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his 90th birthday
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King and queen of the road

Friday's coronation wraps up 2005 "Homecoming Kicks on Route 66"



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Seniors engineering major Adam Pallai, left, and mass communications major Trudy Ward celebrate as the 2005 Homecoming King and Queen Friday in the Meridian Ballroom.

NATALIE HEIL
NEWS STRINGER

In what Homecoming Committee Traditions Chair Erika Sanders considered "the closest homecoming king and queen competition we have ever had," seniors mass communications major Trudy Ward and engineering major Adam Pallai took the 2005 crowns.

Ward won with 262 votes, beating Callie Stilwell's 168, and Pallai won by just 31 votes out of over 800 cast, according to Kimmel Greek Life Coordinator John Davenport.

Davenport added that the vote margin was so great between

Ward and Stilwell that the voting committee stopped counting late Tuesday.

"It was clear about five o'clock Tuesday that Trudy had won," Davenport said.

Ward said winning the title was an incredible experience.

"I am still nervous but it feels great. I am excited about representing the school this coming year," Ward said. "I plan on doing a diversity week where students can learn about each other's cultures. We all came to SIUE with different backgrounds because many of the students came from small schools and communities."

The newly crowned homecoming queen said she

wanted to win so she could advocate SIUE students.

"I decided to run for homecoming queen because I wanted to represent the student body," she said. "I wanted to represent the students who do not have the opportunity to join sororities and fraternities or be in a lot of clubs because they have to work a lot in order to pay for college."

Pallai said he just gave the competition a shot and is amazed by the results.

"It is exciting; I don't know how to feel right now," he said. "Actually, I ran on a whim. I was never on court in school, so this was my last chance in a formal

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Water leaks result in moldy stadium

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

Due to ongoing problems with water leaks and mold, a consultant has been brought in to evaluate the cracks at Ralph Korte Stadium.

"We have significant ongoing leaks throughout the building which is why we have mold in the first place," Facilities Management Director Bob Washburn said.

The consultant from Farmer

Environmental Services in Edwardsville was brought in July 1 to evaluate the stadium to determine where the water is coming from.

The consultant will make recommendations on making the building watertight. Washburn said the consultant's report should be in at any time.

The problem, which Washburn said has been ongoing for years, was unable to be stopped by SIUE internal crews.

An outside contractor

removed mold from some of the drop ceilings and sheet rock to allow athletic teams to use the building through the fall season.

"We wanted an integrated approach to solving the problem," Washburn said.

In addition to mold removal, asbestos floor tile from the third floor in Rendleman Hall was removed and replaced by rubber tile during the summer term.

Washburn said work is planned for the first and second floors during the holiday break.

Chancellor discusses pending tuition hike

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

A planned tuition increase was presented to Student Government Friday.

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift proposed a plan to raise student tuition more than the average for fall 2006 at the Student Senate meeting in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

"My reason today for visiting you is to explain to you that we're considering a revenue enhancement model for tuition and fees for the fall of next year," Vandegrift said. "I would be presenting this request to the Board of Trustees probably after the new year. The SIU Board of Trustees makes decisions on tuition every spring."

The proposed increase in fees will see the average rise in annual tuition for an in-state, undergraduate student taking 30 credit hours from approximately \$4350 for fall 2005 to \$5100 for fall 2006, or about \$700 more.

On average, the increase in tuition has been about 7.1 percent annually for continuing students at SIUE. In Fall 2004, however, new students at SIUE had to pay an additional 17 percent increase in tuition, though their tuition

was "locked in" by the Truth in Tuition Act of 2003 and did not see further increases afterwards.

\$3.5 million in additional revenue would be generated by the proposed increases for 2006.

"Our goal is to provide every student coming to the university the best possible education and for you who will graduate soon, increase the value of your degree after you've graduated by having our reputation improve," Vandegrift said.

SIUE has seen a reduction in funding from Illinois.

"Over the past three or four fiscal years, we have been receiving \$3 or \$4 million less from the state," he said. "If we're going to move forward as an institution, we're going to have to get revenue, and if it's not from the state, it's going to have to be somewhere else."

Vandegrift said he was open to the possibility of open forums and other events to discuss the proposed increases.

Student Government also expressed a desire to make opinions available.

"If you have any suggestions, we will get it to the chancellor," Student Body President Cindy Holesko said.

Student Government can be reached at 650-3819.

Wheeling and dealing



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Campus Activities Board member Christine Williams plays dealer in blackjack Friday at Casino Night in the Meridian Ballroom.

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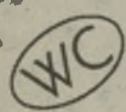
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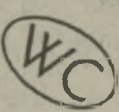
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BRIDGE beefs up with 11 design teams

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

In response to general education reform, 11 design teams have been formed to help reconstruct the program.

The teams include faculty, staff, students and a community member with a total of 68 people.

The design teams are composed of 31 members from the College of Arts and Sciences, six from the School of Nursing, four from the School of Business, five from the School of Education, four from the School of Engineering, six from Lovejoy Library, nine staff members, two

students and one community member, Coro Midwest Leadership Center executive director Sue Fisher.

The teams were formed to develop and solicit a plan for general education that will be adopted or combined with other plans.

The Baccalaureate Reform through Integrated Design of General Education committee will oversee the development of the design team's plans.

"These numbers suggest that there is not only interest in reforming general education, but also substantial willingness amongst faculty and staff to commit energy and time to the

process," BRIDGE Chair and Historical Studies Professor Eric Ruckh said in an e-mail.

According to Ruckh, the general education program has drifted over time.

The original 1982 design is still in place with modifications in 1993 and 1999 that added requirements.

Ruckh also said there is very little ownership for the conceptualization of the program.

Most of those who created the program are no longer on the faculty. Over 60 percent of SIUE's full-time instructional faculty has been on campus for less than a decade.

'Got Diversity?' theme brings cultural taste to this year's International Week

JIM GOLTZ
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The International Student Council and the Campus Activities Board are bringing the world to SIUE's doorstep through International Week.

"There is no need to spend thousands on airfare," ISC President Pereari Aboro said. "We will bring much of the world to you."

International Week is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge and concludes with International Night from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday in the Meridian Ballroom.

The theme for this year is, "Got Diversity?"

"When Americans hear

international, they think 'those' people, but it's really 'us' people that we are talking about," Aboro said. "Together, we and our American friends are part of the international community."

Off-campus artists will perform in the Goshen Lounge. A folk-dance group, story-teller, a band and a group of drummers

student groups are participating.

"We guarantee that you will learn at least one thing you didn't know before about another culture," Aboro said. "As a bonus, we will be giving away prizes and holding contests."

International Night will feature a recital of poetry, music, dance and a variety of international cuisines for vegetarians and meat-lovers alike.

"There will be a band playing during the meal as an added treat," Aboro said. "Nothing brings people together like music and dancing."

We wish to bring as much of the world as possible to SIUE, to promote cultural sharing in every sense of the word and give everyone a taste, a glance, a snapshot of our world."

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"We will bring much of the world to you."

~International Student Council
President Pereari Aboro

are scheduled to entertain. In addition to the performances, information booths will be set up to showcase the many cultures represented by the various groups.

All campus international

Katherine Dunham among several guests appearing during the Festival of Black Arts

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE helps celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Black Arts Movement with some founders visiting the campus for the Festival of Black Arts.

English Professor Eugene B. Redmond said the movement has been honored with three or four small events in the past, but this is the height of all the events.

"This is the most ambitious one. It's a culmination of smaller ones that have taken place on campus and in the residence," Redmond said. "This is like bringing it all together."

Poet Jayne Cortez and The Firespitters and Professor Emerita Katherine Dunham are

just a few of the few notable speakers.

Redmond said Cortez is a very adamant and steadfast speaker.

"She is uncompromising in her political stance, in her examination of oppression of the Third World ... in her frankness and presentation," Redmond said.

Cortez will be performing at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

Another highlight event of the week is the return of Katherine Dunham since Dunham Hall was named after her.

She will speak at 3 p.m. Friday in Dunham Hall.

Redmond said he felt the

Southwestern Illinois area has reason to celebrate because of its contributions.

"East St. Louis specifically and the Metro East in general constitute one of the birthplaces of the Black Arts Movement; because Henry Dumas was a central figure and helped create the Black Arts Movement," Redmond said.

Redmond added he hopes the people will come away from the week appreciating the arts more.

"The incredible rage and outrageous richness of black art and how it holds something for everyone ... appreciate the marriage of art and activism in black culture," Redmond said.

For more information, visit siue.edu/ENGLISH/.

Group aims to support troops

NATALIE HEIL
NEWS STRINGER

The Conservative Student Organization is putting together Operation Support the Troops, an effort beginning Monday November 7 to promote awareness on campus of the stationed troops overseas.

"The (week) is beneficial to SIUE students and to the soldiers

in Iraq because our nation is at war," Coordinator for the Operation Frontline Support and CSO President AJ Givens said. "Young people our age are fighting and the will of the soldiers and American citizens are being tested."

A speech given by motivational speaker and retired Lt. Scott Roder at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 9 in the

Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center.

Roder was a member of the 101 Airborne Division in the war against Iraq.

The title of his presentation will be "A Soldier's Story," where Roder will provide the audience with news from the frontlines.

According to Givens, the *see CSO, page 4*

College Fair guides high schoolers

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

The Morris University Center is hosting 2,000 high-school students Tuesday.

The fifth annual Illinois College Exposition College Fair will run from 6 to 8 p.m. with nearly 100 colleges, universities and military branches offering

information in the Meridian Ballroom and Goshen Lounge.

ICE on-site chair Karen Bollinger said high schools from across the region, 46 in total, have been invited.

"We are fortunate enough to host this event," Bollinger said.

According to a press release, high school counselors will be on hand to field questions and

financial aid representatives from SIUE and several nearby universities will also attend.

"A big college like this is more able to encourage bigger universities to attend," Bollinger said.

The event is free and includes parking in the fan lots.

For further information call Bollinger at 650-5815.

Car show revs up huge attendance

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

Engines rumbled and bumpers gleamed Saturday on SIUE's Stratton Quadrangle.

SIUE played host to a custom and classic car show for the Homecoming weekend. The turnout of flashy vehicles and

people was well above the expected.

"The car show had the biggest turnout of all the homecoming events. It was fantastic," Kimmel Leadership Center Coordinator John Davenport said.

"If we had gotten 50 cars, I'd be happy. We had over 70 and

some even showed up after we cut off the registration."

An estimation of total attendance at the free event was over a thousand car-gazers.

Dealership-new and vintage Mustangs, Corvettes and GTOs were some of the more prevalent shimmering sportsters. Even

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ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

A 1958 Porsche 356 Speedster, owned by Jim Giese, took first place in the Import Class of the Homecoming Car Show Saturday.

Police Incidents

Alcohol 10/18

Police arrested Keith L. Vinyard for unlawful consumption by a minor. He was issued a notice to appear and escorted to Woodland Hall.

Police issued Michael B. Trammel a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Miranda D. Grizzard a citation for disobeying a stop sign on South Circle Drive.

Traffic 10/20

Police issued Jennifer E. Hogan a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

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school setting. I figured I might as well continue to give it a go."

Meanwhile, sophomore mechanical engineering major Ankur Patel and freshman pharmacy major Fariha Rub were crowned prince and princess.

"I feel good. I ran because the Woodland RA staff nominated me," Patel said, relishing the coronation.

Rub said the idea of winning homecoming princess hardly crossed her mind.

"I was not expecting to be nominated. I am an RHA chair representative," she said. "My friends at Bluff nominated me."

Graduate student Lee Ann Lomax, the 2004 homecoming queen, gave advice to the

successors.

"Congratulations to everyone that was nominated. Remember to support athletics and continue to be approachable," she said. "Also, use the title to your advantage to gain support from the student body in any way you can."

The 2004 Homecoming King and senior jazz performance major Larry Brown, however, lamented his loss.

"It is a sad day for SIUE to lose me as homecoming king, but whoever takes our place has a responsibility to represent the school, and I love all of the candidates," he said.

"We talked about it, and we are going to be king and queen for another year."

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The ISC will send ambassadors to area schools to teach about other cultures and give advance notice of International Week.

"We will invite children from area schools to come here and participate in International Week," Aboro said.

Tickets went on sale Monday at the MUC Information Center.

If the event is not sold out, tickets will also be available at the door.

Tickets for the dinner and show are \$10 for SIUE students,

\$12 for faculty and staff and \$14 for the general public.

Children under 5 will be admitted for free.

"People should come and participate. It's not something you see every day and it will be fun," CAB Multicultural Events Committee Chair Ankur Patel said. "We are happy and anxious to share our cultures and interact with the visitors."

For more information, visit www.siu.edu/STACTV/ISC, call 650-2538 or e-mail Aboro at paboro@siue.edu.

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event will be used to increase support for the American soldiers in Iraq and will provide different perspectives of the situation in Iraq.

"We want to objectively let everyone know the positive and negative things that are happening in Iraq," Givens said.

Operation Support the Troops will also include CSO members handing out flyers throughout the week and setting up information booths that describe how to send care packages to soldiers and singers will be booked for Wednesday, Nov. 9. The CSO will post foam boards and stakes around campus

and hand out patriotic key chains and plastic arm bracelets.

Givens said the organization had planned to take donations to buy Christmas gifts for soldiers in Iraq, but encountered red tape that that prevented them from scheduling the donation.

Givens encourages students to write motivation letters and send care packages to American soldiers in order to express their support.

"Basically, our troops over in Iraq need our support. We need to recognize the fallen troops," Givens said. "People don't realize how much the soldiers appreciate our support."

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some custom cars and trucks cruised to the event with thundering sound systems and specialized suspensions.

Fifteen classes were available for registration, ranging from pre-war cars to modified vehicles of today.

Trophies were awarded to the top three vehicles based on several criteria including aesthetic beauty and functionality, depending on the class.

During the show, Sh-Boom, a 50's and 60's style band, played


to a crowd of well over several hundred and rocked out to such classics as "Brown Eyed Girl."


"Sh-Boom was a huge draw. They posted us on their website and had fans come out and say 'Hey we didn't realize you were doing (a car show).'" Davenport said.

Davenport said a repeat of the success is high on his agenda.

"I've gotten a lot of good feedback about the car show. ... We're pretty sure we're doing it again with Homecoming, but it may be a stand-alone event."

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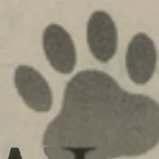
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Phone functions overrated

(U-WIRE) DEKALB - I'm sure most of you have already heard, but Cingular just came out with the Motorola ROKR, the first phone to have iTunes. You can install software onto your computer that enables you to transfer 100 songs from your computer to your phone. According to its Web site, Nokia is also coming out with the N91, which can hold 3,000 songs.

Cell phones are getting more and more impractical these days. If we're not careful, pretty soon cell phone technology will start to take charge of us.

When cell phones were first starting to get wide usage by the public back in the 1980s, they were simply used to conduct

that have no practical purpose. You are only able to put 100 songs on the Motorola model, and that's if they're not long songs. This phone is \$250 with a contract. If you want something that plays iTunes, you may as well buy an iPod or other MP3 player for at least \$50 less and you'll get 10, if not 15, times the music storage.

I was unable to find the price of the new Nokia phone because it's not available yet. However, my guess is that it will be much more expensive than its Motorola rival, giving you even more incentive to just buy an iPod or other MP3 player instead and keep the phone you may already have.

If we keep going in the direction we are, my guess is in a matter of

"It's hard for most of us to think of a life with a cell phone that can only take and make calls."

years we'll become even more dependent on our cell phones - however unbelievable that may be.

I have no doubt that technology will find its way to put so many functions on cell phones that everyone will need one to survive.

Eventually we'll probably have all our personal information, including Social Security numbers, insurance, credit card and bank account numbers,

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Self-esteem key to happiness

(U-WIRE) DEKALB - How do you rate your self-esteem or your opinion of yourself?

Parents raise their children to have good self-esteem and help visualize their ideal selves.

How do you see the inner you? You have to take your personal schemas into consideration when thinking of your inner-self.

These are your personality, beliefs, feelings and things you're good at or maybe great at. They are also things you know you're not good at but would like to be better at. They are also how you act around your friends and family, as well as alone. This all adds up to how you feel about yourself, giving you self-esteem.

As young teens, we were in the stage of our lives where we were beginning to find our personal identities.

We were often trying to fit into certain cliques, gain parental approval and show others we have things in common in order to make friends. This could affect a person's self-esteem at a very young age and continue until he or she is an adult.

Trying to find who your inner self is can be difficult enough.

Unfortunately, issues with your inner self and how you want to see yourself don't always go away. Experiences in childhood can affect how adults see themselves for the rest of their lives.

Self-esteem is not fixed or

unchangeable; people just need to try to focus on the good qualities they possess. Personally, I try to put a positive spin on a negative flaw in myself.

For example, if I failed my test I'll do better next time or I know what I should study harder to get a better grade.

Maintaining good self-esteem or trying to achieve heightened self-esteem is a work in progress. It's not something that is fixed and never broken again; I would have to say it's something you have to mentally focus on every day.

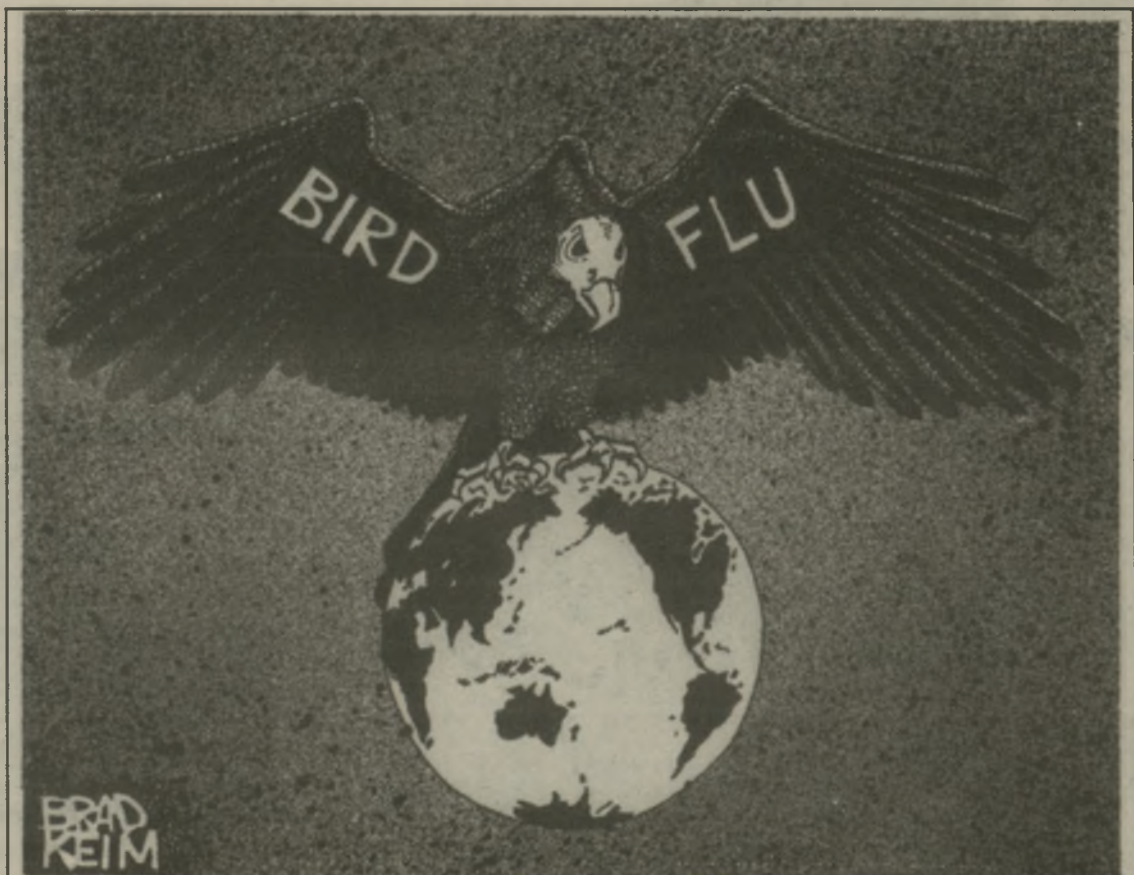
Being in college, some students may get down on themselves or push themselves too hard because of their constant need to improve themselves. Maybe if we don't let our friends, family or teachers get to us all the time we could be easier on ourselves. That is a hard task to complete every day.

Getting and keeping higher self-esteem isn't easy. You have to believe in yourself and know you are or could be good at anything. Having faith in yourself and believing in yourself is part of the whole scheme of things.

The world is full of people who suffer from low self-esteem. One major cause is America's obsession with weight control and the pictures that portray it. The media are sources of how we

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Please Try Again — Brad Keim



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medical history, etc., available to us through our cell phone.

The cashier at the grocery store will tell us our total and we'll likely be able to send our credit-card number to some receptor in the cash register. We'll go to a doctor's appointment and we'll text message our medical history to their computer so they can print it out for the doctor to see. The possibilities are endless, and somewhat creepy.

Cell phones are starting to

become equipped with more and more impractical functions. We need to step back, take a good look at all of this and ask ourselves if we really need them.

If we don't do it soon, they'll start to develop even more functions that may not be so practical. Then they'll begin taking over our lives even more so than they have already.

Andrea Edl
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look at our weight.

Through media, we see people who appear to be perfect. This makes Americans feel more self-conscious and lowers their self-esteem.

How can we ignore the people with the perfect abs, awesome skin or hair and super-thin thighs? You've got me. I have self-esteem issues. However, I am trying to change my inner-self by believing and changing the way I see myself.

When I pass someone who appears pretty much perfect, I tell myself he or she probably has self-esteem issues, too. Maybe that person sees his or her own personal flaws and tries to go from there. Flaws and all, every person is different and sees themselves in different ways.

When people are unhappy

with themselves, it can cause more than just low self-esteem. Having low self-esteem can be just the beginning and issues can go much deeper and cause depression, eating disorders, personal isolation from family and friends and self-induced harm or suicide.

It's very important to accept who you are. Like the Dove commercials say, "Love the skin you're in."

Be strong and say to yourself, "My flaws give me character and make me ... me!"

Good luck finding the inner you!

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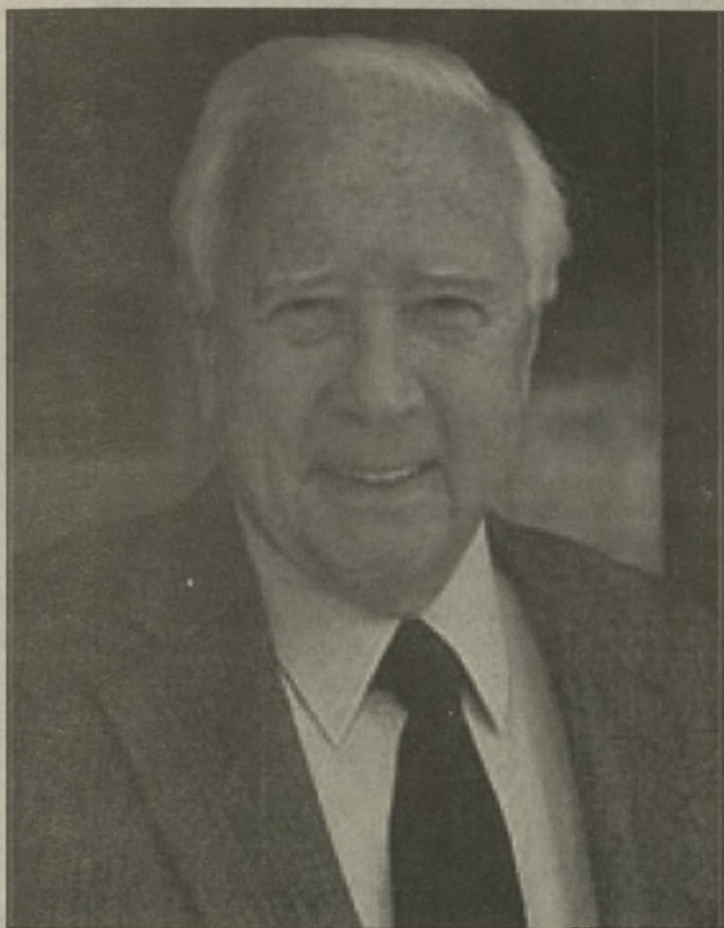


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David McCullough

**EUCELIA HILL
NEWS STRINGER**

David McCullough literally brings history to life.

Revered as "master of the art of narrative history," this acclaimed historian not only fills in the dead spaces, but adds bone, sinew, skin and sweat to history's sometimes one-dimensional characters.

On Thursday night, McCullough, two-time Pulitzer winner and America's beloved historian, becomes part of SIUE's history as the third performer in the 2005-06 Arts & Issues series. This is McCullough's first appearance at SIUE.

American history lecturer Victoria Harrison said McCullough's talk is a perfect opportunity for students "to listen to and engage with someone who has a unique way in portraying American history."

"I think it is wonderful that he is coming to SIUE. Hopefully they (students) will take advantage of that," she said.

Arts & Issues Coordinator

John Peecher said Monday that some tickets remain.

"(McCullough) has become the popular historian of the later days of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st century," Peecher said. "We have always wanted to bring him in and we are very fortunate that his schedule fitted with our

His latest book "1776," another New York Times No. 1 bestseller, examines the crucial year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the man who brought Britain to its knees, President George Washington.

"It is fascinating to see George Washington up close the way McCullough portrays him because he depicts him as extremely human," Peecher said.

And this is McCullough's main intent, not only with "1776," but for all his books.

"I want people to see that all-important time in a different way — in the way it was," McCullough said on his official Web site. "For ... a number of reasons, including the absence of photographs, we tend to see the men and women of the Revolution as not quite real, it's a pageant in which the performers are all handsome as stage actors, with uniforms and dress that are always costume perfect."

"I want to be inside that other time. I want to convey the atmosphere of the time, what it was like to have been alive then, what the reality was for those people," he said.

McCullough is also known for his voice, a firm grandfatherly baritone that Newsweek calls "the voice of the past for two generations of Public Broadcasting Service viewers." He is the host of "Smithsonian World," "The American Experience," and narrator of numerous documentaries including "The Civil War" and "Napoleon." His presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Meridian Ballroom of Morris University Center.

After his talk, the audience has an opportunity to interact with McCullough, who will entertain questions from the audience.

McCullough will also autograph copies of his books, which will be on sale.

Free student tickets are available through Thursday.

"McCullough is going to give us a rare insight into our history, the personalities and events that made America what it is today," Peecher said.

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**~John Peecher
Arts & Issues coordinator**

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McCullough has won two Pulitzer Prizes for "Truman" and "John Adams," in 1993 and 2001. His books: "The Johnstown Flood," "The Great Bridge," "The Path Between the Seas," "Mornings on Horseback" and "Brave Companions" have won him more than 60 awards. He also received the prestigious National Book Award and the Francis Parkman Prize twice.

Here from the start

Emeritus professor began his career at SIUE before campus was created

**ATHENA CABALLERO
LIFESTYLES STRINGER**

Longevity is Emeritus Professor Patrick Riddleberger's strong suit.

Riddleberger celebrated his 90th birthday at a surprise party, thrown for him at the Morris University Center's University Restaurant, last Thursday.

His office in Peck Hall is small and cozy and has been his home away from home since 1960. A portion of his 5,000-book collection lines the walls. Riddleberger is currently working on writing his third book.

Riddleberger was born in the small town of Woodstock, Va., in 1915. He enlisted in the army and served in World War II. After his discharge, Riddleberger relocated to California's Bay Area. He attended graduate school at the University of California, Berkeley. He graduated in 1953 with his master's degree and doctorate in historical studies.

"I was not qualified enough, but somehow I got in," Riddleberger said.

Before coming to Edwardsville, Riddleberger taught at the University of

Maryland. Later he was a professor at Southern Illinois University's Alton and East St. Louis centers. The St. Louis metro area seemed like an obvious place to open a major Illinois university. Twenty-six hundred acres were purchased in Edwardsville. By 1960, only Peck Hall and the Lovejoy Library were constructed.

The challenge and need for jobs drew the attention of many professors to the new Edwardsville campus. Riddleberger was one of those professors. He came to SIUE five years before its actual opening in 1965. He remembers when there were no parking lots or dining areas.

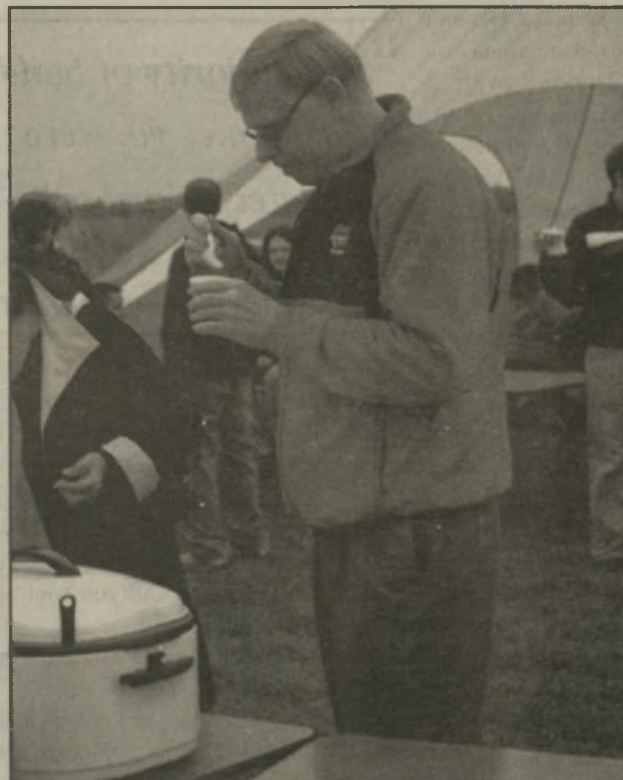
"The campus was rugged," Riddleberger said.

At the time, Lovejoy Library had vending machines in the basement, as it does today, that provided food to faculty and students before a cafeteria was built.

Riddleberger stopped teaching in 1995 and is now working on his third book entitled, "Lincoln: Restoration and Reconstruction During the Civil War." The book centers on the post-war slavery

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Chili for the chancellor



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegriff samples the chili at Campus Recreation's 4th annual Chili Cook Off Friday behind Ralph Korte Stadium.

The little civilian who could runs and runs and runs

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

More ROTC for the little-civilian-who-could. Feels good, fire it up now.

We spent the week playing Candyland, skipping rope and making milkshakes in the ROTC office. Everyone had a blast.

In my dreams.

In all reality, someone got the bright idea to start running more and my ankles have viciously been lashing back.

Plans for last Wednesday morning were to run around each of the residence halls on campus chanting cadences about being an Airborne Ranger and living a life of guts and danger. Forty cadets versus 500 snoozing students could have turned out ugly. Such plans were scrapped when the instructors found out. We'll get you one day, sleepyheads.

I saw the grumpy side of Cadet Adam Westbrooke, a former drill sergeant, that morning. In a flash, he went from a quiet and joking cadet to a fury-filled snarling beast. Such encouragement as, "Get your ass in gear," "It's a party. Here's an invitation. Now get moving" and "It's a barbeque and you're getting smoked," were offered loudly to slower cadets.

I would like to point out that

such statements were usually made to cadets that had a little bit more "juice" left. With some careful prodding, I too found out that my body had stashes of energy just waiting to be

nearly every time and most cadets have been grateful for the encouragement.

The high-speed (ROTC lingo for 'tough guys who have their stuff together') cadets

Course, during which they had to run several meters and toss a grenade at an object.

Cadet Daniel Midget hobbled through the weekend of events, with a stress-fractured

taught at the lab on Oct. 13. Cadets rushed out of the forest and secured roads. As Opposition Forces, I again was killed in a variety of ways; shot, blown up by a claymore mine and shredded by hand grenades. Waiting induces feelings of paranoia, as I sit bored out of my mind and suddenly hear a snapping twig or leaves rustling. Was that a bear? Or a sneaky cadet?

More attacks were conducted for last Thursday's lab. Cadet Jon Amesquita played the part as an enemy sniper during one exercise. Our platoon leader sent out an anti-sniper team to find and eliminate him. Two "bangs" and 10 minutes later, we deduced they were not coming back alive. The next approach was more direct. Lots of cadets coupled with armloads of guns. He was easily flushed out. Lessons learned: being creative has its time and place, but proven tactics are often best.

Cadets were also taught how to secure prisoners and search them for intelligence material. Secretly, however, they never found my treasure map. Let's not get in to where I have it hidden.

More to come from the little-civilian-who-could. Over and out.



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Cadets run in the Army Ranger Challenge competition in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. SIUE placed 11th out of 25 competitors.

unleashed. I think that most people do not realize that on the very rare occasion a cadet is grumbled at, it's usually in an effort to get them to "dig deeper."

In my short experience with the Army ROTC, it has worked

returned from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., with medals earned at their Army Ranger Challenge competition. SIUE placed 11th out of 25. Up from last year, I was informed. The cadets took first place in the Hand Grenade

lower leg. You can say I feel very small when I complain about my ankles during our run, only to find out that he competed in a six-mile ruck-run with a broken leg.

Ambush techniques were

SIUE student helps out after Katrina

DARLENE WYATT
NEWS STRINGER

Engineering senior and Army National Guard Specialist Jeremy McQuality spent 18 days in Belle Chasse, La., assisting military operations during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

McQuality provide dmaintenance support for military vehicles. His unit went to Louisiana on Sept. 2 along with a transportation unit, whose job was to deliver supplies to the victims and rescue workers.

Both units are a part of Camp Lincoln in Springfield, Ill.

McQuality's main duty was to repair the vehicles that came back from delivering supplies, all of which had damage from being driven through the water.

"It caused a lot of problems with the tires ... the seals on them. The different parts of the vehicle and stuff were all rotting away because the water was eating away at them," McQuality said.

He was immediately amazed by the amount of destruction he witnessed as his unit entered the New Orleans area.

"The majority of buildings,

as far as homes go, were completely wiped out," McQuality said. "There was not a single building I saw that did not have some sort of damage."

McQuality said he started noticing damage within about 60 miles of New Orleans.

He also said that as his unit was driving along the interstate,

"For the first week we were down there it was nothing but water and MREs (Meals Ready to Eat)," he said.

They used sketched maps to try to guide them to where they needed to go.

"Everything was so destroyed ... there were no signs to be able to read where you were going," he added.

One of his last duties was to go door-to-door to make sure no one was left in the houses. However, by the time his unit got to Louisiana, most people had already evacuated and the water was

starting to recede.

McQuality returned to Illinois Sept. 20.

He said one of the best things about his time spent there were the people who showed their appreciation.

As the group drove into Belle Chasse, which is about 15 miles outside of New Orleans, "people were stopping at every military vehicle and rolling down the window and waving to you and telling you 'thank you'...that was probably the most proud part of the whole trip," McQuality added.

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~Jeremy McQuality
Army National Guard specialist

they saw "a railroad with one of those big old steel bridges. That whole bridge was knocked out. The bridge was down on the ground and the railroad was ripped off of the ground where it was mounted and you could see it dangling off to the side."

He also saw a house that had completely rolled off of its foundation and onto its side.

Heat, humidity, mosquitoes, lack of sleep and the smell of stagnant water were some of the most difficult things he encountered. The lack of resources was also an issue.

CREC to sponsor cave trip

KATIE CRABTREE
NEWS STRINGER

To give students a little taste of outdoor life, SIUE Campus Recreation is sponsoring an all-day caving trip at Illinois Caverns on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Located 40 miles from Edwardsville in Monroe County, the caverns are the second largest in Illinois and have six miles of passages. It is composed of flowstone and has a small stream running through the core passage. Bats, crickets, isopods, salamanders, frogs and amphipods take refuge in the cave.

"Since there is some water in the cave, students are advised to wear warm, waterproof clothing because they will get wet," Graduate Assistant of Outdoor Recreation Jay Powers said.

Powers also said that because it is such a large cave,

people who are slightly claustrophobic can handle it.

Flashlights, helmets and transportation are included in the fee. Vans will depart at 7 a.m. from the Student Fitness Center parking lot. The vans will return at 3 p.m.

"I think it will be a terrific trip," Powers said. "It has a lot to do with group dynamics and we do all kinds of fun games. All the trips Outdoor Recreation takes end up being wonderful and it gives students a chance to see some things outside the area."

The event is open to everyone. Tickets are \$5 for students; \$8 for SIUE faculty, staff and alumni; and \$12 for guests.

Registration can be completed at the SFC front desk and ends on Friday. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 650-3037.

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phenomenon and its many complications.

"I don't think America has produced anyone more brilliant than Lincoln," Riddleberger said.

Other works by Riddleberger include, "George Washington Julian: Radical Republican" and "1866: The

Critical Year Revisited" as well as numerous historical reviews.

Riddleberger believes that students at SIUE have an advantage with small class sizes.

He has been here for 45 years and calls it a "stroke of luck" that he happened upon the place.

Sports Quote of the Day

"Without Ernie Banks, the Cubs would finish in Albuquerque."

~Jimmy Dykes



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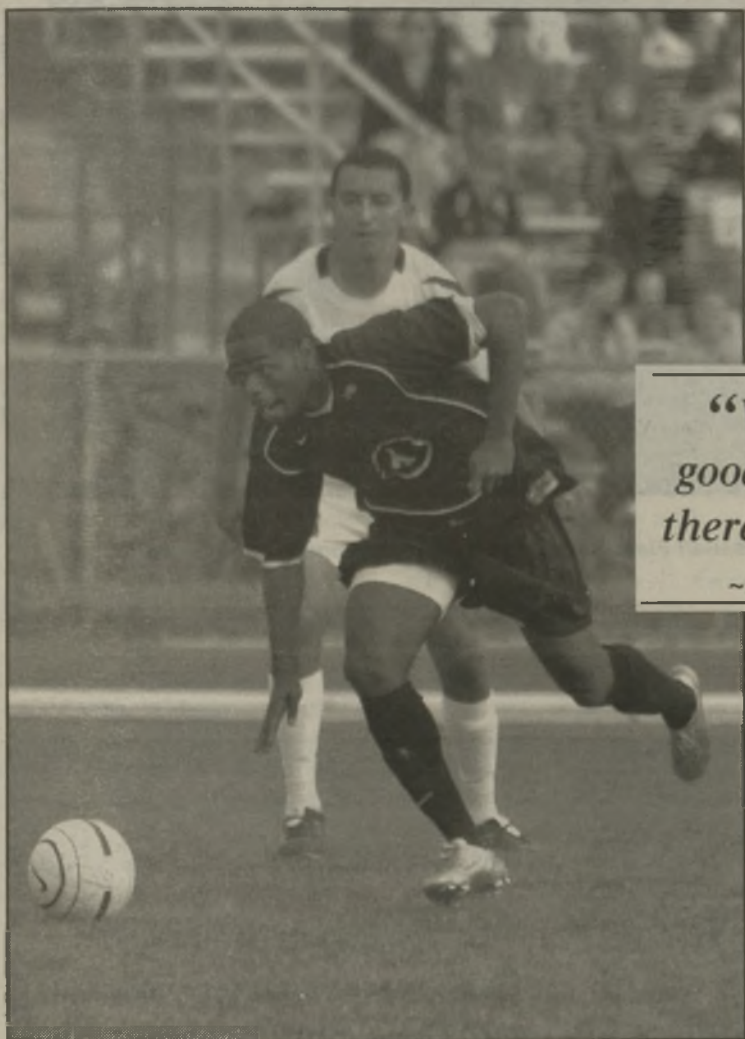
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Kicking and dreaming

SIUE enters the postseason with high hopes after wins



KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE

SIUE junior back Trevor House tries to catch his footing as he makes a fast break during a recent home game.

JANELLE DOBSON
SPORTS REPORTER

The No. 2 ranked SIUE men's soccer team's eight-game winning streak almost came to an end during a thriller on Sunday afternoon at the Ralph Korte Stadium.

The weekend began with a 2-0 win over the University of

"We've had a very good year and I think there's more to come."

~SIUE Head Coach Ed Huneke

Missouri St. Louis on Friday night.

Senior co-captain Brian Higgins scored the first goal for SIUE in the 17th minute off a cross from junior midfielder Victor Pacheco.

The Cougars struck again in the 70th minute when sophomore Ross Beveridge hit a shot inside the box. Junior Mike Banner had the assist. Sophomore goalkeeper Nick Frasca recorded the shutout for the Cougars.

"UMSL was well-organized as a team and they played us quite

well, but at the same time we were able to pick it apart and score for the win," SIUE Men's Soccer Head Coach Ed Huneke said.

Coming off the win, the Cougars faced the University of Missouri-Rolla on Sunday.

This contest was not such an easy win, and Cougar fans were on the edges of their seats the entire game.

The Rolla Miners scored in the 15th minute, putting the Cougars into an early 1-0 hole.

The Cougars could not dig themselves out immediately, and Rolla was able to hold on to its lead for the rest of the first half.

In the second half, SIUE pressured Rolla and outshot the Miners 14-5 with a relentless offensive attack.

The Cougars refused to be defeated and, in the 80th minute, the aggressive assault paid off. Banner beat a Miner defender and struck a left-footed shot just inside the post tying the game.

At the end of regulation, the score was 1-1, sending the game into 20 minutes of sudden death overtime. Neither team scored in the first 10 minutes of overtime, but both teams were battling to

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COUGAR DIARIES



Mike Banner, Midfielder
JUNIOR, MEN'S SOCCER

Hi, my name is Mike Banner. I was born and raised in Washington, D.C.

I am a junior business major here at SIUE. I am also a member of the men's soccer team.

This year's men's soccer team has been doing very well.

We are currently 15-1-1 overall and 11-0-1 in Great Lakes Valley Conference. We are still ranked as the No. 2 team in the nation. This past weekend, we won our final two games of the regular season with wins over the University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2-0, and the University of Missouri Rolla, 2-1 in overtime.

I had an assist and a goal on the weekend. With that, I am now second on the team in goals and assists behind Victor Pacheco.

This season has gone well for me personally with the exception of a minor injury, which only kept me out for a few games.

At this point, I am healthy and ready for the final stretch of the season.

Among many goals we have set as a team, our biggest goal is to win a national title.

Once again this year we have a great team that is perfectly capable of accomplishing this goal.

Our record of 15-1-1 says little about our team. This year we have faced adversity with the loss of our game field and many injuries. The important part is that we dealt with it accordingly. With the support of family, coaches, friends, fans and athletic staff, we have come closer together as a team.

I am excited to see how well we do this year and would like to invite everyone out to cheer on the men's soccer team as we head into the postseason.

Cross country excels at conference tourney

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS EDITOR

Things went mostly as expected for SIUE's men's and women's cross country teams at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament in Rensselaer, Ind., over the weekend.

The Cougar squads finished their seasons with the men running to a third place finish while the women took seventh.

On the men's side, the University of Southern Indiana dominated the 8,000-kilometer race as six of seven Screaming-Eagle performers finished in the top ten individually. USI zoomed to a first place finish, totaling just 26 points on the day.

"Southern Indiana's definitely very strong," SIUE

Head Coach Eileen McAllister said. "They have a lot more depth than other schools. The majority of the other schools brought eight or ten runners. They brought 19.

"They were pretty much out of our reach with their depth," she added.

The Cougars, who posted 94 points, were keyed by senior standout Brian Taghon and sophomore sensation Erik Steffens.

Taghon came in third place with the fastest time of his SIUE career, crossing the finish line at the 24 minutes and 39 second mark. Technically, he shattered his own school record, which he set at the 2003 Eastern Illinois University Invite, by nearly ten seconds in the 8K category.

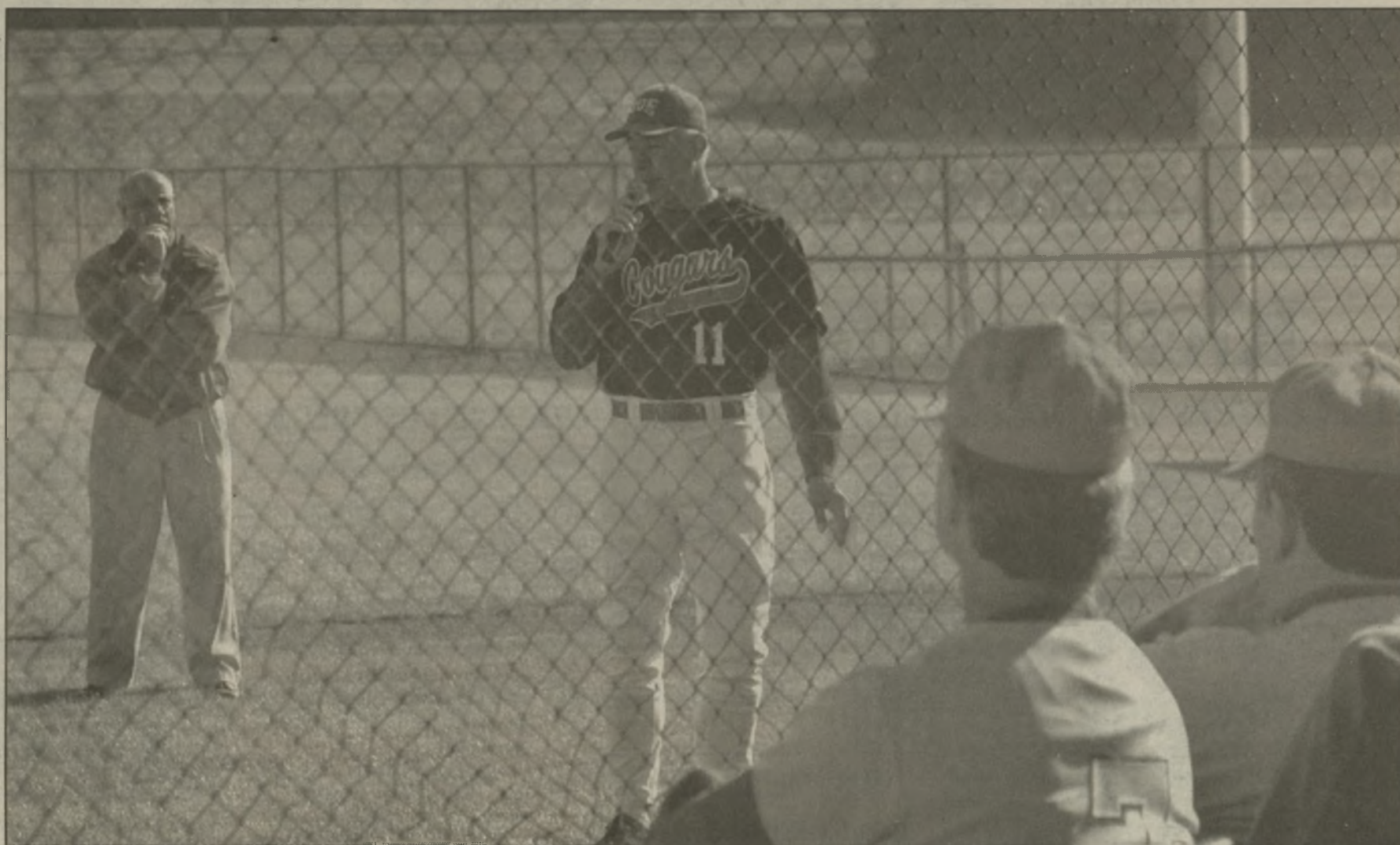
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KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE

SIUE junior Joshua Bozue runs at a recent home meet.

SimmonsCooper gets a house warming



KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE

Fans look on as SIUE Baseball Head Coach Gary Collins delivers a speech at Roy E. Lee Baseball Field during the SimmonsCooper Stadium dedication ceremony over the weekend.

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claim the win.

Finally, with less than two minutes left in overtime, Beveridge clinched the win for the Cougars in dramatic fashion, scoring off an unassisted corner kick.

"Those are scary games," Huneke said. "When you come out on top the team comes off the field with the feeling you can always walk away with a win. Having that experience of coming from behind will hopefully serve us well in the future."

The Cougars were scheduled to play against the University of Southern Indiana 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at the practice field

behind Ralph Korte Stadium, but the game was cancelled.

The first round of the GLVC playoffs begins Sunday at 2:30 p.m. on the SIUE practice field.

The Cougars are the No. 1 seed in the tournament and will face No. 8 Bellarmine University, who they beat 2-0 earlier in the season.

SIUE remains confident as it heads into the postseason. The Cougars looks forward to returning to the NCAA Division II National Championship game, which they played in last season, losing 2-1 to Seattle University.

"We've had a very good year and I think there's more good to come," Huneke said.

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McAllister said Monday, however, that the course was shorter than 8,000 meters due to the measuring, and that each runner's time was 20 seconds faster than it would have been on a standard trail.

"He ran really smart," she said of Taghon. "He ran well. He had a lot left at the end because he thought there were 200 meters left. He saved a little bit too much."

McAllister said she believed that had the course been 8,000 meters, Taghon would have overtaken at least one of the frontrunners with his kick down the stretch.

Taghon was joined in the top 10 by Steffens who finished seventh, running the course in just over 25 minutes.

Senior Justin Crain rounded out the top 20 for SIUE, galloping his way to a 15th-place finish in 25:29.

SIUE senior Heather Zipparo paced the women's team, grabbing a 25th-place finish with 22:35.

The Cougars tallied 211 points and edged Lewis University by one point for seventh place in the 10-school competition.

"I thought they could be in

the top five," McAllister said. "In general they ran well. It was a competitive meet."

Freshmen Michelle Meador and Elizabeth Williams, both coming off strong performances at last week's Millikin Invitational, finished 38th and 46th respectively for the Cougars.

"They've been really consistent," McAllister said.

The Cougars now gear up for the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regionals, which take place Saturday, Nov. 5 in Big Rapids, Mich.

"It's one of the top Regionals in the nation, so it's very competitive," McAllister said.

The tournament will consist of GLVC and Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference opponents, including Hillsdale College, Wayne State University, Grand Valley State University, Saginaw Valley State University, USI and Lewis.

The top four schools at the event will qualify to run in the NCAA Nationals in Pomona, Calif., Saturday, Nov. 19.

"They've worked really hard all season," McAllister said. "The next two weeks are sharpening up and tapering down (on workouts) for Regionals."



KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE

SIUE senior Heather Zipparo, center, runs with the pack at a recent home meet for the Cougars.

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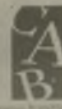
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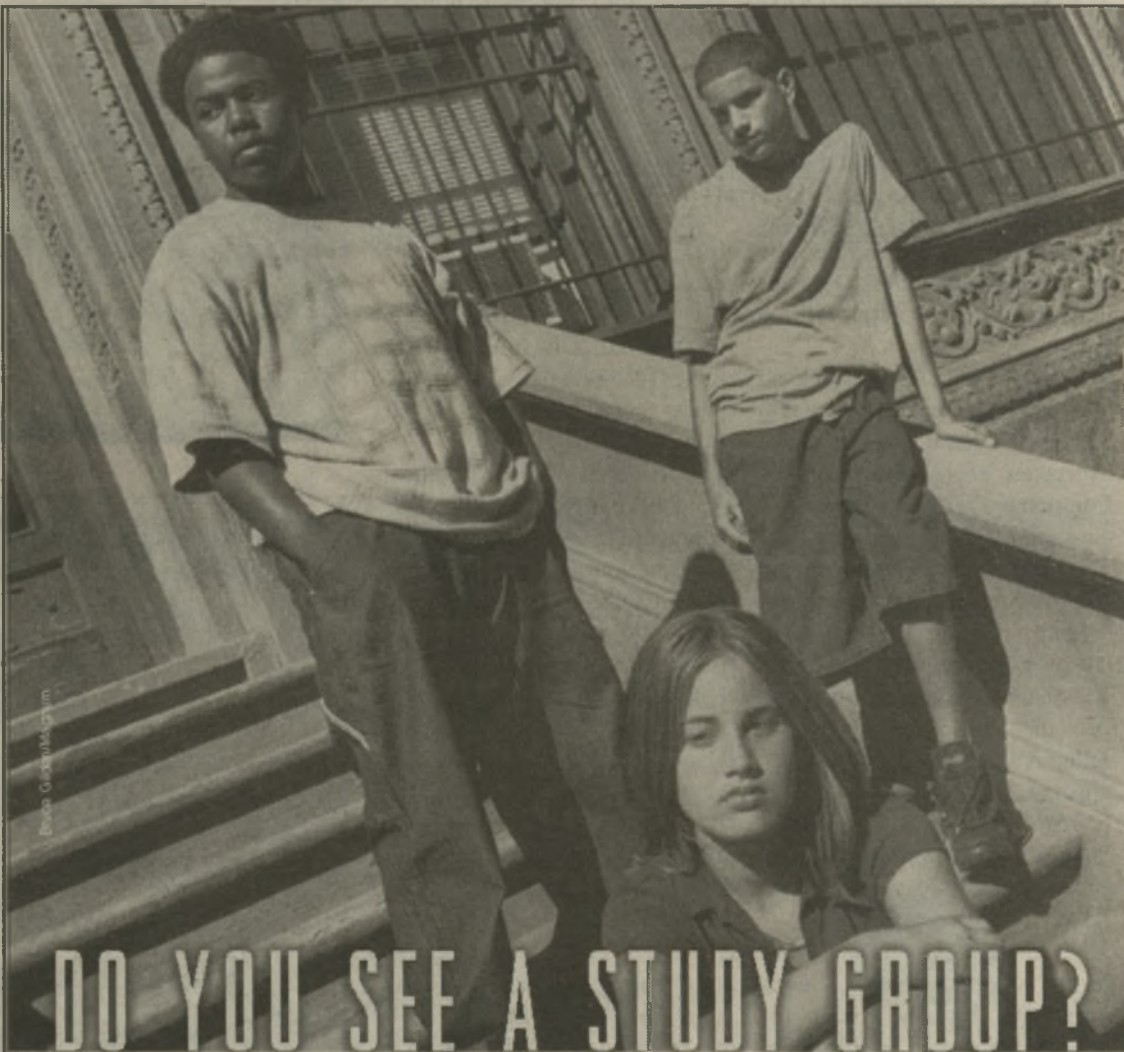
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