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## Police charge SIUE student with DUI

AARON SUDHOLT  
NEWS REPORTER

Police cut an SIUE student's wee-hour cruise short after suspicions of booze.

Douglas J. Wlodarek was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Oct. 30.

"He was trying to get in to Woodland Hall and they wouldn't let him in," SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said. "He had a friend up there and the resident assistant noticed he was

very intoxicated."

Police were called. As Wlodarek left the parking lot around 2 a.m., he ran a stop sign. He was pulled over and cited for the incident.

Schmoll said officers administered field sobriety tests, which Wlodarek failed.

He also blew over the legal limit in the Breathalyzer, Schmoll said.

Wlodarek posted \$100 bond and was released. His Honda was towed from the scene.

## Dances with spirits



KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE

Dancer Larry Yazzie performs in his ancestor's attire as he takes part in the Taste of Culture Wednesday in the Goshen Lounge. Yazzie's dance was a form of Native American folk dancing.

## Application numbers on rise

CORY FREEMAN  
NEWS STRINGER

Despite talk of increasing tuition, the number of received applications has not decreased, according to Admissions Director Todd Burrell.

"Applications have increased every year for fall (semester)," Burrell said. "Interest in SIUE continues to grow."

Enrollment Management Assistant Chancellor Boyd Bradshaw said prospective students have not been affected by tuition increases, but

anticipate it. "We are still an affordable institution," Bradshaw said. "Other schools have increased their tuition while we have raised ours ... I believe that students

and parents expect tuition increases to continue."

Bradshaw added that the increases are "going to give us more resources, with dollars

graduate on time.

The truth-in-tuition bill requires state universities to set a flat rate for incoming freshmen for four years of college. The bill began fall 2004.

"It helps parents to plan accordingly," Burrell said.

Burrell added that he has not seen a decrease in applications but rather an increase in applications for the spring and fall 2006 semesters.

"Although it's still very early to tell, we'll probably see that trend continue," Burrell said.

According to Bradshaw, Enrollment Management has received 127 applications, more than the 100 that came in at this time last fall.

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~Admissions Director Todd Burrell

## Two perspectives on Iraq war

TED MCKINNEY  
MANAGING EDITOR  
AARON SUDHOLT  
NEWS STRINGER

Next week, SIUE will host speakers with two differing points of view on the conflict in the Middle East.

Retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Scott Rutter will present "Iraq: A Soldier's Story" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Meridian Ballroom.

Rutter is a FOX News Channel military analyst and national spokesperson for TAPS, a grief support organization for families who have lost loved ones while serving in the military.

According to a press release, "Rutter commanded the battalion

that captured the Baghdad International Airport during the early stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom and then secured Baghdad's financial and banking district."

As'ad AbuKhalil, professor of political science at California State University-Stanislaus, will be the third speaker in the series, presenting "The View From the Arab World: Perceptions of the U.S."

A theme of the lecture will be the view of the Iraqi invasion from an Arab's eyes and is titled, "The Arab World: Reality and Political Fantasy."

AbuKhalil's lecture will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, in the Mississippi Room on the second floor of the Morris University Center.

AbuKhalil is a frequent commentator on Arabic network Al-Jazeera and a freelance Middle East Consultant for NBC News and ABC News. He said his experiences increased his disdain for mainstream U.S. media.

AbuKhalil is an American citizen and critic of Arab governments.

"He will give the community a chance to see what Arabs are thinking," event coordinator and history professor Stephen Tamari said.

"I think he will be a voice that you normally don't hear from the mainstream media," he added. "The idea is that sometimes it's hard to see what people on the other side of an issue are thinking."

## Panel asks help to keep students

CORY FREEMAN  
NEWS STRINGER

In an effort to retain current students, the Culture of Academic Success Committee is asking how students can be engaged.

Academic Counseling and Advising Director and CAS Chair Bill Hendey is looking at each academic year to determine the needs of the students and student engagement.

"We know students leave the

university for a whole variety of reasons," Hendey said. "A lot of reasons are personal kinds of things we can't do anything

engagement will cause students to persist and graduate from SIUE.

"We want to identify what the university is already doing in terms of services and programs," Hendey said.

Hendey pointed out that SIUE has been more focused on freshman year in recent years.

Other universities around the country are looking at sophomore year as an important transitional year.

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~CAS Chair Bill Hendey

about."

Hendey's goal is to engage students more in the life of the university. He hopes that



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## Growing greens receive award

KATIE CRABTREE  
NEWS STRINGER

According to the city of Edwardsville, the "Avenue of Trees," the area in the median of University Drive, is so beautiful that SIUE was named as one of the 2005 Green Thumb Award winners.

The Green Thumb Award was given by the Mayor's Beautification and Tree Commission for "beautiful and creative

landscapes that enhance the appearance of the community."

Within the Edwardsville city limits, there are three categories: residential, civic/neighborhood and business/commercial.

The median landscaping

won the business/commercial category.

The committee also noted the landscaping at the Morris University Center and the Early Childhood Center.

*"This is a tribute to the hard work they do and we're pleased that the city recognized all of our hard work."*

~Public Affairs Director Greg Conroy

"We're just thrilled about the award," Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said. "The groundskeepers work hard to keep the campus beautiful. It is a full-time job."

Conroy also said there is

now a sign in front of the "Avenue of Trees" that reads, "Green Thumb Award."

A presentation was made to Steve Brandenburg and his staff for all their hard work.

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift and Vice Chancellor Ken Neher also accepted the award.

"This is a tribute to the hard work they do and we're pleased that the city recognized all of our hard work," Conroy said.

In addition to SIUE, the Green Thumb Award was also presented to the Edwardsville Children's Museum and 11 residential properties.

A photo is available on the SIUE Public Affairs Web site at [siue.edu/PA](http://siue.edu/PA).

## Lend a hand in housing projects

AARON SUDHOLT  
NEWS REPORTER

The Public Relations Student Society of America at SIUE will be doing charity work with Habitat for Humanity starting at 7

a.m. Saturday in Alton.

Faculty Adviser for PRSSA Issac Blankson said the work is a volunteer requirement for PRSSA, but is also open to anyone willing to help.

"Anyone who wants to show

up, wear your dirty clothing and be ready to work," Blankson said.

Work will take place at 1902 Moreland Ave. in Alton.

For more information, contact PRSSA President Allan Largen at [siue\\_pr@yahoo.com](mailto:siue_pr@yahoo.com).

## Keep grounds clean at garden party

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

A garden-weeding party is open to those with or without green thumbs on Saturday at The Gardens at SIUE.

Faculty, staff, students and administration already have expressed interest in attending and more are welcome.

Interested volunteers can meet at 8 a.m. at Birger Hall.

The event will continue until noon and is open to anyone interested in attending.

For more information, contact Director of The Gardens at SIUE Doug Conley at 650-3788.

## Campus Scanner

**Symposium:** Attend a discussion featuring members of the Law and Society Network, who will present topics relating to law and social problems. Mass Communications professor Kim Voss, Public Administration professor Morris Taylor, School of Nursing professor Rita Acosta Sanders, Political Science professor Brian Harward and Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies professor Trish Oberweis will speak. For more information, contact Oberweis at 650-3292.

**Entertainment:** Join the Greek Council as they present eight Greek Chapters in the Ebony and Ivory Step Show. The show will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. Tickets are \$5 or \$3 with a canned good item; tickets are only available at the door. For more information, contact John Davenport at [jdavenport@siue.edu](mailto:jdavenport@siue.edu).

**Volunteer Project:** Looking for a community

service project? Volunteers are needed to assist in computer programming, software installation, delivery and installation of computers in homes. Sign-up in advance in the Kimmel Leadership Center. The service project will be from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday in Washington Park. For more information, contact Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt at [skutter@siue.edu](mailto:skutter@siue.edu).

**The Rock:** Take the opportunity to check out the climbing gym and meet new people at Bomber Night at The Rock. There will be games and prize give aways available. The event is free to all SIUE students. The event will take place from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Vadalabene Center's Climbing Gym. For more information, visit [siue.edu/CREC/climbinggym/specialprograms.html](http://siue.edu/CREC/climbinggym/specialprograms.html).

**Tobacco Counseling:** The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline.

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**Workshop:** Find out how to prepare and present your teaching and creative activity at the Promotion and Tenure Workshop with Faculty Senate President Kathleen Tunney and Speech Communication professor Duff Wrobbel. The workshop takes place at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Lovejoy Library. Reservations only. Call Cindy Scarsdale at 650-3647 for more information.

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



## Bid on bachelors at auction

SCHALENE HOUSTON  
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE single women, prepare to possibly find a love connection at this year's Bachelors Auction at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Prairie Hall's Multi-Function Room.

Junior Amy Stanley and sophomore Lauren Wheeler are the two students responsible for putting this auction together. Along with Stanley and Wheeler, Prairie Hall is helping with the prizes for bidders.

Stanley said last year she and Wheeler wanted to do something for the campus and community.

"Lauren and I wanted to get the campus involved. Last year we wanted to try it and it was really successful," Stanley said.

Last year, the auction brought in \$500 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Stanley thinks the foundation was happy with the donation.

"I know they were really impressed because of the activity being done for the first year," Stanley said.

Stanley hopes the auction will gain a little more money this year. Last year's highest bidder paid \$50, while the bidding started at 50 cents.

"We're hoping to raise \$1,000. If we make \$700, I'll be happy," she added.

This year, the top bidder at the auction will receive a pair of St. Louis Blues tickets. Stanley said there are also some movie tickets as well.

Stanley said many people were pleased last year with the dates. She said the women were supposed to take out the men, but some of the men ended up paying for the date.

Stanley, Wheeler and Prairie Hall also put on a Bachelorette Auction in the spring. So, single men, start saving your money now.

Stanley said that anyone planning to bid should come with plenty of money and come early.

"If you want to bid, come early; we couldn't fit everyone in the room last year," Stanley said.

Stanley advises the women to attend because it is an opportunity for everyone to just have a fun time.

"Not only can you get a date, but it's good entertainment. It goes to a great cause and the guys are really handsome," she added.

For more information, contact Stanley at [astanle@siue.edu](mailto:astanle@siue.edu).

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Bradshaw said enrollment expects to have 1,700 new freshmen for fall 2006.

Last year, SIUE had 1,180 transfer students and Burrell hopes

to increase that number as well.

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees will vote on the possible tuition increases in the spring.

## CAS

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"Students are then beginning to know what they want to major in and they're moving out of the residence halls," Hendey said. "(Sophomore year) was regarded for a long time as the most neglected year."

Hendey said junior and senior years are neglected as well, but are still important.

He said focusing on all four years would help CAS understand what to do to engage students.

"We want to look at each of the four years at what SIUE is doing and what needs of those

years that could be addressed, and programs that could target those specific needs," Hendey said.

He believes if students are more involved, then they're going to get much more experience.

"If that happens, they will stay and graduate, but the primary role of the committee is student engagement," Hendey said.

The CAS committee began its developing stages during the summer and formed at the beginning of the fall semester.

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## Censorship of the press can take many forms



As far as student journalism goes at SIUE, we really are pretty lucky. The Alestle has never had a problem with censorship from the administration. No one has ever asked to review the paper before we go to press. The university has always treated us as the public forum we are.

In addition to our own funding from advertising, we receive a portion of the student

activity fees and a place to call home in the Morris University Center.

In order to best serve our readers, we try to make our stories as clear, concise, accurate and balanced as possible. Balance means getting both sides of the

about what goes on at SIUE, including things that apparently not everyone wants you to know about. That makes it pretty difficult to inform you on what is happening in a balanced manner when certain members of the administration will not respond to

the chance to talk to people in the news.

Basically, the administration practices a form of censorship by preventing us from reporting the full truth. If we can't get any form of reliable confirmation on a fact, the story is not likely to make it into the paper. And so, you, our readers, are left in the dark.

The Alestle staff just returned from the national fall college media convention in Kansas City, Mo. Listening to other students' problems with their administrations reminded me that we really are lucky to be basically free from censorship. But it should never be an issue. I can praise our administration for not attempting to stifle our rights as journalists to inform our readers, but the pursuit of truth is just that – a right.

Courtney Rakers  
Editor in Chief

*“Basically, the administration practices a form of censorship by preventing us from reporting the full truth.”*

story. We don't run stories based on rumors or gossip. Unless we can be 100 percent certain of our accuracy, we will not run a story. And that's where we've run into a bit of a problem.

We have recently been working on several rather controversial issues. We're not trying to just stir up controversy. We are trying to give you the facts

phone calls.

Sometimes people are not able to comment to the media on certain situations. We get that. But they could at least take the call and say, “no comment,” rather than having a secretary screen calls. For that matter, maybe there are different aspects of the situation they could comment on if our reporters were at least given

## Arts & Issues presentation inspired student

I left the Meridian Ballroom inspired.

Yet my mind was churning because I faced a grave task the next day. What would I say when I got in front of my undergraduate journalism class? How could I impart to my students that they were in the process of writing history? How would I teach them that they had to get the story right and there was no room for inaccuracy?

How could I show them, as acclaimed historian David McCullough reminded me, that journalists write “the first rough draft of history?”

Speaking at an SIUE Arts & Issues event Thursday, McCullough did not focus on journalism. He presented history.

Not in its bland, tasteless, colorless state too many students are painfully subjected to, but rather history without the powdered wigs and parade regalia.

I briefly met George Washington and saw both his weakness and his leadership. I saw his “farm-boy army,” a ragtag, inexperienced bunch of farmers, sailors and scholars who knew nothing about fighting a war, but fought courageously anyway. As McCullough spoke, I felt the bitter cold; heard the fury of the East River; smelled the acrid gun smoke and watched the British retreat. I watched a harebrained scheme work, not once, but twice. I saw defeat, victory and the hand of Providence.

I am an alien in this country, yet I felt proud of a history I have

no national ties to.

So what has this to do with journalism?

Everything, if you look at it from my perspective.

Journalists, the ragtag bunch of people that we are, report the news, but sometimes forget we are writing history.

The news becomes painfully similar over time. Scandals have different characters, but they are still scandals. A murder, a press release, an accident, a media conference, a merger, a good deed, all become yesterday's news as we run after the next big story. Conflict, whether in government or in the ghetto, sometimes feels like a play as the actors repeat their lines.

You write about the government's perpetual blame game while the real problems go unchanged. People, the good, the bad and the indifferent, sometimes lose a bit of their humanity and become just another source or a contact. Skepticism sometimes changes to cynicism as the milk of human kindness turns sour.

I faced that dilemma when I left a newspaper in my country, Antigua and Barbuda, earlier this year. I had begun to question what I was writing. I love to write, but the daily grind was taking a toll.

McCullough reminded me of my obligation. If someone had not written about Washington more than 200 years ago, what would McCullough have written today?

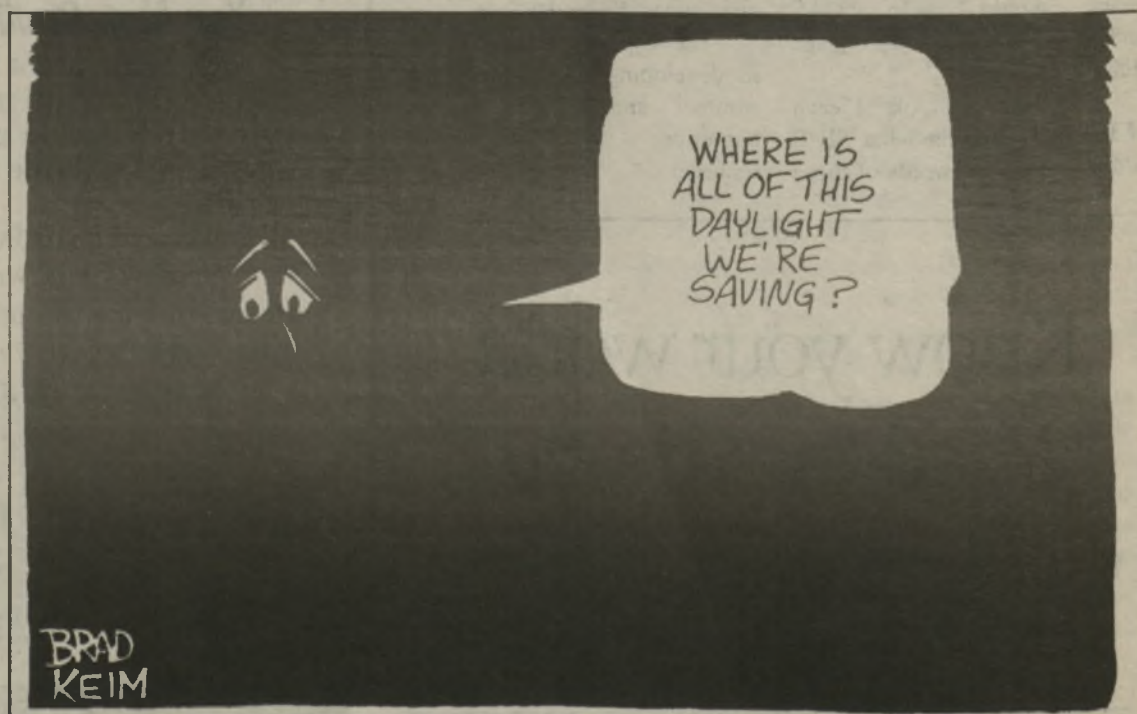
Someone in 1776 had to write about the times, as we must write about our times. We must write about the elections, the murders, the accidents, the wars, the press conferences, the mergers – and we must do it well without fear or favor.

McCullough said we must teach our children history without the powdered wigs. He reminded me that I must inspire my students to write the news well.

After all, 50 years from now, someone will look back at their work and refer to it as history.

Eucelia Hill  
Graduate Student

## Please Try Again — Brad Keim





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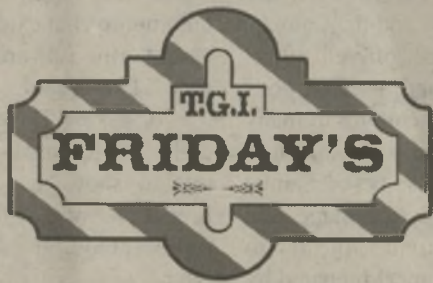
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## Little civilian who could proud to get his dog tags



A member of the 3rd Platoon practices bunker busting with an AT4.

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STEVE BRITT  
NEWS REPORTER

The little civilian who could tromps along in the SIUE Army ROTC program.

I have been issued two dog tags. These little slivers of metal are stamped with the most basic of information: name, social security number, blood type and religion. Linked together by a short strand of metal, they clink underneath my clothes. For the average soldier, I imagine it is a cold, gentle reminder that the Army has them by the neck.

Saturday is Cougar Strike and they're flying in choppers. I was told I couldn't get on the birds without the identification tags. Consequently, I started hounding to get a pair. This Wednesday morning I found them tucked in my mailbox in the office. Like a child with a new toy, I have shown them to people I don't even know, for no other reason than to say, "Look what I've got."

Wednesday PT was a "stair run," with Master Sgt. Ciudad running the platoons up, down, and across Alumni and Founders Halls. During the scrambles up the stairs and sprints through the halls, I began to think that whoever designed these buildings had these exercises in mind. Push-ups have suddenly doubled in demand: instead of "knock out 20," it has become, "give me 40." I'm giving her all

she's got Captain; I don't know how much more she can take.

We bunker-busted some bad guys last Thursday. Cadet Vories was killed by an Op-For, who was booby-trapped. For the first time in my writing career, I got to write the word "booby." Ha.

Back to Vories, dead weight

"Why am I doing this?" I tried it because it interested me. I have stayed because it's worth it. Yes, there is exercise and it's often early. Running around in the woods and playing soldier is fun. Learning first aid and navigation techniques are worth their weight in gold. Realizing that I can push my body beyond the comfort zone and come out

stronger is a priceless discovery.

"Why not join the Army?" I'm a senior and hopefully getting hired at a police department soon. I

don't feel like sticking around another two or three years for a master's degree. I have enough college education (and loans) for now, thank you.

"Don't they pressure me to join?" A little, but nothing a person with half an ounce of a confidence can't deal with. There is nothing wrong with trying the program out, just to test the waters. If you have an inkling it might be for you, it doesn't hurt to do some hands-on research.

Without sounding like an Army infomercial, I sincerely wish I had done this program earlier in my academic career. In the short few months I have participated, I am in better shape, I have training in a range of skills, and I have made friends I probably would never have met.

isn't fun and we had to carry his wounded and often complaining butt out of the woods, to teach us a lesson in carefully checking



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Cadets practice performing prisoner searches on each other.

enemies.

I'll take this space to address several recurring questions I get about the program.

***"During the scrambles up the stairs and sprints through the halls, I began to think that whoever designed these buildings had these exercises in mind."***

*~Reporter Steve Britt*

## Many cultures shown at International Night

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

More than 400 people enjoyed a trip to foreign lands Saturday without leaving the Meridian Ballroom.

International Night, presented by the International Student Council and the Campus Activities Board, offered guests music, food and presentations representing the cultures of many of SIUE's international students.

The St. Louis-based Samba Bom band took the stage and offered Brazilian music to accompany the meal prepared by international students and others.

This year's International Night theme was "Got Diversity?"

"The idea behind the theme is to promote a cultural sharing, an integration of our diverse world and bring the world to our SIUE doorsteps," International Student Council President Pereari Aboro said.

"This year one of the ISC goals was to be more inclusive, to build relationships with all student groups and our local American friends," the Nigerian native added.

International student adviser Toni Liston praised two students for their efforts to make community members more aware of other cultures.

Yao Amekor from Ghana and Rupak Thapaliya of Nepal received a special award from the ISC.

The two created and delivered passports to area middle school children. The youngsters could then visit booths set up in the Goshen Lounge as part of International Week and collect visa stamps.

## Tons 'o fun is lots 'o fun

KATIE CRABTREE  
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE students, faculty and staff are invited to bring their families out Friday for a night of fun-filled activities.

Tons of Fun is an annual event sponsored by Campus Recreation and Campus Activities Board. It is being held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Student Fitness Center.

Because the event coincides with Family Night at the SFC, the swimming pool and rock-climbing wall will be available for use. There will also be games, prizes, inflatable rides and food to enjoy at no cost.

"The biggest thing is the

"The passports served a dual purpose. They ensured these students went to every booth, plus got the feel of international travel," Liston said.

"Amekor and Thapaliya succeeded in sharing cultures with not only the SIUE community, but extended it to the neighboring Edwardsville one as well," Liston said.

A "Global Dance" combined eight ethnic dances and martial arts to show the audience the breadth of the cultures represented at International Night.

Students performed the "Ronggeng Blantek," a dance described as a hallmark of Jakarta's culture.

A demonstration of South Korean Tae Kwan Do martial arts brought applause from the audience as performers split wood with their feet, obliterated concrete blocks with their hands and kicked flying cucumbers out of the air.

Mexico was represented in a traditional Folkloric dance while good triumphed over evil in a Western Indian dance known as Garba.

An African trio took the stage and told the story of Africa, declaring their homeland the "mother of all races."

Campus Activities Board Multicultural Chair Ankur Patel said international students wish to learn about American culture as well.

"Through the interaction at International Week and Night, they're able to build bonds with fellow students," Patel said. "It gives them a sense of ownership of the campus, a feeling of belonging here and a feeling of community."

inflatable rides because they're free and unlimited. That's a huge benefit," Recreation Specialist Keith Becherer said.

Since the event began, it has been a success. Over the past few years, it has transitioned to being very family-oriented, with lots of activities for children.

Everyone is encouraged to come out for an evening of free fun. Volunteers are also needed throughout the night.

"We're always trying to provide programs and events for students. We're trying to show the benefits of staying on campus because this is a neat event," Becherer said.

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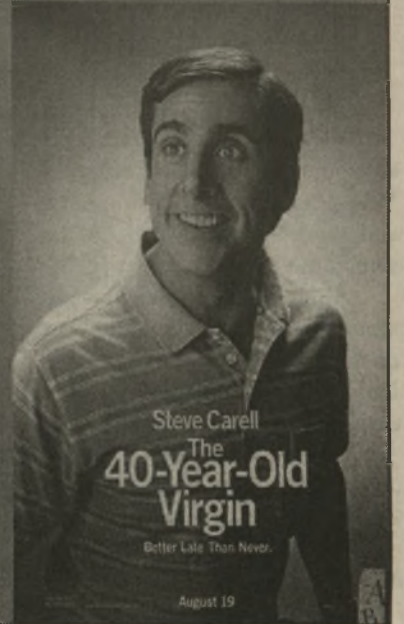
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# SIUE kickin' all the way

## Women's soccer moves into second round of conference tourney and ties two records

JANELLE DOBSON  
SPORTS REPORTER

SIUE's 24th-ranked women's soccer team is advancing in the Great Lakes Valley Conference tournament and tying school records at the same time.

Although the Cougars only won 1-0 on Sunday during the quarterfinals, they dominated the University of Indianapolis the entire game.

"It was a big win on many levels," SIUE Women's Soccer Head Coach Lynda Bowers said. "I thought we played well and deserved the victory."

The Cougars outshot their opponent by a substantial 18-2



KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE

**SIUE freshman forward Jennifer Kratzer wheels and deals as a defender takes a spill during a game at the Ralph Korte Stadium.**

**"It was a big  
win on many levels."**

~Women's Soccer Head Coach  
Lynda Bowers

margin.

Scoring the lone goal for the

see WOMEN'S SOCCER, page 10

# Cougars on the prowl

## Men's basketball season kicks off

MALLORY HENSLEY  
SPORTS STRINGER

It is time for Cougar supporters to dust off the pompoms and break out the face paint.

The commencement of the 2005-06 men's basketball season is lurking just around the corner.

Drury University, Rockhurst University and the University of Missouri-Rolla have been added to the Great Lakes Valley Conference this year, changing the layout of the GLVC from 11 teams to 14. SIUE joins Drury University, University of Missouri-Rolla, Quincy University, Rockhurst University, University of Southern Indiana and University of Missouri-St. Louis in making up the West Division.

Rounding out the conference in the East Division are Bellarmine University, University of Indianapolis, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Lewis University, Northern Kentucky University, St. Joseph's College and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

SIUE will challenge each team in the West Division twice, and will face each East Division

squad only once.

The Cougars' Head Coach Marty Simmons is taking advantage of all the time left to prepare his team for this season's rigorous schedule. The season opens with an exhibition game at 7:05 p.m. against Bradley University in Peoria.

Plenty of new faces will be seen on the court for the Cougars this year. Rookies will have some big shoes to fill. Starting positions are up for grabs, since SIUE lost four of last year's five starters with forwards Tim Bauersachs and Joel Jaye, center Dan Heimos and guard Calvin Sykes.

According to Simmons, the team will feature a balanced offensive attack, and the focus will shift from size to speed.

Newcomers to the Cougars include freshmen Nick Arth and Patrick McDermott; juniors Logan Brand, Asa Clayborne, Mike Hardiek and Ty Johnson; and senior Ryan Belcher.

SIUE will also utilize returning starter sophomore J.B. Jones, who won GLVC Freshman of the Year award.

Other key returnees include sophomores Anthony Jones and

see BASKETBALL, page 9

# Volleyball team continues to blaze at Vadalabene Center

JOE VANZO  
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE volleyball team continued its record-breaking hot streak with its 13th consecutive win Tuesday night at home.

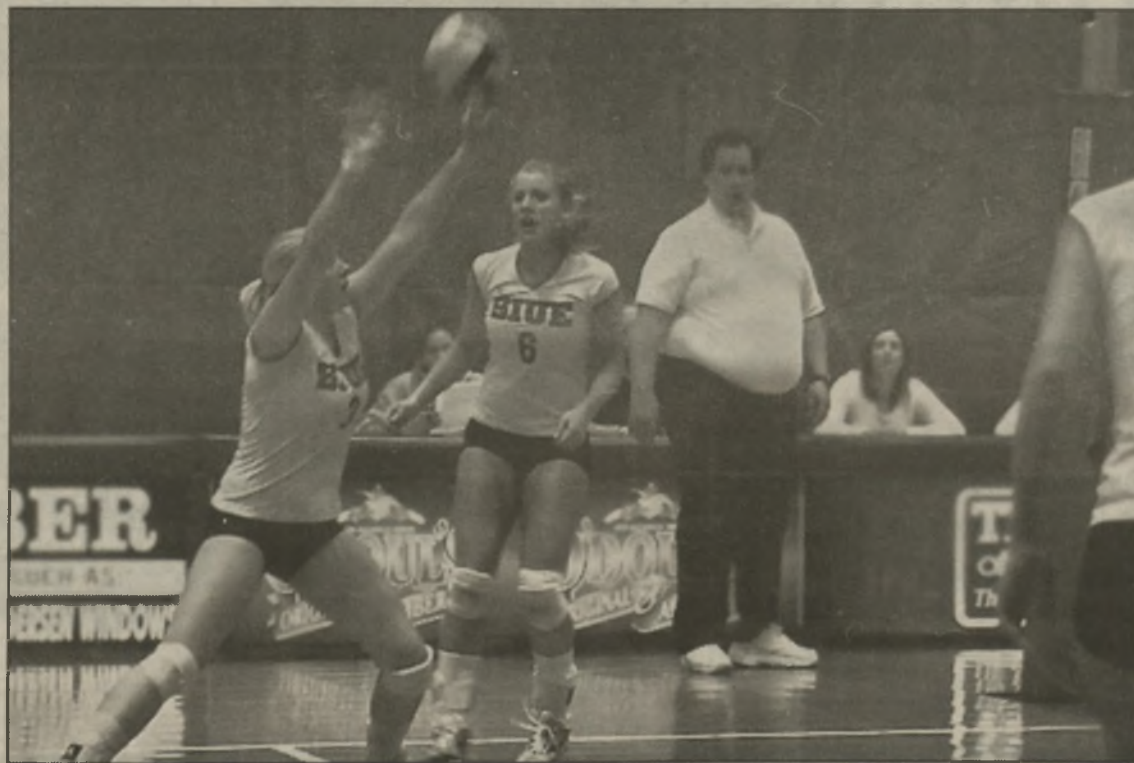
The Cougars ran over Kentucky Wesleyan College, taming the Panthers in straight sets 30-13, 30-12, 30-12.

"It was one of those games where we were able and capable of dominating. We came out with that attitude and really took it to them," SIUE Volleyball Head Coach Todd Gober said.

Gober added that the win was a compliment to the women, who did not play down to the other team's level.

"We had 46 kills and a .447 hitting percentage. That's pretty impressive," he added.

Freshman Jenny Gilman led



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

**SIUE senior Melissa Spann, right, looks on as fellow senior Heather Bonde, center, bumps the ball.**

the Cougar charge with seven kills and a .667 hit percentage. Senior Heather Bonde added six kills while freshman Emily Rahn, junior Jamie Jones and senior Melissa Spann each contributed five kills.

Freshman Emily Goebel led the team defensively with seven digs.

SIUE used a different setter in each of the three games. Senior Krystal Majernik contributed with 14 assists and senior Jenny Heimann and freshman Mallory Clements each had 13.

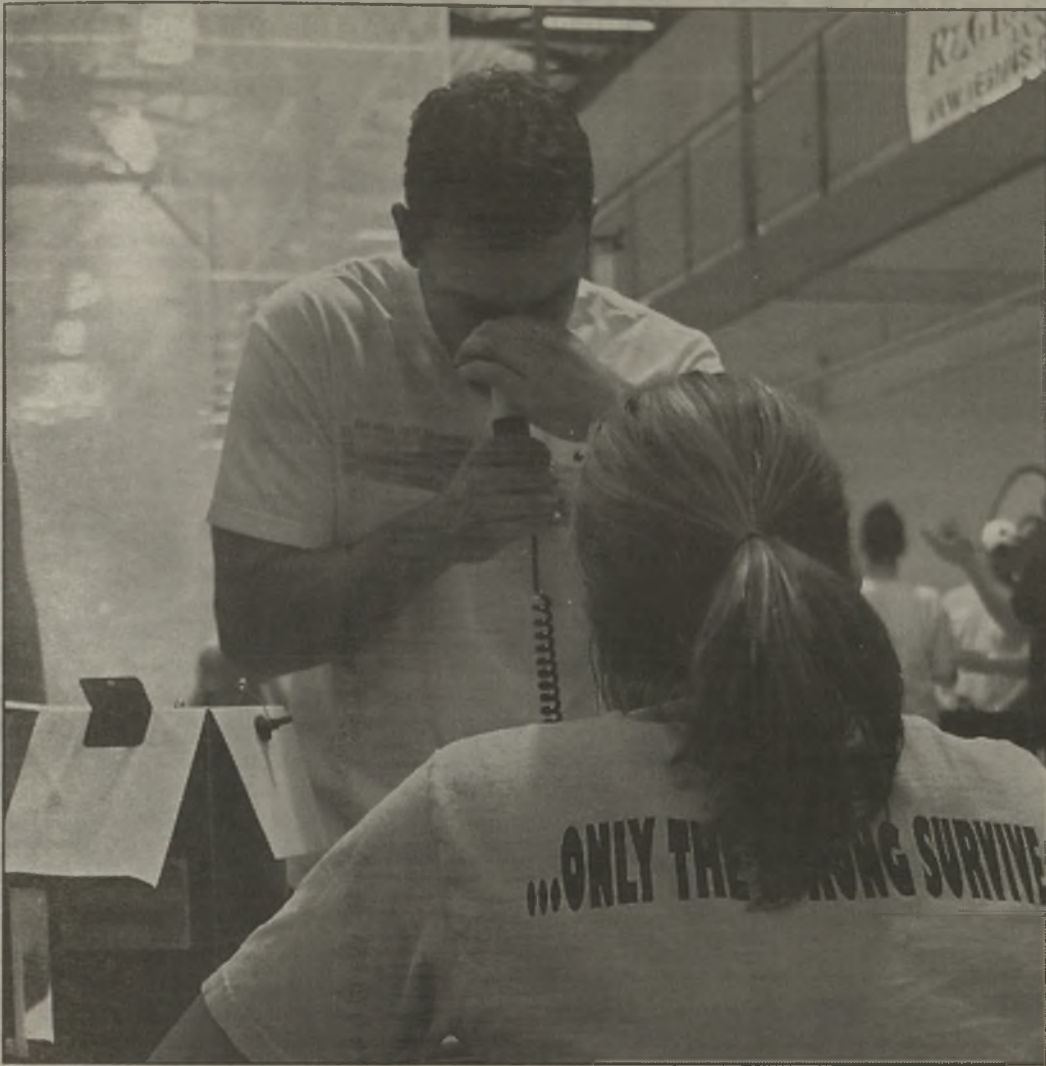
The Cougars limited their miscues, tallying just eight errors, while KWC bungled through the night and racked up 21.

SIUE has not tasted defeat since suffering two consecutive

see VOLLEYBALL, page 10



## Tests get students fit for fall



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

Senior mechanical engineering major Jeff Elchert works with senior exercise and wellness and community health major Krystal Majernik Wednesday at the Lung Function station at the Student Fitness Center's Fall for Fitness Day.

## BASKETBALL

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Doug Taylor, and seniors Martel Mahon and Justin Ward.

The men have their work cut out for them if they expect to improve on last year's 23-9 record. SIUE was ranked as high as fifth in the nation in the NCAA Division II.

Things kick into high gear after the exhibition game at Bradley University. Upcoming exhibition games at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Saturday, Nov. 12, and Purdue

University, Sunday, Nov. 13, will offer opportunities for SIUE students to see what the team can do this year.

The home opener will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the Vadalabene Center.

In an all-out cat fight, the Cougars will take the Lindenwood University Lions. The first conference game is on Saturday, Dec. 3, against Quincy University.



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Guard Anthony Jones dribbles around a defender.



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## WOMEN'S SOCCER

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Cougars was freshman midfielder Elizabeth Valenti, off a pass from freshman teammate Jenny Kates.

The goal was scored in the eighth minute of the first half.

The win advanced the team into the semifinals, as well as tied them with the school record of most wins during a season.

The 1996 SIUE women's soccer team set the record of 16 wins during one season. Coincidentally, Bowers played on the 1996 team that set the record.

"It's bittersweet," she said.

The win on Sunday also tied the school record for the most shutouts in one season, at 11, which was set last season.

"That was one I didn't realize we were getting close to meeting," Bowers said. "It says a lot for our backfield and goalkeepers. Their hard work is paying off."

The Cougars will travel to Wilder, Ky., to play at 7:30 p.m. Friday against University of Wisconsin-Parkside in the semifinals of the GLVC tournament. The Cougars are expecting to redeem themselves from a 3-0 loss against Parkside earlier in the season.

"We feel confident about it," Bowers said. "We feel like the last time we played them the goals that were scored were mental errors on our part. We know we didn't play our best game."

## VOLLEYBALL

from page 8

losses on Sept. 16 and 17 to Great Lakes Valley Conference foes Rockhurst University and Drury University, respectively.

The Cougars Oct. 25 win over the University of Southern Indiana shattered the school record for consecutive wins. SIUE's record is now set at 10, breaking the previous record set in 1998.

"I told the girls to enjoy the win for five minutes after the game, but after that it is time to look ahead," Gober said. "Indianapolis is coming in here Friday night for a huge match."

Indianapolis, 14-7 on the season and boasting an 11-3 mark in the GLVC, will arrive Friday night in a match that, according to Gober, has a lot on the line for

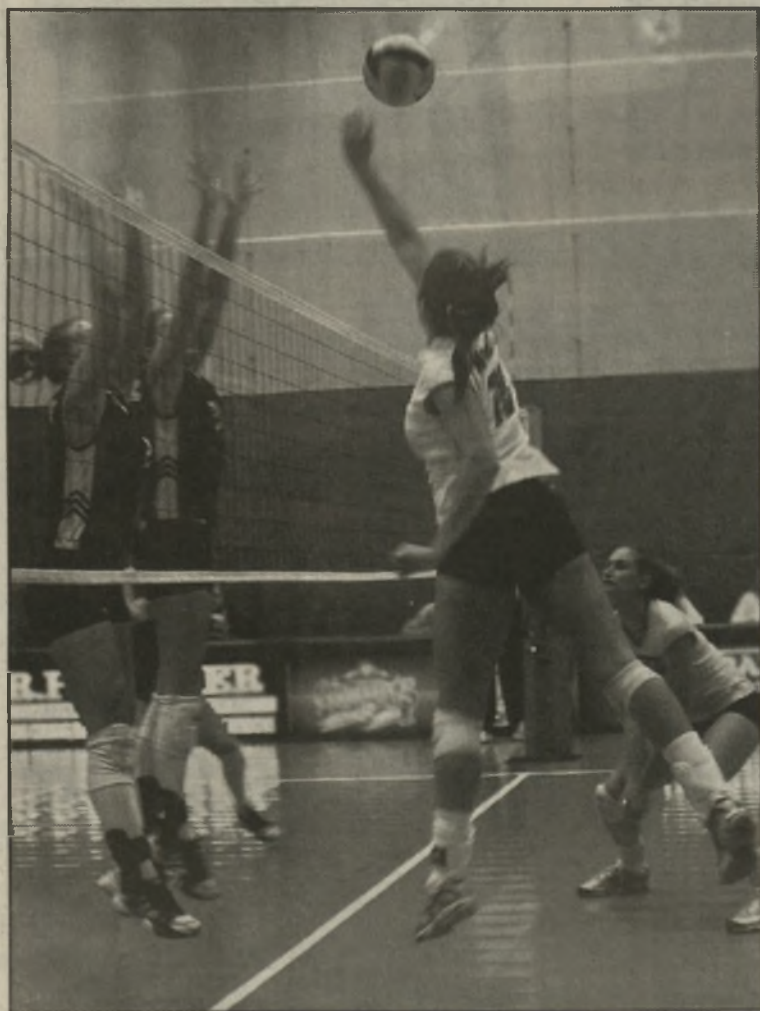
both the conference and  
postseason.

"The game is basically for second place in the conference," Gober said. "It also has regional implications and it is senior night for a group of girls that have had remarkable careers."

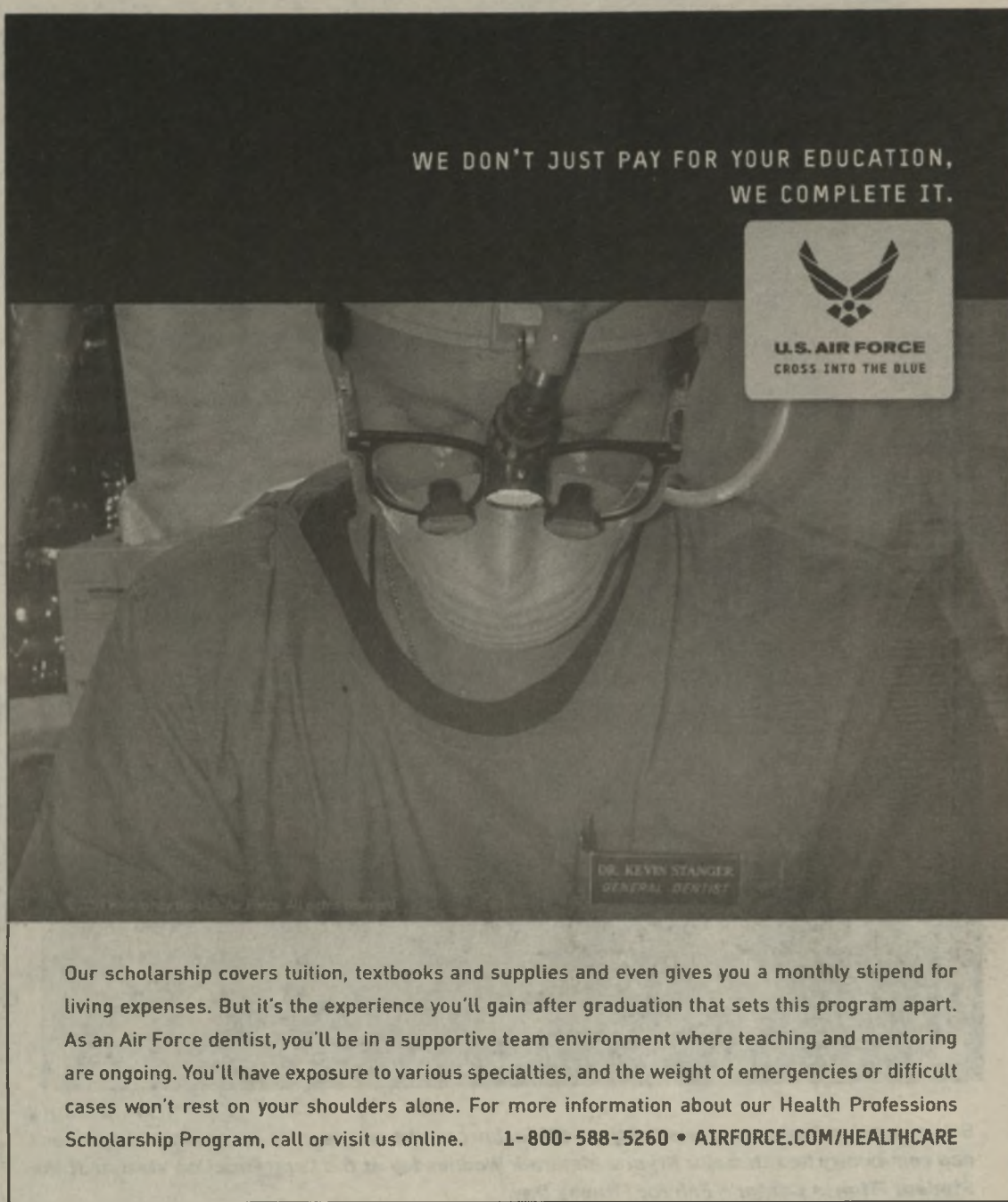
"I expect the girls to play their hearts out," he added. "I expect them to come out and play aggressively with intensity. It should be a great match."

The victory put the Cougars at 22-5 on the season and 12-2 in the GLVC.

The Cougars take on the Greyhounds 7 p.m. Friday at the Vadalabene Center. The team finishes the regular season 1 p.m. Saturday at the Vadalabene Center with a game against St. Joseph's College.



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE  
**SIUE freshman outside hitter Kate Hofeldt goes up in the air to drive down a spike against Kentucky Wesleyan College Tuesday.**





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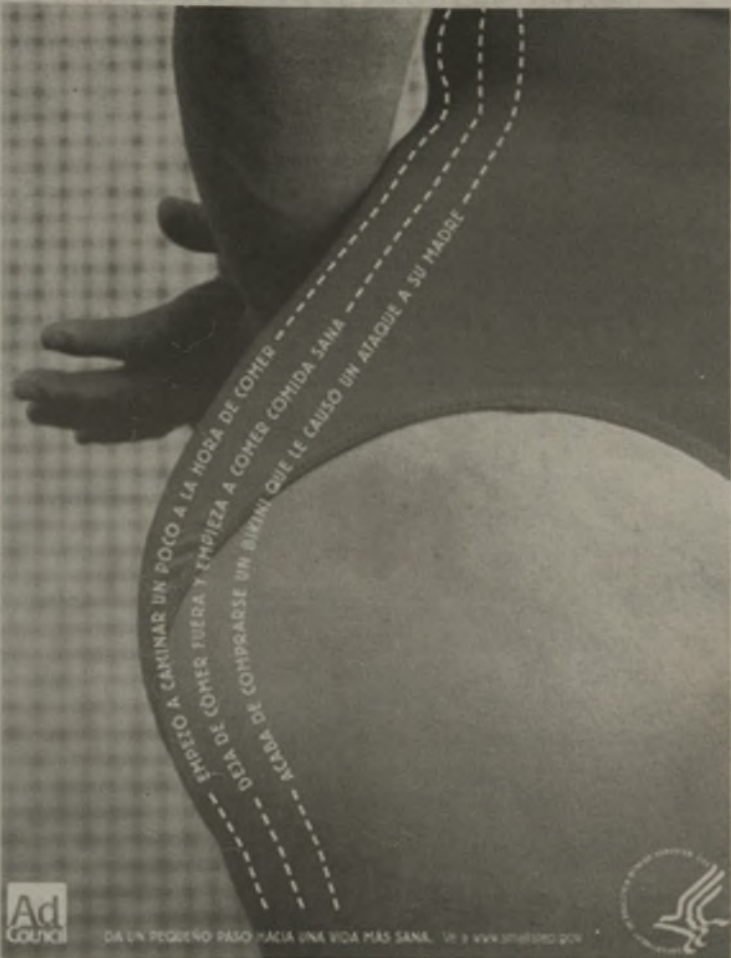
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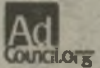
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