technology at 650-3739 immediately to solve the problem before more damage is caused.

Some WebCT assignments or quizzes may require the use of programs that are not already installed on your computer.

SIUE provides these programs at [www.library.siu.edu/ftc/student/software.htm](http://www.library.siu.edu/ftc/student/software.htm). These programs include Adobe Acrobat Reader, Real Player, Quick Time, Shockwave, Flash, MS Office PowerPoint Viewer, Windows Media Player and Java-Sun Microsystems.

In order to access WebCT,

students need their own e-identification.

WebCT is only available to currently enrolled WebCT students.

An e-ID gives students access to WebCT, access to your SIUE email account, dial-up access to the Internet from a student's home and document imaging.

Computers are constantly making our lives easier and sometimes better.

Who knows what the next step will be in education and technology, but it will probably involve WebCT.

Whether adding more features to WebCT or doing away with classrooms altogether, it will be interesting.

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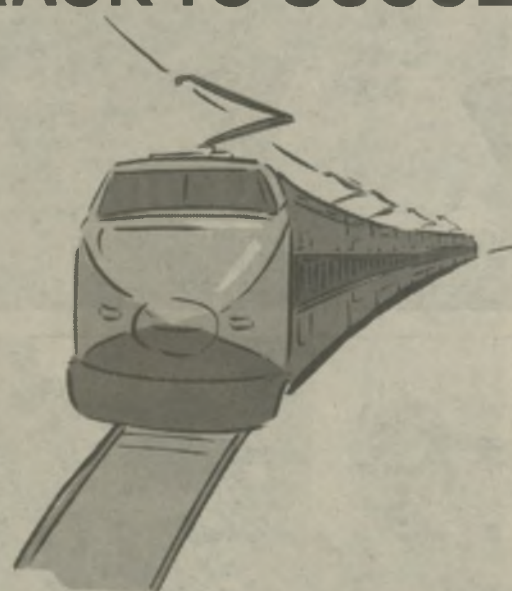
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## Coming Up

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# Track teams victorious in season opener

TRAVIS ROSS  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's and women's track and field teams are out to prove that hard work does pay off, running away with wins in the Cougar/Bearcat Challenge, the first meet of the season.

Senior Breanne Steffens ran away with the women's five-kilometer run, finishing with a time of 18:57.16.

Junior Mary Witte and senior Carrie Carducci finished second and third respectively with times of 19:31.06 and 19:44.72.

"Steffens, regardless of having anybody around her about halfway through the race, left the remaining runners and put herself out in front with a great finishing time," head coach Darryl Frerker said. "That was the best finish that I can remember in the first tournament."

Junior Ryan Boyll and sophomore Brian Taghon, both coming off All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honors last season, set the bar in the men's eight-kilometer run. Boyll



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

**The men's 8k race gets underway Saturday at the Cougar/Bearcat Challenge hosted by Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and McKendree College. SIUE runners Ryan Boyll, a junior, and Brian Taghon, a sophomore, finished first and second.**

finished with a time of 26:42 while Taghon crossed the line at 26:44.

"They really stepped up the second half of last season and moved themselves to the front of the distance athletes," Frerker

said. "They are frontrunners and team leaders who will most likely carry this team."

The men finished second in the GLVC last season; this season Frerker said they are looking for a conference

championship.

Frerker said the top finishers on both the men's and women's side can credit an excellent off-season work ethic for their fast start to the season.

"This year for the first time

we had more athletes train well over the summer and now they are competing at a higher level," Frerker said. "Anytime you get somebody that puts themselves in a position to lead

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## Volleyball team stays hot, sets record for consecutive games

TRAVIS ROSS  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE volleyball team continues to tear up the hardwood, collecting more hardware along the way.

The team spiked the McKendree Bearcats in three straight games, 30-28, 30-18 and

30-14. With the victory, SIUE chalked up its 15th consecutive win, establishing a new school record for consecutive games won. The previous record was 14 games won.

Senior middle hitter Andrea Voss, last week's Great Lakes Valley Conference player of the week, made her presence known

by laying down 17 kills. Sophomore middle hitter Heather Bonde chipped in with 9 kills.

The Cougars then took their show to the Great Lakes Valley Conference-West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Crossover Tournament where they went 3-1.

SIUE shut down its first two opponents, West Virginia State College, 30-11, 30-19, 30-20, and Hillsdale College, 30-21, 30-15 and 30-25.

The Cougars winning streak was snapped when they dropped the first game against Grand Valley State University 31-29. SIUE went on to win the next games 30-15 and 31-29 but fell in the final two 30-20 and 15-11.

We were up in that first match 27-23 and they came back and won, head coach Todd Gober said. They hung on and won that game; we win the next two and they win the next two. If we hang on and win that first

see **VOLLEYBALL**, page 10

## Men's soccer team wins big

**Cougars outscore Missouri Southern University 5-1**

AJIT OZA  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville men's soccer team overwhelmed Missouri Southern University behind two goals and one assist from sophomore forward Pete Cacciatore. The Cougars beat the Lions 5-1 last Friday at Ralph Korte Stadium.

In the first half, the Cougars dominated both sides of the ball, out shooting the Lions 16-1.

The Cougars got on the scoreboard early when junior mid-fielder Addae Rique took a pass from Cacciatore and scored from the top of the penalty box in the 10th minute.

It was then Cacciatore's turn to score a goal. In the 25th minute, Cacciatore took a cross from freshman mid-fielder Victor

Pacheco and slid in for the goal.

Pacheco added the third goal of the game in the 35th minute, when he took a pass from sophomore mid-fielder Brian Higgins and scored from 5 yards out.

Less than one minute later, senior forward Cal Thomas added the fourth and final goal of the first half. Thomas headed in the ball after senior back Justin Pierce took the corner kick.

In the second half, it was the same story, with the Lions unable to get anything done on the offensive side of the ball. The Cougars out shot the Lions 10-6 in the second half.

In the 58th minute Cacciatore scored his second goal of the game, when he took a cross from Pacheco and scored an acrobatic goal.

"It seems we are continuing to figure ourselves out, we are showing that we can really play," head coach Ed Huneke said.

The Lions were finally able to get on the board in the 60th minute. The Cougars won the game 5-1. see **MEN'S SOCCER**, page 10



KWAME ROSS/ALESTLE

**The Southern Illinois University Edwardsville volleyball team huddles up before its match against McKendree College.**



## Women's soccer moves up in rankings

### Senior Sara Decker named Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Week

AJIT OZA  
SPORTS REPORTER

After being ranked 24th in the National Soccer Coaches Association poll, the Cougars have continued to climb, reaching a 9th place ranking in the nation and a first place ranking in the Great Lakes region.

The Cougars are the only undefeated and untied team in the GLVC.

"Early season polls are generally for media hype," head coach Lynda Bowers said. "But don't get me wrong, we are excited about having the number 9 ranking in the nation. It will be nice too see how we do against our conference, which is really tough."

The first true test of the year for the Cougars will come Friday, when they open Great Lakes Valley Conference play against Quincy University.

"Quincy is going to be our first test of the year, and then we have the University of Missouri-St. Louis on Sunday, and the game against UMSL is always a tough game to play," Bowers said.

Another reason for the

Cougars' perfect season so far is the play of the backfield.

The defense has only allowed four goals in four games while the offense has been able to score 11 goals.

"Our defense is doing really well. That was a goal of ours at the beginning of the year, to get that group on order," Bowers said in a press release.

Senior midfielder Sara Decker leads the team with three goals and three assists and was named GLVC player of the week.

Bowers said her leadership is shown by her ability to score game-winning goals.

In the game against McKendree College, she scored the game-winning goal in a 2-0 win.

Against rival Mercyhurst University she scored late in the second half to give the Cougars a 2-1 win.

"She is an athlete who is very well-deserving of the award; her leadership ability on the field is great. She is stepping up and doing everything that I would expect her to do," Bowers said.

The Cougars will look to remain undefeated when they take on Quincy University at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

If they win, they will be one win away from tying the school record for best start, which is 6-0-0. The record was set in 2001.

## TRACK & FIELD

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the team with those types of qualities, that's who you want to carry the team forward. The more athletes who follow that line of examples, the more consistent we will become over time."

According to Frerker, there were some familiar faces on the track team taking part in the run as preparation for shorter

distance events.

"We had a bunch of middle distance runners that wanted to get involved," Frerker said. "It is really a test of the conditioning level for them."

He said getting them to work together this early in the season might have been the most important aspect of it.

"There is a courage and determination to running longer distances," Frerker said. "When you are typically an 800-meter runner, five miles is a long way."

The fastest time recorded by the Cougar Md's, the team name for the middle distance runners, was 29:54 by freshman Sean Rutchik.

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game, we could have swept them 3-0.

Gober said the big adjustment made by Grand Valley was a switch from a 5-1 to 6-2 offense, a change that he doesn't see being a problem for the Cougars down the road.

They made a couple of changes and let the All-American setter hit the ball, Gober said. She had a huge match.

SIUE bounced back in its next match, beating Alderson-Broadus College 30-13, 30-24, 30-26 and 23-30.

Voss registered 47 kills in

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minute, when B.J. Wylie took a pass from teammate Adam Skiermont. Wylie was able to break free and shoot the ball 15 yards past senior goalkeeper Bret Richardson. The game ended with the Cougars winning 5-1.

With that win, the Cougars

the tournament while sophomore outside hitter Kindra Westendorf contributed 35 kills.

Gober said one of the problems the Cougars can expect to hit in the future will be teams coming out and trying to beat them out of the gate.

A lot of it is that teams get pumped up, Gober said. We are starting to get a little bit of a reputation. Teams come out and, it is very hard to blow teams out.

I think it's a compliment to our girls and our defense, Gober said. Defense allows you to put up the kind of scores that we

have. Every match will be a battle.

So far this season, the Cougars have rolled off a .294 hitting percentage with 194 errors. Gober said sophomore setter Krystal Majernik has been a huge part of that.

We are expecting great things from her, Gober said. Right now she has this team hitting on pace to break the record for team hitting percentage. She can get better and that's really exciting.

Majernik had 165 assists in the tournament.

improved their record to 3-2-0, while the Lions dropped to 0-4-0.

The Cougars will face tougher competition when they open Great Lakes Valley Conference play at 7:30 on Friday, September 19th at Quincy University.

"Quincy has always been a big rival and it is never easy to play there, but that's something that we will be ready for. I think we know how important it is to do good against rivals and conference opponents," Huneke said.

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## Cougars fall to Lewis, sweep Saint Joseph's

HEATHER KLOTZ  
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's tennis team walked away from the weekend with mixed results. After dropping a close match against Lewis 5-4 on Friday, the team rebounded to blank Saint Joseph's University 9-0 on Saturday.

With the split, the Cougars' record moved to 3-2, but head coach Bill Logan believes it easily could be 5-0.

"The girls have nothing to be ashamed of," he said. "Lewis is very strong and we just barely lost. A point here and there and we could have been on the winning side. The same goes for our match against Southern Indiana at the beginning of the season. These teams will be very cautious when they play us at conference. Anything can happen."

Rain forced the Cougars' match against Lewis indoors to Kings Point Tennis Club in Bellville, delaying the official home opener on the team's newly resurfaced courts.

The tennis courts, which

underwent major renovation three years ago, were refinished as part of a schedule to maximize the longevity of the courts.

"This was not a repair," campus engineer Mohammad Rouf said. "This was a refinishing that was necessary as part of a schedule that was laid out when the new courts were put in three years ago."

Rouf was happy with the final product, although the project did not go smoothly.

"There were some mistakes made that needed to be taken care of that delayed the completion of the project," he said. "In a normal time frame this would have only taken 7 working days, but because they had to come back, it took more than 15. The final product is correct and done according to specification, so we are happy."

Logan was pleased with the finished product also.

"It looks really good," he said. "I am pleased. We have the nicest facility in the St. Louis area."

The Cougars' next match is at 3 p.m. today against Quincy University

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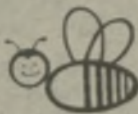
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