

Donor helps alma mater Not enough shots



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SIUE Alumnus John Simmons throws the first pitch at the SimmonsCooper Baseball Complex. Simmons' law firm donated \$1 million dollars for the renovation of the field last year. The firm recently announced a \$10.2 million dollar donation to Southern Illinois University Carbondale's cancer treatment facility.

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

Lawyer and SIUE alumnus John Simmons has significantly given back to his alma mater.

Last year, Simmons donated \$1 million to the SimmonsCooper baseball complex and recently pledged \$10.2 million to the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield to fund a new cancer institute.

Simmons began his student career at SIUE in January 1989 after being honorably discharged from the Army in 1988.

Simmons wasn't sure if he wanted to become a doctor or a lawyer, so he took political science and chemistry classes.

"I had two tests the same day, a chemistry test and a political science test," Simmons said. "I had to make a decision so I studied equally hard for both and whichever I did better on, that's what I would go with. I got a 100 on the chemistry test and a 105 on the political science test, so I became a lawyer."

Simmons was active in student government while attending SIUE and was student body president for one year.

He said his presidential responsibilities helped shape his future experiences as a lawyer.

"A lot of it was basic stuff like agenda, but I was following obscure and precise rules," Simmons said.

Simmons was an advocate for the Vadalabene Center, University Park and the first residence hall at SIUE.

He also advocated a golf course for SIUE, but lost by 13 votes.

When he was a student, SIUE was on a quarter system instead of a semester system.

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KATIE CRABTREE
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE Health Services has a major shortage of the flu vaccine this year.

They have received less than 10 percent of their vaccine order and although they still are hopeful for another shipment, it is not definite they will be getting one.

"We are on a waiting list. The pharmacist here on campus calls our suppliers two or three times a week to see if they can give us any idea if we will be getting any more," Health Services Head Nurse Sue Grimes said.

According to Grimes, the Center for Disease Control, who coordinates all the diseases around the world, has strict guidelines and the vaccine can only be offered to health care

providers and high-risk people. Examples are those with heart disease and lung conditions.

"Other examples are people with chronic diseases, where if they got the flu, it'd greatly affect their health," Grimes said. "Of course, there are not too many students who fall into this category, but there are some. That's why we try to give the flu vaccine to those people who it'd best utilize."

Grimes added that there has been a shortage for the past two years. Chiron, the manufacturer of the vaccine, has been shipping it out in smaller portions.

"It's causing quite a problem because there's not enough to hold annual flu clinics so we don't really have enough to do what we need to do," Grimes said.

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Bowling for turkeys



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

Senior business major Nikki Grashoff bowls with a turkey Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

Walker's successor chosen

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The Southern Illinois University community will know who its new leader will be Thursday.

A news conference is planned for 11:30 a.m. in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom foyer and the Goshen Lounge to announce SIU's new president.

The current president of SIU, James Walker, announced

his retirement last summer and intends to leave his position in June 2006.

"When he (Walker) became president, he announced publicly he was going to be retiring when he was 65, and he's almost 65," SIUE Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said.

In a press release announcing his retirement last June, Walker spoke of his career at SIU. "Next year I will complete 35 years in higher

education at seven universities - eight of those years at SIU. Next year will represent my 16th consecutive year as a university president, and next year, I will be 65 years old," Walker said.

The president of SIU is its chief executive officer and reports directly to the board of trustees. University chancellors report directly to the president and are responsible for the internal operations of SIUC and SIUE.

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Community service wins award

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

Highland pharmacist Jim Rankin doesn't just have a prescription for success - he has an award to show for it, too.

Rankin won the prestigious Bowl of Hygeia award for "outstanding community service in pharmacy." Public Affairs Director Greg Conroy said in a press release. The award, which is sponsored by Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, was given to Rankin by the Illinois Pharmacists Association at a ceremony in Springfield for his commitment to community health and service.

"I think Mr. Rankin is a very deserving pharmacist and I think he's deserving of the award," SIUE School of Pharmacy Dean Philip Medon said. "Every award goes to one pharmacist in the state, and I think he's very deserving."

Rankin is a member of the SIUE Foundation board of directors and the SIUE School of Pharmacy advisory board. He has



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Jim Rankin (left) accepts the Bowl of Hygeia award from Wyeth Pharmaceuticals Director of State Government Affairs David Moody in Springfield.

owned and operated Family Care Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in Highland for the past 40 years.

Preview SIUE numbers up

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Preview SIUE took place on Columbus Day in October. The event brought in 468 prospective students out of 1,433 guests.

Overall, 1,120 prospective students and 3,233 total guests turned out for the events. Bollinger said the numbers were the "largest show of total guests for a Preview program at SIUE."

The numbers compared to last year are significant. Last year, between Preview and an event known then as Fall

Visit Day, SIUE drew 960 prospective students and 2,374 guests.

Bollinger added that guest feedback was "excellent" after the tours and presentations from current students, faculty and staff were given.

"Almost three-fourths of our student visitors indicated that this was their first visit to campus," she said. "Also, 97 percent of survey respondents indicated that we met their needs at Preview."

Another Preview SIUE event

SIMMONS

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Simmons once took 24 hours of classes in one quarter.

"I would sign up for a bunch of classes, go and then drop the ones I didn't want," he said. "I was making A's in all of my classes (that quarter) so I decided to keep all of them."

After graduating from SIUE in 1991, Simmons applied to eight law schools and was accepted into seven.

"Law schools looked at me coming out of SIUE like I was somebody prepared," Simmons

said.

Simmons went on to Southern Methodist University School of Law in Dallas, Texas, where he got his law degree.

He opened his own law firm, Simmons Firm P.C., in 1995. He then merged with a local firm in 1997. In 1999, they separated and he formed Simmons Firm L.L.C.

Simmons then partnered with Jeff Cooper in 2003 and renamed the firm SimmonsCooper L.L.C.

Simmons then became

appointed a Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees member in February 2004.

"My goal on the board of trustees is ... an awareness of the SIU system," Simmons said. "I want people at SIUE to think they have a law school in Carbondale and I want people (at SIUC) to think they have a pharmacy school in Edwardsville."

According to the SimmonsCooper Web site, Simmons currently lives in Alton with his wife and four children.

SHOTS

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Although most people have not had the opportunity to get the vaccine this year, some have.

"I feel privileged that I can receive it as a nursing student ... I don't have to worry about getting sick," Senior

nursing major Janine Jurinak said.

However, if the vaccine isn't available for you, you can follow the CDC recommendations for good health habits to help prevent the flu.

The habits include avoiding

close contact with people who are sick, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, staying home whenever you are sick, covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing and washing your hands often.

Students play to big crowd

SCHALENE HOUSTON
NEWS STRINGER

Students participating in the Fall Jazz Concert performed for a full house Tuesday.

Music Professor and Jazz Activities Director Brett Stamps said the bands played well for the challenging pieces that were played in front of an estimated 300 people.

"I thought it went well. The music played was fairly difficult," Stamps said. "For the experience level of the band, it was a very good performance."

Stamps said the Jazz Lab band and the Concert Jazz band were the two bands performing. He added that there were three different types of arrangements played.

"There was the student composition and arrangements, the arrangements of famous bands and arrangements of [jazz] artists," Stamps said.

He said the student arrangements were excellent and wanted to make that a part of the program.

"The main thing is I had three student arrangements ... these were exceptional so I wanted to feature them," Stamps said.

The performers played arrangements by artists such as Antonio Carlos Jobim, Duke Ellington and Thad Jones.

"The students reproduced the sound of the Duke Ellington Band from the 1930s, it was the most successful piece...very interesting," Stamps said.



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

Members of the SIUE Concert Jazz band perform Tuesday at their Fall Jazz Concert.

Stamps said the students did a great job of addressing all of the arrangements.

He said he appreciated the last-minute help he received from

other faculty members of the music department.

Stamps added that a lot of work the faculty does impacts the students and their work.

Homes for hurricane victims



PHOTO COURTESY OF JACQUELINE ELLIOTT

Members of the Public Relations Student Society pose in front of a house they completed renovations on in Alton.

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE members of the Public Relations Student Society of America had the chance to brush up on their charity work Nov. 5 in Alton.

The 13 who attended the event participated in work with siding and drywall on homes for the less fortunate.

"We helped build a house for the less fortunate. Most of what we did was take care of the siding and dry wall," PRSSA Faculty Adviser Isaac Blankson said.

This was the first time the PRSSA had been involved with Habitat for Humanity. However, it has held prior charity events, including fundraisers for disaster victims and food drives.

Blankson said the PRSSA

found a need to help the community, and decided to respond.

"The real motivation behind it was we felt the need to help out our community members," he said. "One of our members mentioned the Habitat for Humanity event."

Blankson said he was considering contributing to another event.

"It was obvious to me there was a need for manpower," he said. "There is (another) project in Collinsville that I am personally thinking of getting involved in."

Blankson said the experience taught him new things.

"I didn't know how to do siding before, but I do now," he added.

The PRSSA is a national organization designed to coordinate relationships between public relations students and professionals. According to the PRSSA Web site, there are more than 8,500 members and 270 chapters across the country.

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Enjoy the Break! See you next semester!

For more information and the calendar, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686 or visit the website at www.siu.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP

Cops arrest student for battery in Cougar

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

An SIUE student has been charged with felony battery following an incident in Cougar Village.

Tontez Brown, an arts and sciences sophomore, was arrested for allegedly battering his wife around 7:30 p.m. Monday.

"She's five months pregnant,

which bumped (the charge) up to a felony," SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said Wednesday.

A friend took his wife to Anderson hospital, Schmoll said. She was released sometime Tuesday, he added.

"She did go to the hospital for precautionary reasons," Schmoll said.

Brown remains in Madison County Jail under \$75,000 bond.

Resident arrested again

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

A Woodland Hall resident had another run-in with the long arm of the law.

Lee A. Fredrikson, a freshman engineering major, was arrested for disorderly conduct around 4 p.m. Tuesday after allegedly writing a message on the door of a residence assistant's room dry-erase board.

"He left a disturbing message on her dry-erase board, 'Don't mess with me too much. I have stuff to get you fired,'" SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll

said.

Fredrikson was arrested in September for possession of drug paraphernalia, when an RA called the police after she overheard a conversation about smoking cannabis.

Police were refused entrance to the residence. Shortly thereafter, Fredrikson and another student turned over a bong and pipe to the RA. Police returned and arrested both students.

Fredrikson was processed and released with a notice to appear Tuesday. He could not be immediately reached for comment.

Campus Scanner

Food Chat: Join Campus Activities Board as they host a Food Chat discussion on bird flu. The discussion will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center's University Club. Lunch is provided. This event is free. For more information, contact Alyssa Bodeux at 650-5794 or abodeux@siue.edu.

Music in Jupiter: Come out and enjoy live music as Campus Activities Board presents Jupiter Jazz, a part of the Livewire series, from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. Jupiter Jazz is a band that blends melodies and Hip-Hop lyrics together. For more information, contact Summer Bernal at sbernal@siue.edu.

Cougar Craze: Get a cartoon image of yourself at this Cougar Craze, which will feature a caricature artist. This event is sponsored by Campus Activities Board and will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, in the MUC's Goshen Lounge. For more information, contact Laura Linnemann at llinnem@siue.edu.

Issues: Students with problems or concerns in the campus community should come join Raise Your Voice from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday in the MUC's Goshen Lounge as students

discuss various problems with in campus or in the community. For more information, contact Leah Orwig at 650-2686 or lorwig@siue.edu.

Auction: The 28th Annual Art Auction will begin at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Sunset Hills Country Club. Come enjoy amusing competition and great visuals. Food and drink can be purchased from the Country Club. Students and Friends of Art members get in free, others are charged a \$5 admission fee; there is free parking. All proceeds go to support the art education of SIUE students. For more information, contact Pam Decoteau at 650-3107 or pdecote@siue.edu.

Tobacco Counseling: The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. Registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction counselors staff the toll-free line. Counseling is free to residents of Illinois. Those interested should call (866) QUIT-YES. Hot line hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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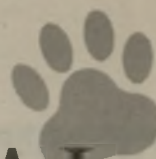
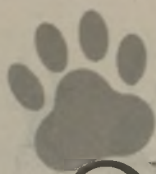
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Responsibility required for leadership



The Alestle recently reported a story involving School of Business Dean Gary Giamartino's use of plagiarized material on his welcome to the school's Web site.

In a recent letter to the editor, Dean Giamartino stated that the Alestle exaggerated the story and offered his justification for the borrowed material.

For the sake of this column, let's give Dean Giamartino the benefit of the doubt. Let's just

say that he personally didn't pull the quote from the University of Southern California Web page and that there is no legal or ethical problem with his use of excerpts from the previous dean's welcome.

Now let's say that I am a student in the business program. A friend of mine had written an A paper for a difficult class in a previous term. I agreed with his positions in the paper and he had no problem with my use of his work. So I pulled excerpts from his paper with no attribution, put my name on it and turned it in.

If the professor discovered that I had borrowed from my friend's paper, I'm pretty sure I would receive an F for the class, and possibly be kicked out of the program.

I can understand the dean's point when he said, "It is common practice for public relations-oriented text to be composed by various individuals

who work together to create an image for an organization." Certainly that works in a corporate setting. But in no way would that excuse fly for a college student doing the same thing. A dean is the ultimate example for the school. In this case, I don't think it's very wise to practice this behavior, and then to offer such an excuse as a justification.

The School of Business' Code of Professionalism says, "Our school's culture encourages behaviors associated with educated and self-disciplined individuals. Those behaviors include: being honest, reliable and prepared, being responsible for one's own actions and decisions and being respectful of all individuals."

Is Dean Giamartino being responsible for his actions and decisions when he gives students a list of reasons why what he did was not wrong, alleges that the

Alestle was biased and exaggerated charges of plagiarism and then offers no apology to the student body for his actions?

If the Alestle's coverage of this incident makes the School of Business look bad, that is definitely unfortunate. But no one here posted the dean's welcome message with his picture and name and then denied responsibility for the action.

One of journalism's principal goals is to shed light on injustice and immoral behavior in society, in hopes that these wrongs will be made right. Hopefully, by bringing this issue to light, it will make everyone, not only the dean, more conscience of their actions as leaders and examples to the students of this university.

Courtney Rakers
Editor in Chief

Student protests dean's treatment in paper

First of all, I would like to state that I am not in the School of Business. I am a history major, and a senior.

I am writing because I am shocked and dismayed at the treatment that Dean Gary Giamartino is being given over this so-called "plagiarism" incident by not only the Alestle, but by students such as the ones who have submitted letters that were printed in Tuesday's Alestle.

First of all, putting what Dean Giamartino did in the same category as a student plagiarizing a paper is both irresponsible and unrealistic. If the dean read the former introduction to the Web site, felt that the feelings expressed were identical to his own, and felt also that they adequately summarized the ideals of welcome from the School of Business, then I see no wrong in him using the "generic" introduction. He has stated that various individuals composed it. This is not plagiarism of the same sort that occurs when a student copies a Web site or book to achieve a better grade.

The second case of "plagiarism" is closer to that mark, though I believe the dean when he said that he did not know there was so close a mirroring. He has taken steps to rectify the situation, and he should be commended for such.

My issue is this: how dare some of you imply that disciplinary action is in order! What happened to respecting our

professors? I have noticed, since coming here, a large amount of pettiness and "Student vs. Teacher" sentiment at SIUE. This is demoralizing for our honored professors, and it breaks down any power they have to keep order and professionalism in our classrooms. Think about that before pointing the finger at them. In addition, these rules of plagiarism would not even exist if students hadn't cheated in the first place. It seems that people are treating the plagiarism laws as unfair practice, heaped upon

us by a strict staff. I ask you this: how can professors combat this abhorrent practice without these rules?

Whistle-blowing and over-inflated accusations set precedent. When you take power out of our professor's hands, you lose quality of education. Rampant political correctness is a big enough problem. Let's keep it out of our school. Otherwise, we may soon not be able to write anything, as someone in another state may have already used the same

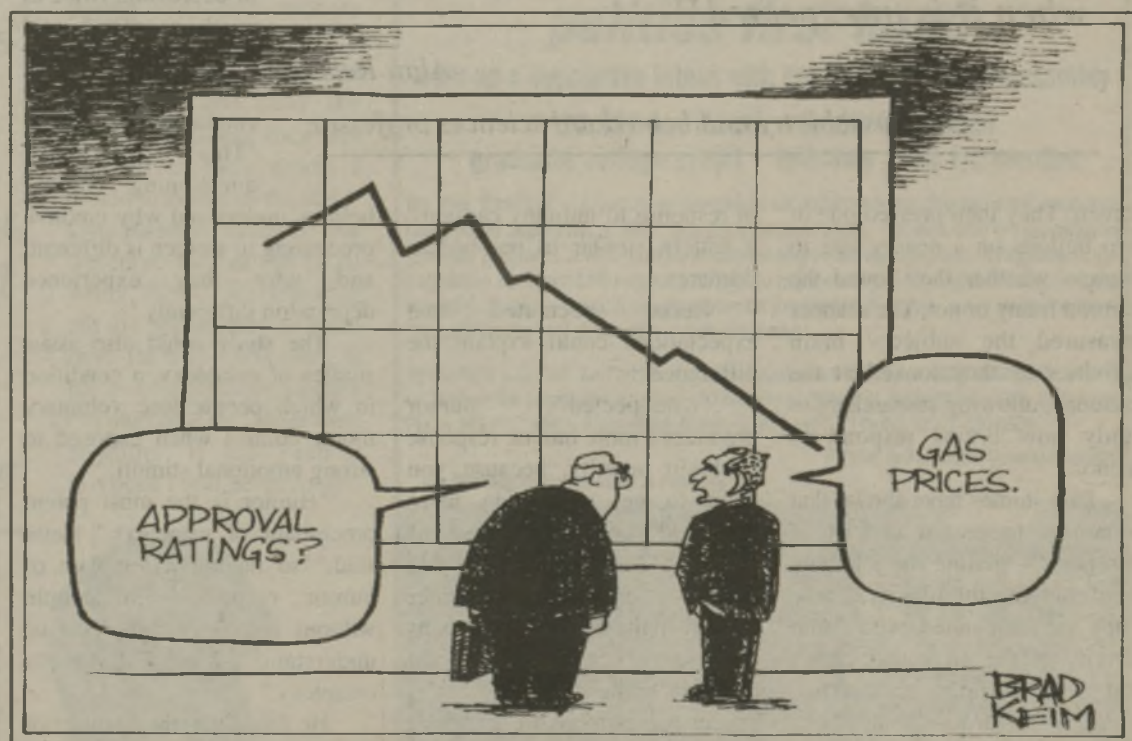
sentence in 1970. Perhaps this is an extreme example ... but where does it end?

Finally, I am upset at the use of sarcasm and profanity in the students' letters published in Tuesday's Alestle. As a student, I find this deplorable.

In short, please lighten up. We're all on the same team here, aren't we?

Matthew Lucfy
Senior
History

Please Try Again——Brad Keim





DOES GENDER DETERMINE YOUR HUMOR?

CHRISTOPHER LIN
THE STANFORD DAILY

(U-WIRE) STANFORD, Calif. - Two atoms walk into a bar. (Why is it always a bar?) One turns to the other and says, "I think I lost an electron!" The other replies, "Are you sure?" "Yes, I'm positive."

It might be the worst joke ever, but if you're a man, you took longer to decide that it was unfunny than a woman would. This difference between the sexes is just one of the findings of a study performed by Stanford University researchers.

Published recently in the National Academy of Sciences and led by Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences professor at Stanford University Alan Reiss, the study was the first to examine how men and women respond to humor differently by monitoring brain responses.

Researchers found that women displayed more activity in the parts of the brain involved with language processing and feelings of reward when shown a funny cartoon.

In the study, 10 females and 10 males were placed in a high-field magnetic resonance imaging scanner and shown 70 black-and-white cartoons on a

of pleasure, respectively. While men and women displayed similar responses to humor in most regions of the brain, the new study found that responses in those two areas differ in men and women.

Women showed more activity than men in their prefrontal cortex, which controls in-depth analytical processes and language interpretation.

Reiss explained that this difference demonstrates that "women may take a more discriminating approach to the features of a cartoon."

He also noted that although women and men found the same cartoons funny, women were faster than men at deciding whether a cartoon was funny. He surmised that women's greater analytical brain activity contributed to this faster decision-making.

The sexes also differed in brain activity in the nucleus accumbens, which is highly involved in response to humor. Women responded to funny cartoons with increased activity in the nucleus accumbens and maintained normal activity with unfunny cartoons. Men maintained normal activity in response to funny cartoons and decreased activity

they find the cartoons to be funny but dip if they don't find the cartoon as funny as expected."

In addition to determining differences between the sexes, the study's findings could also have clinical applications. The different

responses to humor in men and women may explain why women are more likely than men to suffer from depression.

"Women's depression could stem from greater sensitivity to stimuli; their reward centers are more geared to receiving emotional stimuli, causing a greater risk of depression," Reiss said.

"It's been well-documented that women tend to experience symptoms of depression twice as much as men," said Eiman Azim, Class of 2003, who also conducted the study. "This type of questioning might

help us understand why emotive processing in women is different, and why they experience depression differently."

The study could also assist studies of cataplexy, a condition in which people lose voluntary motor control when exposed to strong emotional stimuli.

"Humor is the most potent precipitant of cataplexy," Reiss said, "so having a template of humor responses in people without cataplexy will help us understand what causes cataplexy."

He noted that the findings of the humor study would assist

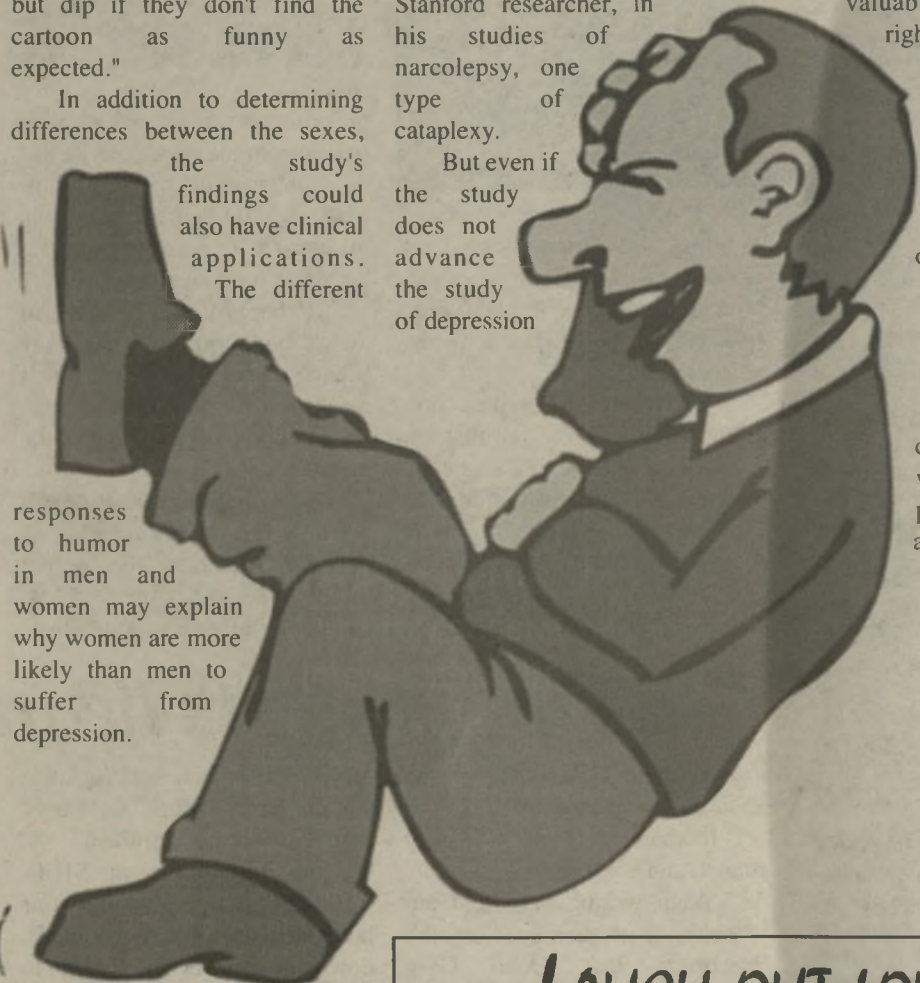
Emmanuel Mignot, another Stanford researcher, in his studies of narcolepsy, one type of cataplexy.

But even if the study does not advance the study of depression

and cataplexy, it still remains valuable in its own right.

"We can better understand the individual differences in style and perception of humor," Reiss said.

"Humor is a good vehicle for communication, which is why funny people are well-accepted."



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Q: Why did the police arrest the turkey?
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Q: What did the turkey say before it was roasted?
A: Boy! I'm stuffed!

Q: What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children?
A: If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!

Q: What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?
A: Plymouth Rock

Q: What do you get when you cross a turkey with an octopus?
A: Enough drumsticks for Thanksgiving

A turkey farmer was always experimenting with breeding to perfect a better turkey. His family was fond of the leg portion for dinner and there were never enough legs for everyone. After many frustrating attempts, the farmer was relating the results of his efforts to his friends at the general store get together. "Well, I finally did it! I bred a turkey that has 6 legs!" They all asked the farmer how it tasted. "I don't know," said the farmer. "I never could catch the darn thing!"



"Unexpected humor produces a more intense response in brain activity, because you want to get something more ingrained when it is unexpected"

~Alan Reiss
psychiatry and behavioral sciences professor

screen. They then pressed one of two buttons on a nearby box to express whether they found the cartoon funny or not. The scanner measured the subjects' brain activities as they looked at the cartoons, allowing researchers to study how brains respond to humor.

Past studies have shown that responses to humor consist of two parts -- getting the joke and then enjoying the hilarity. These steps are associated with brain activity in the prefrontal cortex and the nucleus accumbens, which are in turn associated with language processing and feelings

in response to unfunny cartoons, a pattern similar to non-human primates.

Reiss speculated that expectations could explain the difference.

"Unexpected humor produces a more intense response in brain activity, because you want to get something more ingrained when it is unexpected," he said. "The results imply that females experience greater activity in the nucleus accumbens because they don't expect the cartoons to be as funny. Males expect the cartoons to be funny, so they don't increase activity if

Little civilian who could bids farewell to ROTC



PHOTO COURTESY OF MASTER SGT. CIUDAD
Steve Britt, news reporter for the Alestle and member of ROTC, is shown here during one of his many training adventures with the SIUE cadet corps. This will be the last photo of Britt in uniform and this is his last column.

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

As the semester winds down, I find myself struggling more and more to find time for the program. I see other cadets, like me, juggling classes, physical training, labs and college life. Cadre periodically meet with the students of the program to plan out a graduation process and find out how they are doing overall.

All in all, the people in the program have treated me well. Master Sgt. Ciudad, my instructor, has made the experience enjoyable and educational. He has gone out of his way to afford me every opportunity to participate. Even his Tae Bo style workouts and stairwell runs were more fun than tromping along on a treadmill bopping to Britney. Not that I listen to Britney...

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~Reporter Steve Britt

Many of the cadets I’ve met will go on to be military leaders with exceptional abilities. They possess a spark of intensity that if encouraged, will burn into a

bright beacon of service and diligence to our country.

I expect some of the friends I have made in the program will do well in their chosen profession, during and after military service.

I wish the cadets the very best, and have the utmost confidence they will succeed in their goals. I would also like to thank Lt. Col. Roberto Vazquez and the entire staff of the SIUE Army ROTC for allowing me the opportunity to learn from them this semester. It has been a pleasure, despite the pain of PT’s. More than anything, it has been a privilege I will never forget.



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~Heisman winner Archie Griffen



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SIUE loses top scorer

Star player goes down with fractured collarbone

CASEY BIDDINGER
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE men's soccer team will play in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Division II Tournament without their leading scorer.

Junior midfielder Victor Pacheco suffered a collarbone injury during the Great Lakes Region Championship game against Truman State on Saturday night, which SIUE won 1-0, and will be out of action for the remainder of the postseason.

"It's this part of the year when you want everything to be perfect, but it rarely is," SIUE Men's Soccer Head Coach Ed Huneke said.

Pacheco leads the Cougars in goals, assists and points. He is clearly a vital part to the SIUE soccer team, according to Huneke.

"He provides a real dangerous corner kick on

restarts," he said.

The Cougars are the top seed in the Great Lakes Region and will take on the Appalachian Regional Champions, Carson-Newman College, Saturday at Ralph Korte Stadium.

SIUE defeated Bellarmine University in the first game of the GLVC tournament to advance to the semifinals against Quincy where the Cougars were defeated.

The first regional game for the Cougars ended in triumph against Truman State after a triple-overtime thriller.

The victory was bittersweet, however, as Pacheco went down on a play that Huneke believed to be a foul.

"I'd like to see the tape," he said. "He was tripped and fouled by two Truman players. When he hit the ground, he dug his shoulder into it pretty hard."

Huneke credited the rough fall for Pacheco's injury, adding that he dislocated his shoulder on the collision.

The CNU Eagles team features All-American goalkeeper Tyler Baldock.

"I'd like to see the tape. He was tripped and fouled..."

~SIUE Head Coach Ed Huneke

The Eagles defeated Newberry University, Wingate University and Catawba University in the South Atlantic Conference Tournament.

CNU then moved on to beat Catawba in the regional finals and now they will face the SIUE Cougars on Saturday.

Huneke said that seniors Pete Cacciatore and Tim Collico, along with junior Ameen Attas and freshman Robert Ridder

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COURTESY OF SIUE PHOTO SERVICES

SIUE junior Victor Pacheco, right, maneuvers past a defender during the Cougars' triple-overtime victory over Truman State University at Ralph Korte Stadium.

Women's basketball captures first win

GEOFF SCHARDAN
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE women's basketball team won its first regular season game Tuesday night at the Vadalabene Center, hosting the Robert Morris College Lady Eagles to a 95-51 drubbing.

The SIUE bench made a big impact, scoring 60 points on the night, with senior forward Alisa Carrillo dropping in a game-high 20 points to lead the way.

The Cougars were tough on defense, not allowing the Lady Eagles to make a three-point shot in nine attempts. SIUE also held them to 34 percent shooting from the floor. Offensively the Cougars shot 53 percent from the floor. SIUE freshman Allison Fogle helped key the attack, as she teamed with Carrillo to add 19 points off the bench.

Sophomore Whitney Sykes and junior Krystal Rosengren were the only other Cougars to score in double figures.

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KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE

SIUE freshman Diedra Dace clamps down on a Robert Morris ballhandler in the Cougars' first game of the season.

Men's basketball enters season with preseason lessons learned

CASEY BIDDINGER
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE men's basketball team began its 2005 season by playing three NCAA Division I schools in exhibition contests. The Cougars faced Bradley University, Southern Illinois University Carbondale and Purdue University.

The Cougars started their first game against Bradley losing to the Braves 74-62.

There were four Cougars scoring double digits led by sophomore guard Anthony Jones with 16 points. Jones hit six of 12 shots from the floor, including four three-pointers. The Cougars just could not hold on to the ball, they turned it over 20 times during the game.

"Bradley has always been strong in athletics and we needed to take a lot from that game," SIUE Men's Basketball Head Coach Marty Simmons said. "The players were balanced in

scoring the whole game."

The Cougars traveled to Carbondale to battle the Salukis in their second exhibition game. SIUE suffered another defeat, falling hard with a 50-31 loss.

The Cougars again were sloppy as they let the ball slip through their fingers all night, turning the ball over 27 times.

"Carbondale put that kind of pressure on the offensive side," Simmons said.

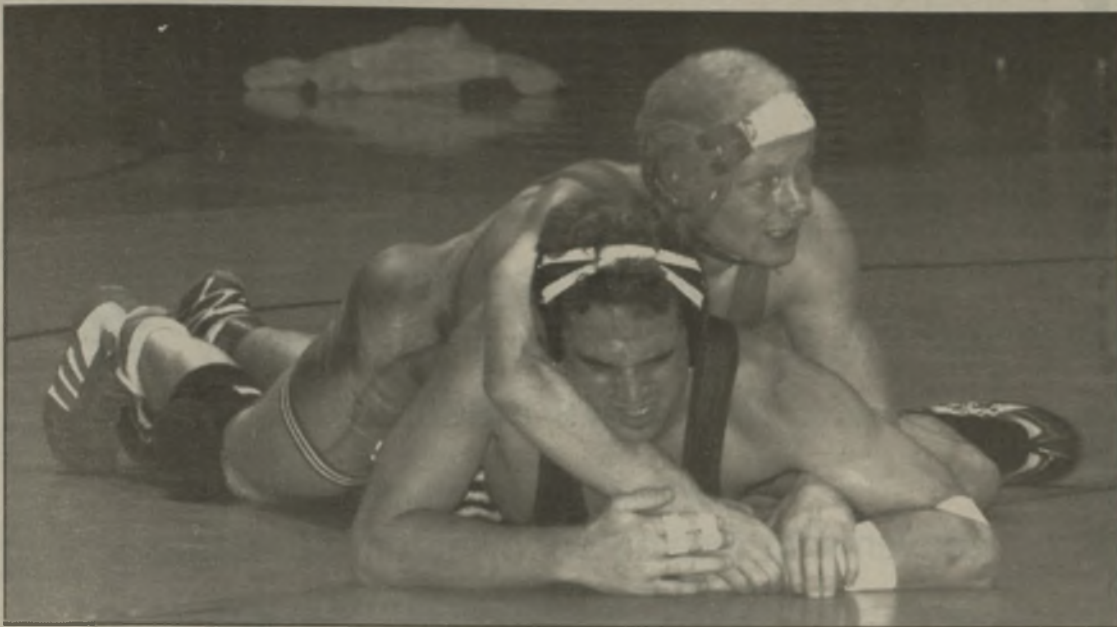
The Cougars had trouble adjusting to SIUC's defense and had a low field goal percentage, only shooting 25.6 percent. No SIUE player scored in the double digits. Leading the Cougars was junior forward Mike Hardiek, scoring seven points.

Simmons said he was happy with the Cougars defense during the game. They held the Salukis to a 28.3 field goal percentage and forced 20 turnovers.

SIUE took its act to the 14,123 seats of Mackey Arena for

see MEN'S BBALL, page 9

Wrestlers grapple with overtime loss



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

SIUE junior Jon Rujawitz puts a choke hold on Missouri Baptist's Billy Wooling in the Cougars' season opener.

JANELLE DOBSON
SPORTS REPORTER

SIUE's wrestling team started things off on the wrong foot on Wednesday, Nov. 9, against Missouri Baptist in St. Louis.

The Cougars lost to Missouri Baptist in triple overtime 23-18.

SIUE's heavyweight freshman lost 7-3, putting the Cougars into an early 3-0

hole.

SIUE sophomore Chuck Patten was the first Cougar to win. Patten wrestled at 133 pounds and won 4-0.

SIUE junior Joe Rujawitz defeated his opponent in the 149-pound weight class, 9-3.

Junior John Ficht also picked up a victory, and pinned his opponent at 169 pounds in one minute, 48 seconds.

SIUE junior Chris Midgett

also pinned his competition in the 184-pound weight class. He was not able to pin as early as teammate Ficht, but finally did the trick at the 4:49 mark.

After Midgett's pin, SIUE was down 20-18, with one wrestler left to battle.

The Cougars watched as SIUE junior Sean Tyus fought hard in triple overtime in the 197-pound weight class, but finally fell 4-2.



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

SIUE junior Chuck Patten battles Shelby Lauderdale of Missouri Baptist University to the mat.

MEN'S BBALL

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the third game against Big Ten Purdue Boilermakers.

"The team learned from the Carbondale game to the Purdue game and really improved," he said.

The Cougars went into the halftime trailing 40-28. Simmons said they did not make any adjustments in the locker room for the second half.

"In the two previous games, we allowed the opponents to increase their leads and that was a

way for us to show that we are improving as a team and bounce back," he said.

SIUE exploded out of the locker room after halftime and came back with a 59.3 field goal percentage after the first half percentage of 35.5.

Leading the Cougars and bouncing back from an injury was junior guard Ty Johnson. Also showing up against the Boilermakers was junior forward Asa Clayborne with 12 points

and freshmen forward Nick Arth with 10 points.

Simmons said the team is as healthy as it's been; it has a good chance this year of being a good team.

"We've had our ups and downs, but we are coming back," he said.

The Cougars opened the regular season Wednesday at the Vadalabene Center with a game against Lindenwood University.

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would need to step up to fill the void.

"It's common in the playoffs for a player to emerge," he said. "Who that player will be, I don't

know."

SIUE will take the field to face the Eagles at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Ralph Korte Stadium and hope for an extra boost from the

crowd.

"Getting that student support is nice," Huneke said.

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Fly like an Eagle with Flying Cougars club

KEVIN SULLIVAN
SPORTS STRINGER

Two years ago SIUE student Kevin Hill wanted to bring something to the school for thrill seekers like himself. So in the spring of 2003, Hill created the

SIUE Flying Cougars, a skydiving club for students like himself looking for excitement and thrills while learning something new.

The Flying Cougars organization brings an open and friendly environment to the school, and anyone can join even if they have never been skydiving before and don't know anything about it.

"Anyone can come out here and jump, it is open for all students," Hill said.

Hill is a licensed jumper, and has made well over 200 jumps.

"I am just really into it and I wanted to bring it to SIUE. I started it at Lincoln Land Community College and it went

well there so it was something I thought SIUE should have," Hill said. "It's a blast every time I jump. It never gets old."

The club consists of around six consistent members and then there are about 12 other members who make jumps occasionally.

Students who are interested must first follow requirements to obtain a license to legally parachute. All equipment is provided at the jump site.

The jumping occurs mainly on the weekends, and members can go pretty much any time they want to on the weekends whether anyone else is going or not.

Members have a one jump per month minimum, but most members jump several times each month.

The club is open to SIUE students, faculty and alumni.

For more information, visit the SIUE Flying Cougars Web site at siue.edu/STACTV/flyingcougars.



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SIUE skydivers hover in the air during a recent jump.

WOMEN'S BBALL

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The team also passed well, having 36 assists on 39 baskets.

The Cougars came into Tuesday's game after a 0-2 preseason, which saw them suffer losses to Southeastern Missouri University and the University of Bradley.

It was a tough preseason but they "never gave up and kept playing," SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg said. "(It) made them hungry for a win."

The Cougar's next game is at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Vadalabene Center against Saginaw Valley State University.

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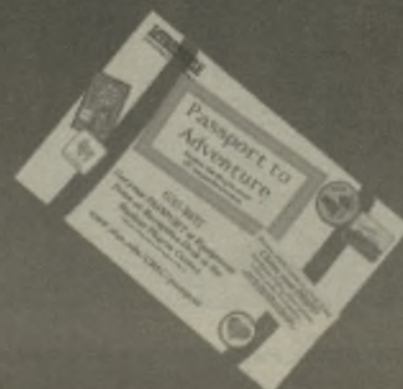
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