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Workers' contract talks at a standstill

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

For more than a year, union grounds workers and building engineers have been without a contract and there have been no talks in six months.

Saturday will mark 15 months since their contracts with SIUE expired, according to Jeff Robinson, a grounds worker.

"Our last talks were probably five months ago," he said. He added that no talks are planned for the future.

Robinson also said a federal mediator took part in the last two talks.

Grounds workers and building engineers are separate negotiating parties represented by International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399.

Union Business Manager George Machino said employees filed a charge of unfair labor practice against the university, and that administrators had been waiting for a resolution of the charge, which was decided against the union.

Grounds workers were disputing a university decision that they cannot file grievances and seek arbitration of management decisions.

"They're asking for us to unilaterally agree that we can't arbitrate. Then what's the point of the union," Machino said.

"They ruled against us. ... The law says the university cannot deny due process. They're saying that's not right."

Recent negotiations have not gone well, Robinson said.

"The building engineers have been offered virtually nothing. ... Our (grounds crew) were offered 3 percent, 3 percent, 3 percent for three years, but they wanted to ... hire temporary workers," Robinson said.

Machino said building engineers were unfairly laid off after agreeing to reduce their pay by 3 percent.

"We gave up 3 percent to prevent layoffs and they laid off five (engineers) anyway," Machino said. "There is a

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Staffers dig deep to help after Hurricane Katrina

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE employees dug into their pockets as part of a statewide effort for those devastated by the recent hurricane.

State employees offered their support for victims of Hurricane Katrina, as part of the State and University Employee Combined Appeal campaign.

Assistant to the Provost and Vice Chancellor Mark Bacus said that the SIUE SECA campaign has raised over \$1000 as of Sept. 19.

"Any time you give extra to any organization like this, I consider it a success," Bacus said.

SECA Coordinator Jodi Shrager said the SECA campaign

raised nearly \$90,000.

"I think it's a great success. In a two-week period ... that's a pretty substantial amount," Shrager said.

Governor Rob R. Blagojevich sent an email to state employees and asked for

monetary donations for the SECA campaign.

"This year, we need to stretch those contributions even further and open our

hearts even bigger. The people of the Gulf Coast need our help," Blagojevich said in the e-mail.

After collection, the donations were added to the American Red Cross Hurricane Relief Fund.

As of Sept. 19, the Red Cross has raised \$764.7 million in gifts and pledges.

For more information on how to donate go to redcross.org.

Chancellor's first forum focuses on residents, Science Building



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift chats with Carpenter Foreman Eric Williams, center, and Director of Facilities Management Bob Washburn Thursday at the Support Services Auto Shop. Vandegrift's first forum of the 2005-06 year is the first of many to come.

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift addressed students, faculty and staff at the first of his open forum meetings Thursday at the Supporting Services Auto Shop.

"Last year I began having a series of open forum meetings where I would receive feedback from people," Vandegrift said.

He had conducted a series of town-hall meetings with a similar purpose in mind during the last few semesters, wanting to know how employees viewed the university.

This open forum was open to students, faculty and staff alike to state their concerns or questions.

The questions posed at the forum ranged from the appearance of the campus and recognizing those who take care of it, the state of the Science Building, the lack of a football team and the plans for a new

the new residence hall that is planned would help the university keep new students from going to other universities.

"We are definitely going to become a residence campus," he said, referring to a university in which students primarily living on campus attend.

He also said, with optimism, that something would soon happen with the

Science Building, and that the building was vital to preparing students for upper-level science courses.

Vandegrift said he was concerned that SIUE was being too modest about its ability to educate.

"We are a premier metropolitan university," he said. "We need to express that."

"We are definitely going to become a residence campus."

~Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift

residence hall, among many others.

"This year we had 200 more applicants from students than we had rooms on campus," he said.

Although the number of freshman students is increasing, housing availability has remained the same.

Vandegrift said he believed

Thieves get electronic goodies – again

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

Technology is not safe, even behind locked doors on campus.

Eight hand-held tape recorders were stolen from Founders Hall around 6 p.m.

Sept. 21.

"The only thing locked was the door, they were in a locker, but the locker wasn't locked," Lt. Kevin Schmoll said.

SIUE officials have taken extra measures to protect technology, such as locking

screws, cable locks and inventory control numbers.

The recorders, valued at nearly \$20 each, are the latest in technology thefts around campus. SIUE has a running tally of over \$40,000 in stolen equipment since finals week last spring.

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Man faces second charge on campus

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

An Edwardsville man has been arrested on campus for a second time.

Branden S. Higar was charged Tuesday with criminal trespassing on state-supported property.

According to police reports, Higar was arrested for domestic battery Sept. 7 in Prairie Hall after he was abusive toward a female resident.

"He was arrested a few weeks ago for domestic, and we 'persona'd' him," Lt. Kevin Schmoll said.

Higar was cited as a persona non grata, indicating he was not allowed to set foot on SIUE property.

Campus police were called again to Prairie Hall on Sept. 18 after the female resident reported numerous calls and text messages. She claimed to have an order of protection, however police could not charge Higar because that order had expired. All domestic battery charges in Illinois come with a mandatory 72-hour cooling-off period.

"He's been coming on campus. This time we caught him. He's violating his persona," Schmoll said, referring to the most recent arrest.

The Prairie Hall resident reported seeing Higar in a nearby parking lot, but police were unable to locate him.

Half an hour later, a resident assistant called police and

reported Higar near the volleyball court of Woodland Hall. Officers did not find him, but later went to his Edwardsville address. According to police reports, he admitted being on campus and was arrested for criminal trespassing.

"Pretty much he was trying to work things out ... She doesn't want to have anything to do with him," Schmoll said.

Schmoll said after Higar's most recent run-in with the law, Higar said he was sorry and would not violate the persona non grata order again.

"We'll see," Schmoll said.

He added that detectives were working with the resident to help her get a continuing order of protection.

Raise Your Voice regains tone after student senate passes constitution

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

There will be no need for a third try for Raise Your Voice, since its constitution was unanimously approved by student senators at the Student Government meeting Friday in the Morris University Center.

"I'm relieved," Secretary for Raise Your Voice Adrienne Smith said. "Now we can start moving on."

"Since you've defined what your organization is, you've satisfied the concerns of the

Senate," Student Body Vice President Nikki Grashoff said.

Student Senator Alex English then moved to approve the constitution for Raise Your Voice with a vote.

English made a motion to approve the constitution at the previous meeting, but the vote did not pass.

That motion was seconded by Student Senator Jesse Phelps, who at the Sept. 9 meeting had moved to table the constitution for further review and was among senators who had voted against approval.

The senate's vote this time

was unlike the meeting on Sept. 9 when the organization was turned down for approval due to concerns about the wording. The vote at this meeting was quickly approved following the counting of votes and without need for a role call, which occurs when there are any objections to the vote.

By having its constitution approved, Raise Your Voice is now eligible for funding by Student Government.

"We have been having events already, before we were approved, and we're going to

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Police Incidents

Traffic

9/16

Police issued La-Nell Turner a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Terry Bledsoe Jr. a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Amber N. Bolich a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

Police issued Meredith R. Middleton citations for speeding and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

9/17

Police issued India M. Gingery a citation for parking illegally in a handicapped spot.

Police issued Tyler S. Karraker a citation for parking illegally in a handicapped spot.

9/18

Police issued Zachary M. Fisher a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol by a passenger.

9/19

Police issued Katie E. Schotthofer a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

Police issued Natalie M. Di Cristofano-Gass a citation for having expired registration on South University Drive.

9/20

Police arrested Corey W. Shumate for possession of a stolen hangtag.

9/22

Police issued Bonita Sherman a citation for disobeying a traffic control device on University Drive.

Police issued Adam Cole a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police arrested Calvin R. Sykes for driving with a revoked license and issued him a citation for disobeying a stop sign.

Alcohol

9/18

Police arrested Zachary D. Leach for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

9/20

Police arrested John A. Schaefer for an active warrant from Wood River for failure to appear on a charge of consumption and possession of alcohol by a minor.

Blackboard faring well for some, not so well for others

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

Blackboard has become the new online tool for both students and professors this fall, but is generating mixed feedback.

“Our version of WebCT was very old and outdated,” Faculty Technology Center Manager Jennifer Vandever said.

“It lacked many of the useful features in newer generations of learning systems. We also had some very serious concerns about the reliability of the WebCT system.

“At the same time, the growth in the use of WebCT was incredible,” she added. “With more and more users and less confidence in its reliability, we decided to look at newer systems.”

Currently, the Blackboard system provides content similar to WebCT, though it does add an online hard drive.

Vandever said students can access their files anyplace that has an Internet connection, with free space of up to 50 megabytes.

“In the future, we will turn on even more features of the

content system, such as the electronic portfolio,” Vandever said.

“(Blackboard) allows users to share files in a variety of ways. Also, Blackboard will integrate with the new student information system banner,” she added.

Switching between two different systems does require a bit of getting used to.

“I’m not quite used to the system. Not yet. And not necessarily because the system is worse than WebCT,” Geography professor Bin Zhou said.

“We used WebCT for several years, we figured it out and overcame learning it, but now we don’t know (Blackboard). It was a waste of time.”

Assistant professor Melissa Thomeczek said she believed that Blackboard was a beneficial change for the university and its students.

“Blackboard is a little bit more intuitive and a little bit more direct and you know what you’re going to get when you use Blackboard,” Thomeczek said. “So, I think it’s a good switch.”

Blackboard can be found for login at <http://bb.siue.edu>.

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continue on with those events,” Graduate Adviser for Raise Your Voice Leah Orwig said.

“We’re trying to get more students involved.”

“They answered all the questions we had, so there’s no reason they shouldn’t have been (approved). Everything’s cleared up,” Student Body President Cindy Holesko said.

In addition, the Tobacco Task Force will conduct another meeting Tuesday Oct. 18 at the Vadalabene Center.

Student Government meetings are held every two weeks, with the next meeting on Oct. 7. Further information can be found on the Student Government Web site at siue.edu/KIMMEL/sg.

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provision in the agreement, if there is a rescission, the university can lay people off. ...

They just said you have to trust us. It was bad faith, but we didn’t have it in writing. ... There’s no trust!”

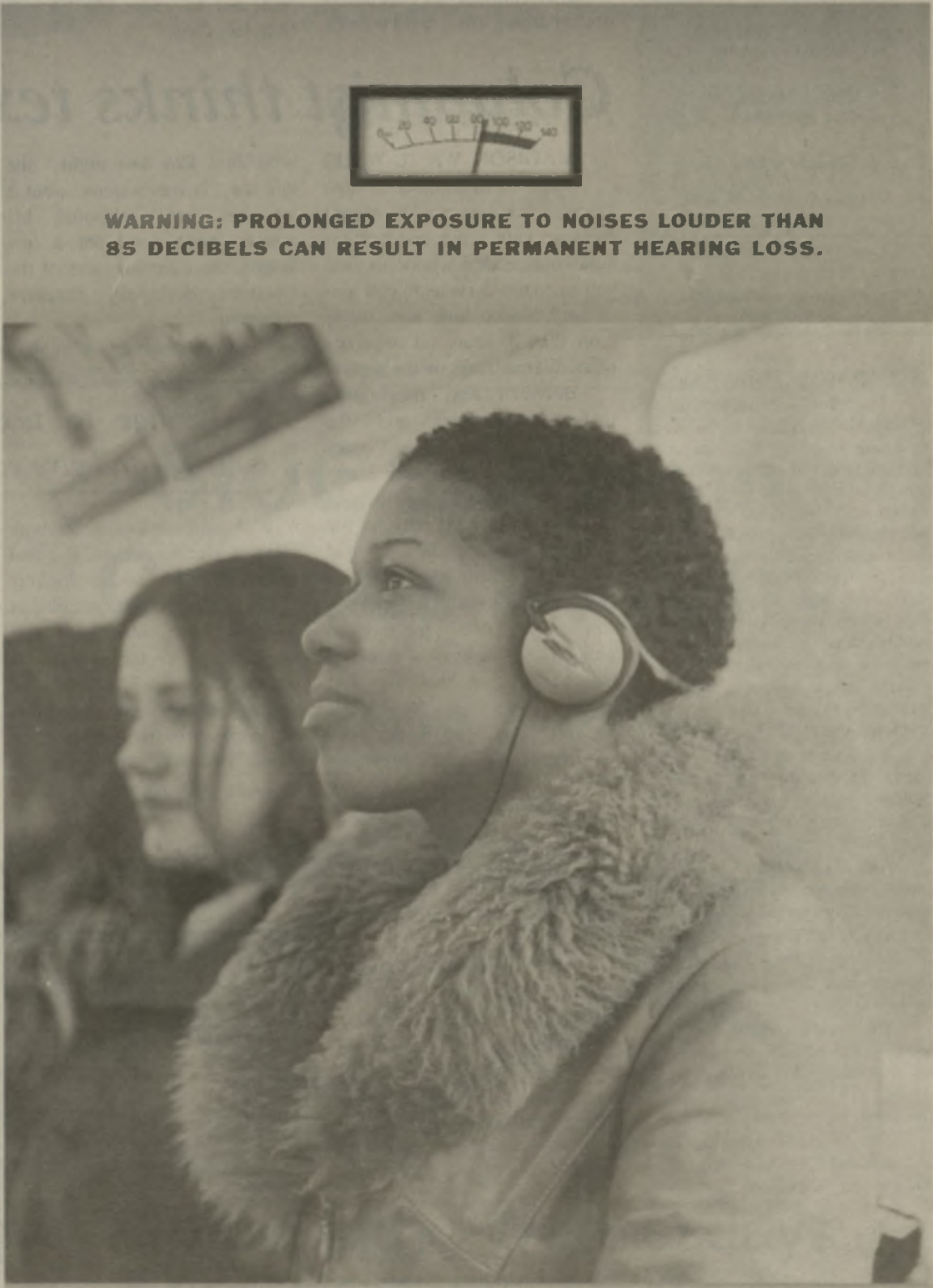
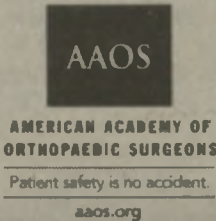
Repeated phone calls to administrators were not returned.

“We don’t usually make comments on negotiations,” Public Affairs Director Greg Conroy said Monday.

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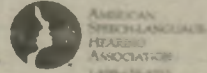


It’s not a doodle. It’s an auto-graph. Because before surgery, many doctors sign the site where surgery should be performed, while the patient watches. It’s a program called “Sign Your Site,” to make extra sure the operation happens in the place it should. Visit aaos.org or call 1-800-824-BONES. Ask your surgeon to “Sign Your Site” and relax – it’ll only tickle.

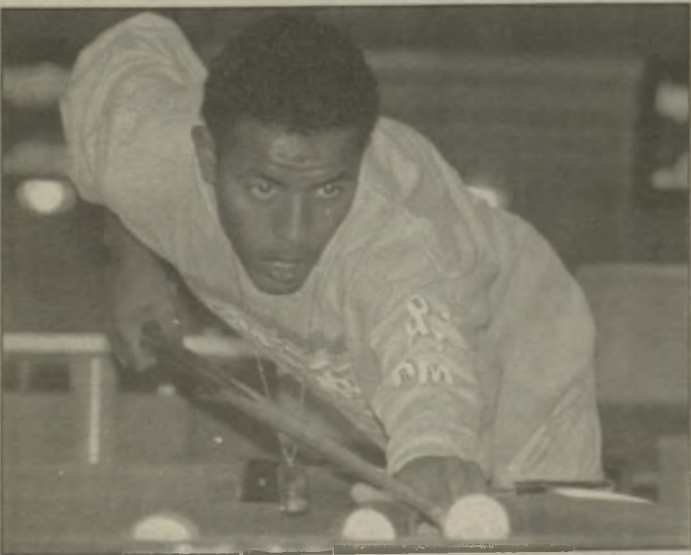


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Keep your eye on the ball



KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE

Sophomore accounting major Terrence Dobbins aims to hit the corner pocket at Cougar Lanes during the September Late Night Craze Friday.

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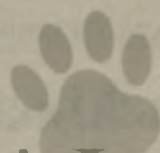
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Pick up your trash, keep campus clean



Oscar the Grouch once told the whole world, "I love trash!"

These days, Oscar would adore the campus.

No matter where I turn – the Quad, in front of Peck Hall or any of the parking lots – there is trash.

When I see it, I pick it up. There's almost always a trash can near the offending litter.

I can't stand the sight of Pepsi or Starbucks cups lying there because people are lazy – or indifferent or ignorant.

We have such a beautiful campus. And all of us pay to maintain it. When people litter, they make extra work and extra expense. Quit throwing money on the ground!

Throughout the world, there are people and organizations working to protect our environment. From the North Pole to the Antarctic Circle, people have demonstrated and protested to make the Earth a little less dirty.

At SIUE, we can take a lesson from those people.

Pick up your darn Mountain Dew bottle and put in a recycling bin. If there is not one nearby, then pitch in the nearest trash can. It is as easy as tying your shoes. If you can do that, then throwing stuff in a can should be a snap.

I don't know about you, but I like this campus. It's spacious, it's pretty new – and it's clean! Usually. Until you begin to notice areas littered by enough napkins and Pizza Hut boxes to make a mountain, or at least a good-sized hill.

All of have made a decision to come to SIUE. For many of us, it is more than school, it is home.

I would think we all would have enough pride in ourselves and our choices to want this place to look its best.

I just want to tell you to keep the trash where it belongs and don't make work for the grounds crews or add to the expenses we all pay.

Put trash where it belongs on this campus. Or, you can take to 123 Sesame Street and give to Oscar himself. Either way, you are still doing this campus and the rest of us a favor.

Zach Groves
News Editor

Columnist thinks texting is out of control

MADISON, Wis. (U-WIRE) – Awww ... Remember in high school when you used to instant message your crush and talk for hours online after school because you were too nervous to call him or her? Notice how now we're more than 20 years old and some of us still can't talk on the phone?

Between text messaging, instant messenger and the Facebook, people can get away with hardly ever physically communicating with members of the opposite sex. It may be the worst idea ever to allow the bad habits of instant messenger to travel into a portable device. You don't even need to talk to someone if you want to hook up with them ... or break up with them.

It is very loud in bars and text messaging is a convenient way to find someone when you're out at night, but when you hear a familiar beep at 2 a.m., check your cell phone screen and see "Wanna bang bang?" you have to wonder what the world has come to.

I have a friend who knew a guy – "Text Boy" – whose only method of contact with her was through text messaging. Now admit it, thirty-minute conversations of texting, not talking, can get pretty ridiculous. It may seem like a subtle way of contacting your new love interest, but people are supposed to text because they are too busy to call – a one paragraph response requires much more time and effort than hitting send and opening your mouth. You might be cute at first, "Text Boy," but soon your messages will get old.

"I had a serious conversation

with Text Boy last night," she told me. "It was serious ... but it was on text." Although his actions were good for a few laughs, the ridiculousness of the situation definitely deserves comment.

Text messaging is a painless

person didn't receive your original. There's no way they wouldn't text you back, right? Wrong. This reminds me of high school again.

Message to texters: find a little courage and give your thumbs a rest.

"Message to texters: find a little courage and give your thumbs a rest."

way of communicating for both sides of a conversation. If a real answer is what you're looking for, an unreturned phone call says more than an unreturned text message. It's too easy for someone to "oops" not read your message if they're not interested anymore, without letting you know. This way, an unreturned message just means the other

A good old phone call scores more points than a text message. Based on his track record, it's not too promising that "Text Boy" is going to have anything substantial to say without his cell phone glued to his hand, fingers going to town on the keypad. On the plus side, he might have some hidden talent with his thumbs.

I don't blame the text-

obsessed, though. Phone companies constantly advertise text messaging for users' convenience. Cingular and T-Mobile have ridiculous ads stating "Sometimes it's easier to communicate quietly" and "Make your point without making a sound." Catherine Zeta-Jones deceives us into thinking it's sexy to read a message instead of listening to one. The best, or worst depending how you look at it, is Sprint's "Connect without all the talking." It sounds like the tagline for drunken sex.

Text messaging is often called "easy" and "discreet," but I think it is pretty obvious what someone is doing when their head is down and their fingers are moving frantically across their number pad during class. It takes talent to make texting discreet.

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Political Cartoon



Letter to the editor —

Etiquette column misses mark

I read Jennifer Meyer's editorial about classroom etiquette with a good measure of horror. To say that I found her thoughts mean would be an understatement. As I read her comments, my mind's eye had a vision of a slaving canine, straining at its chain restraint, its mouth streaming goo, while hungering to sink its fangs into the first human that dared step into its circle of destruction.

By her definition, I'm weird. But I've seen her type. They sit on school boards in towns where nobody cares enough to vote. I've seen her duplicate introduce not just a dress code for students, but stridently advocating uniforms for all!

If you are old enough to read this, then I am sure you too have met her type.

She was the neighbor who didn't talk to you but had no problem calling the authorities anytime she perceived you violated her space. For example, don't let anyone park in front of her house, that space is hers.

Universities are places of

learning, I'm told. The university experience is the first time many have experienced a large measure of freedom. I think it is part of the learning experience, isn't it? It is the time for all to dress as they choose as long as it's not considered obscene. It's a time to meet new people, hear new ideas, experiment with life and enjoy learning. Don't you agree?

I move around on campus and in the classrooms with tolerance. My attitude stretches beyond that. I not only accept people as they are, I appreciate their differences. I accept Ms. Meyers and I appreciate her differences. I simply didn't find her ideas humorous.

People who promote a philosophy that we should all conform to one way of behaving are the destroyers of creativity. Because of my Utopian philosophy I must accept them. But what do I know, I'm weird.

Sincerely,
Jim Goltz

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and unless you've mastered the behind-the-back-while-I'm-handcuffed-and-on-my-way-to-jail text messaging, then you have not mastered the ways of the cell phone.

When I do use text messaging, mainly when I'm in a dark bar holding my phone up to the light and trying to drunkenly spell out words by pressing small buttons, I don't think I look very discreet.

I'm not very quiet either, plus all that squinting and thinking when I could just as easily hit the call button and actually talk to someone.

So maybe text messaging wasn't meant to be used by drunken cell phone customers ... Or was it? Because although text messaging should not be the only form of communication when trying to make it happen with someone, there are some fun things you can do with text messages that will score some points ... or at least some laughs.

Even with the lame advertisements, Sprint and Cingular must have caught on to the real purpose of text messaging — booty calls! Sprint has an option for video messaging. So if you and your lover have camera phones and are trying to meet up with each other later, get creative — "Wanna bang bang?" followed by a video

of you in your current drunken state is much more entertaining than plain text.

For those who want to keep their options open, Cingular explains the idea of "group messaging" on its Web site. Is it really possible to text "Wanna bang bang?" to all the females in your phone and see who responds first? Amazing!

Whether you're out at the bars or bored in class, a drunk and dirty text or a morning booty call will make everyone's day a little brighter.

But when you're seriously trying to get closer to someone, don't be pulled in by the ads that ask, "Does multitasking create communication problems for you? Text messaging is the answer." When T-Mobile says, "It's the way to say what you want that doesn't require talking," remember that it's also lazy, impersonal and lame. Want to go on a date with someone? Remember that good old-fashioned phone call? Now is the time to use it — and your thumb won't be sore when you're done.

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Voodoo Daddy packs MUC ballroom

Students line up at box office to get few remaining tickets

EUCELIA HILL
NEWS STRINGER

It's going to be nothing short of a wild party when Big Bad Voodoo Daddy hits the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center with the lively finger-snapping, hip-swinging, foot-tapping sounds of swing Friday night.

band's huge following in this area.

"We knew they were popular, but we didn't know they would sell out two weeks in advance," he said.

Before the box office in Dunham

dance floor.

Hailed as the flagship of the neo-swing revival in the mid-1990s, Scotty Morris' seven-piece group was the only band

including the Grammy Awards, Billboard Awards, the 1999 Super Bowl and Orange Bowl. Voodoo Daddy has also played at private events for both Presidents George H. Bush and Clinton.

In 2001, Morris decided it was time to revamp the band's sound. The light came on at the 2002 Jazz Fest

Weill Center for the Performing Arts in Sheboygan, Wis., Wednesday.

From SIUE, the band heads to Evansville, Ind., for performances at Victoria Theater with the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra on Saturday and Sunday.

Voodoo Daddy is booked through Dec. 31. The band will be bringing in 2006 at the



As billed in the season brochure, the kick-off event of the 2005-06 Arts & Issues series is expected to be a high-energy evening that switches from swing to rock 'n' roll with a bit of Dixieland and some jazz..

College of Arts and Sciences Assistant Director John Peecher admits he had no idea of the

Hall opened Monday morning, students were already lined up to grab the fewer than 50 free student tickets available.

Peecher said 650 tickets were sold, but added a small dance floor will be added and that will reduce the seating capacity. He said he is hoping people will make good use of the

standing when swing wave died at the beginning of the millennium.

Since the band's inception in 1994, it has toured the United States more than a dozen times and performed at more than 1,200 concerts.

The band has played around the world and at major events,

in New Orleans and "Save My Soul," the band's Louisiana-spiced album, was born.

They haven't stopped jiving since.

Before the self-dubbed "ultimate party machine" hits SIUE on Friday, Voodoo Daddy will have played at the College of Lake County Sunday and the

Disney Concert Hall.

The doors of the Meridian Ballroom open at 7:30 p.m. and the party gets swinging at 8 p.m.

"It's just going to be a good time," Peecher said.

The next Art & Issues series event features singer and songwriter Joan Baez on Oct. 15.

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The D-Block

Men's soccer relies on defense for seventh win of season



MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS EDITOR

It might not have been pretty, but it got the job done.

Coming off a double-overtime tie with the University of Indianapolis, the No. 2 SIUE men's soccer team drove its streak of undefeated affairs to eight with a 2-1 win over Kentucky Wesleyan College.

The Panthers, who

have yet to win a game this season, battled SIUE into the night, but were unable to pull off the upset.

"This was probably the highlight of their season," SIUE Head Coach Ed Huneke said. "On paper, I think we should have been the big favorite. But a win's a win. They worked very hard. We let them in the game too long."

The Cougars relied on an impressive performance from junior midfielder Victor Pacheco, who came out flying to score his team-leading fourth goal of the season just 3:49 into the contest. Pacheco scored from 25 yards out off a restart following a penalty.

"Victor was the MVP that night," Huneke said, calling Pacheco "deadly" on restarts. "He did a good job of getting around the corner."

SIUE outshot the Panthers 9-0 in the first period, but took just a 1-0 lead into the locker room.

"I felt like we worked the ball quite well. But as much

possession as we had, we should have been more effective," Huneke said.

KWC's Nate Waldron netted a goal less than 10 minutes out of the locker room to tie the game at one, scoring off an assist from Tyson Shulzabargel.

SIUE struck right back with a goal from sophomore forward Ross Beveridge, who connected from five yards out off an assist from Pacheco for what proved to be the game winner.

The win gave the Cougars a 7-1-1 record with a 3-0-1 mark in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Sophomore goalkeeper Greg Cooke defended the backlines for SIUE, notching two of his team-leading 16 saves. SIUE has allowed just three goals all season, outscoring its opponents by 15.

"We're putting up good defensive numbers. You have to understand that those numbers come about from good team defense," Huneke said. "It's more a matter of playing in a defensive block of compactness. We call it the block."

Sunday's game against the
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~SIUE Head Coach Ed Huneke

KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE

SIUE senior Brian Higgins runs loose during a recent game at Korte Stadium, where the Cougars have not played since Sept. 11.

Smoking hot Cougars continue to sizzle SIUE stays on hot streak with seventh consecutive victory

JANELLE DOBSON
SPORTS REPORTER

The No. 17 SIUE women's soccer team continued to play strong and enhanced its winning streak to seven games over the weekend.

The Cougars began their weekend with a win against Kentucky Wesleyan College on Friday night. They won 3-0, and out shot their opponent 34-3.

"I was really happy with the way we played this weekend," Women's Soccer Head Coach Lynda Bowers said. "I am really happy with our overall quality of play."

SIUE senior Allison Sweet started the scoring for the Cougars when she hit a shot in the 11th minute of the game off of an assist from freshmen Amy

Million.

SIUE did not score another goal until the second period, even though they outshot Kentucky Wesleyan 15-3 during the first half.

SIUE junior Kristine Armstrong was able to put the second goal on the board in the 52nd minute.

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~SIUE Head Coach Lynda Bowers

putting the ball in the net for us," Bowers said.

SIUE freshmen Jennifer Kratzer had the assist. "Kratzer

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JEFF RULE/ALESTLE

SIUE sophomore Sara Stroud puts a move on during a home game.

COUGAR DIARIES



Victor Pacheco, Midfielder
JUNIOR, MEN'S SOCCER TEAM

My name is Victor Pacheco from Sao Luis, Brazil. I am a junior at SIUE and member of the men's soccer team.

This year is being really good to me so far. The soccer team is ranked No. 2 in the nation with a record of 7-1-1 and I am leading the team in goals and assists. Being a member of SIUE's soccer team means a lot to me, not only because we are one of the best teams in the nation, but also because our team is very close to one another.

Even though we were upset in the national final last year, we are still together. We believe in each other and continue to work hard in order to make the dream of becoming national champions come true.

Coming from another country and not knowing anyone in the area seems like one of the problems of coming here to SIUE, but my new family (teammates, coaches and athletics staff) has been very helpful in allowing me to adapt to the environment at SIUE. In addition to my new soccer family, the students and alumni have been checking on me to see if everything is going all right.

Being part of the team and being at a school like ours has been an honor and a pleasure for me. Also, experiencing the new culture and day-to-day life makes this an unbelievable and exciting experience that will be in my memories forever.

I hope that the soccer team continues to bring more fans to the stadium because I can guarantee that once you join the Eastsiderz (SIUE soccer fans), you will discover a new part of SIUE.

Time to drop the puck

MALLORY HENSELEY
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE club hockey team kicks off the season against Utah Valley State at 6:00 p.m. Thursday. The Cougars hope to start the season with the first of many wins as they take on the Wolverines at the East Alton Ice Arena.

The men hope to defend their Mid-American Collegiate Hockey Association Conference and Playoff championship titles.

Last year's record of 25 wins and 6 losses, however, will be tough to improve upon.

"We've had a good start," SIUE Head Coach Larry Thatcher said. "The kids are looking good. Practices have

We picked up a lot more depth than we had last year. Last year we had three solid scoring lines and this year we have scorers on every line."

Offensively and defensively, the Cougars have put together yet another solid team.

This year chances of success are higher because of a change in how the playoffs are formatted.

Only the top four teams from each region have been able to go to the national tournament in the past. Last year, SIUE ended 10th. This season, the 10 best teams will get a chance to play.

The greater potential to advance will help the men out greatly.

"I think that everybody needs to realize that we're not a one-person team," SIUE senior defenseman Joey Thurman said. "If everybody steps up, we're going to be great, and do as well as we did last year. It's simple: if we play as a team, we

leading scorer in Sean Walls, and last year's first-string goalie Andrew Kuehnell will leave two voids that need to be filled.

"You could tell whenever Sean was on the ice, there seemed to be a red blur flying by everybody, usually ending with the puck in the net," SIUE junior goalie Casey Kicielinski said. "Kuehnell has been clutch for us in the past two seasons, winning MACHA championships in both. Its tough to see those guys go.

"However, we're so deep through all of our lines, as well as having a solid goaltending core, that there is no reason we can't match up to, or even out-perform, what we did last year," he added.

A vigorous schedule of more than 36 games will keep the Cougars busy through March.

The 2005-06 lineup is anchored by a strong returning group of upperclassmen.

"This team is different because we are going to have to rely more on effort," senior center Matt Kaiser said. "In the past, we've relied more on skill. Everyone has to give their best — it has got to be a collective effort. This team has more heart, and people can see that when they watch us play."

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~Senior center Matt Kaiser

been very upbeat. We are practicing twice a week at full-speed, so it's a good sign for the coming year."

The 2003-04 team culminated its season by being ranked 10th in the American Club Hockey Association's DII Central Region.

The players said they are itching to get back onto the ice. They hope to gain national recognition and win the conference again this year.

"We have a tremendous amount of leadership throughout the team," SIUE senior left wing Nick Leavy said. "We've got three or four new rookies coming in that have the potential to grow.

win."

Although the team and coach are optimistic about the season, the loss of the nation's second



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2004 - 05 SIUE club hockey team

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University of Southern Indiana, which was originally scheduled to be played at Guelker Field before it was moved to Washington University's Francis Field, was postponed due to poor playing conditions.

There is no set makeup date yet, but according to Huneke, the game will be picked up sometime in October.

Things pick up for the Cougars as they get into the thick of GLVC action with a match up against Rockhurst University next weekend. The Hawks trail SIUE by one game in the conference standings.

SIUE plays again at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Springfield, Mo., against Drury University. The Cougars face Lewis University at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at Guelker Field. The game marks the Cougars' first home action since Sept. 11.



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has been very dangerous," Bowers said.

Clenching the win for the Cougars with the third goal was junior Christina Stremlau. Million and sophomore Katie Yearian picked up the assists.

After dominating Kentucky Wesleyan, the Cougars traveled to Washington University for a match up against Southern Indiana on Sunday afternoon.

The rain couldn't put out the fire in the Cougars as they stomped on Southern Indiana, winning 4-0.

Million scored off of a pass from Armstrong in the ninth minute. Ten minutes later, senior Kelly Dill scored off of a corner kick from teammate Sweet.

Neither team was able to score again until Armstrong converted on a penalty kick in the 85th minute. The Cougars ended on a strong note with Dill firing a corner kick to junior Kayla Fromme, who hit the shot. "Fromme has been very dangerous in the attack as well," Bowers said.

While the offense improved this weekend for the Cougars, so did the defense.

"Defensively we've been able to mix things up a little bit," Bowers said. "We've added young faces to our backfield."

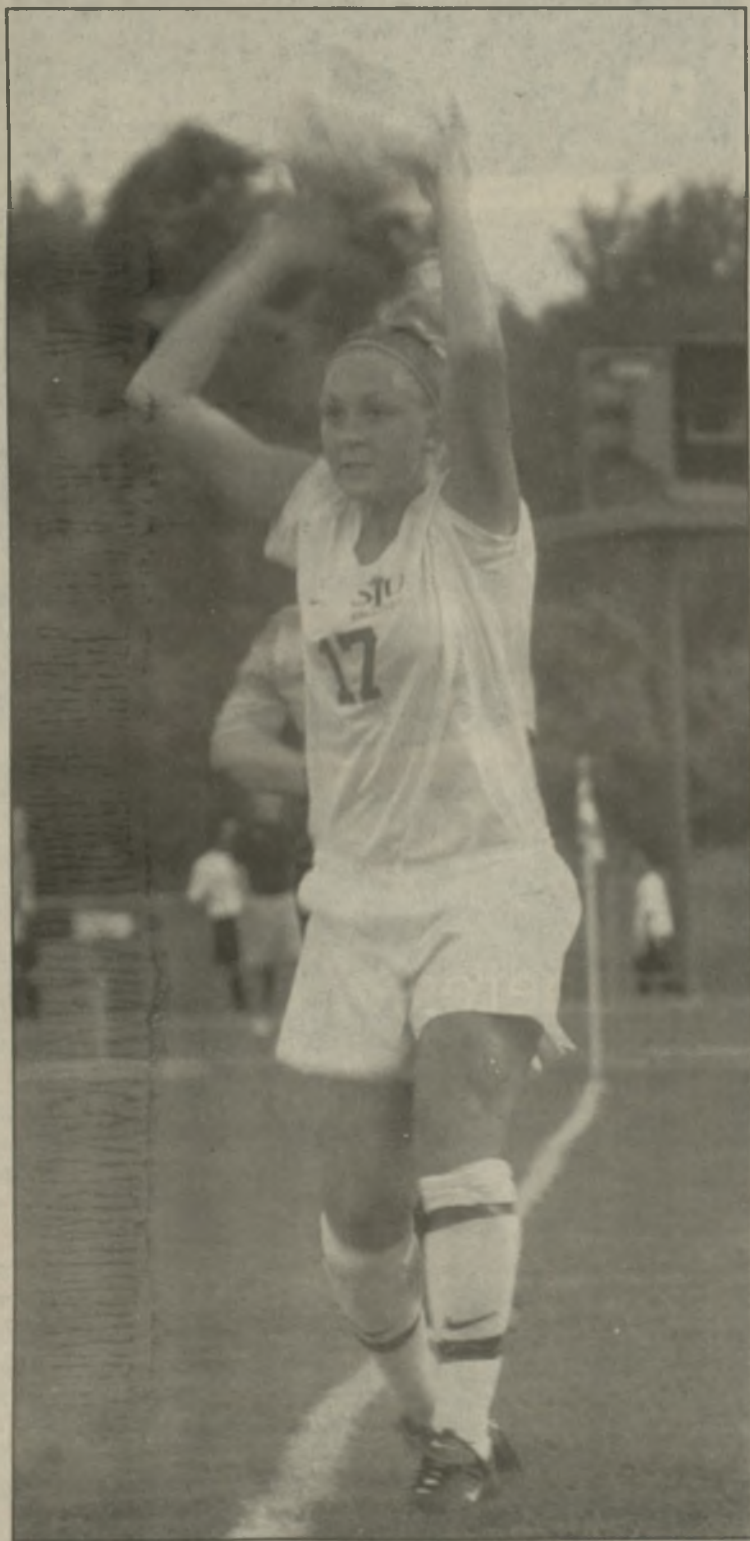
According to Bowers, freshmen Kelly Limpert and Elizabeth Ball have been playing well for the team.

"Our goalkeepers have been playing with a lot of confidence, too," Bowers added.

The Cougars will spend this weekend on the road, playing Drury University on Friday in Springfield, Mo., and Rockhurst University on Sunday in Kansas City.

Both teams were added to the Great Lakes Valley Conference this year, so it has been a while since SIUE has faced them.

"We're playing them on their home turf so it's going to be a challenge," Bowers said. "I'm hoping we can keep our winning streak going."



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SIUE freshman Elizabeth Ball puts the ball in play in a restart

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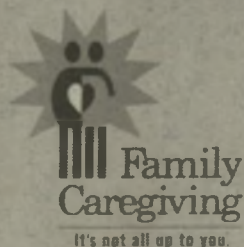
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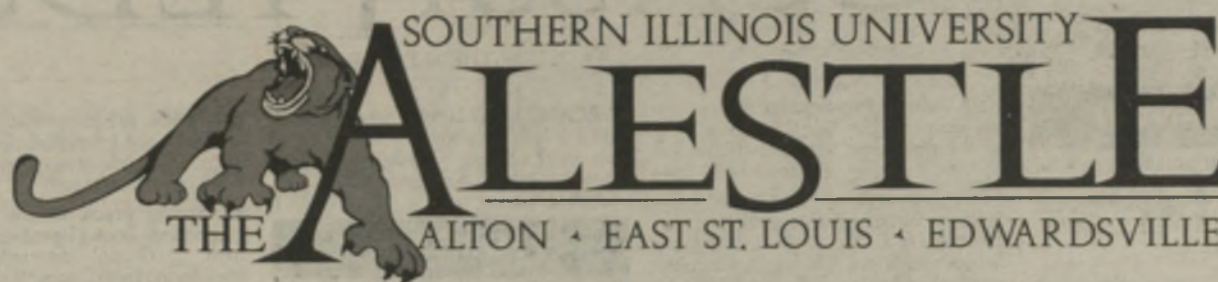
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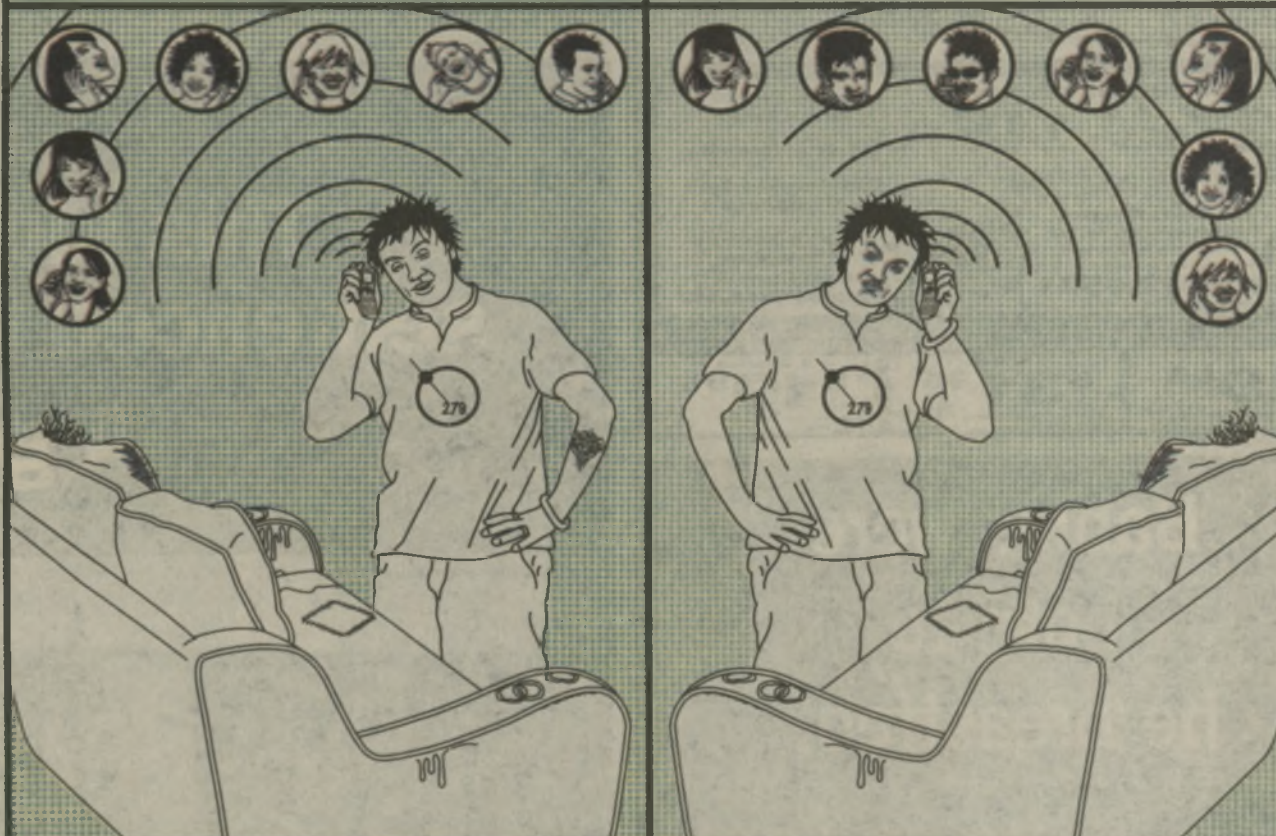


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