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Country artist Kathy Mattea returns to SIUE See Lifestyles

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Supersizing science

Gov. Rod Blagojevich announces the state will give nearly \$3 million for renovations and a new wing for the Science Building



Gov. Rod Blagojevich speaks to the public Tuesday at the Rendleman Hall lobby. Blagojevich announced that \$3 million will be allocated to the Science Building for renovations and an additional structure.

KATIE CRABTREE NEWS STRINGER

Gov. Rod Blagojevich announced Tuesday nearly \$3 million in grants to allow SIUE to begin the construction of a new science building and renovate the current one.

The Science Building, which first opened in 1966, needed updating because of the expansion of the sciences, and pharmacy nursing, The engineering programs.

increased demands of the old building have restricted the work and research that can be done, the new 80,000-square-foot according to a press release.

"A lot of the students in this school apparently use the old Science Building, so I'm excited that we can invest some money to be able to improve that building and make it more state-of-the-art and make it more compatible for the 21st century," Gov. minutes late, began his speech Blagojevich said.

Blagojevich added that the new science building would be

built right next to the old one.

According to a press release, facility will have new equipment, as well as provide more classrooms, offices and instructional and research labs. The main labs will be accompanied by a warm room, cold room and growth chambers.

Blagojevich, who arrived 45 referring to the Chicago Cubs' recent signing of former St. Louis see BLAGOJEVICH, page 4

Senior assessment gets national nod

AARON SUDHOLT NEWS REPORTER

The SIUE senior assessment is receiving recognition as one of the best in the country.

The SIUE senior assignment program, also known as the senior project, was ranked by the Association of American Colleges Universities and alongside Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Duke, Princeton and the University of Chicago.

"We don't do the senior assignment for recognition," SIUE Associate Provost David Sill said. "It's part of an assessment program we started in the 1980s.'

With the implementation of the senior assessment program, the result has been a positive reaction and recognition for the university.

"It's just by doing good things, we are doing things that

are not common," Sill said.

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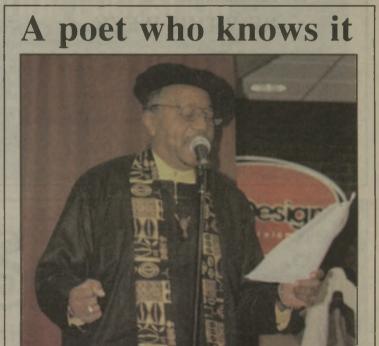
The senior assessment program was started by each department, and was implemented completely by 1993. The program is designed to ensure that students at the university get to display what learned before they they graduate.

"It captures the full breadth of the baccalaureate experience," Sill said.

Each senior assessment is designed to emulate what students would do when they are working in their selected fields. Students can then show their work to professors.

The senior assessment allows the departments to further improve their programs so their students are better prepared for the real world. While a traditional capstone program is about students learning, the senior assessment program is part of

see RECOGNITION, page 4



SIU gets funding for cen

SCHALENE HOUSTON NEWS STRINGER

The U.S. Commerce Economic Department's Development Agency gave the Southwestern Illinois Advanced Manufacturing Center \$160,000 boost.

empowers individuals, and organizations can become invested in the program," Shimkus said.

SIAM Director Kevin satisfied client of SIAM. She said

bigger bang for the buck; ... it designing and building a computer control testing system.

International Filter Manufacturing Corporation President Cecilia Hayes is a

U.S. Rep. John Shimkus announced the funding Monday at the Engineering Building and said he helped to gather it for the center.

The increased funding comes as a means to improve business in the 22-county area.

Shimkus said the project is very exciting to work on and that the organization and community involvement works very well.

"Partnerships work and and organizations when communities and entities can work together, you get a much

Hubbard said the investment into SIAM is a wise choice and that the productivity in the U.S. and in the manufacturing center has increased.

He added that the center has been helping businesses and plans to continue to help new businesses with certain manufacturing ideas.

"We intend to and have already helped existing and new startup enterprises to design, fabricate, test and launch new products and processes," Hubbard said.

Hubbard said the program has helped companies by creating new software programs and by

that since SIAM has given some assistance to her business, her customers have been pleased as well.

"This is the first time in 18 years I've ever been able to develop engineering an relationship that was impressive to my potential customers and that they could have confidence; and because of the grants and the other matching funds available, it has made engineering affordable for me," Hayes said.

According to a news release. the SIAM Center will be relocated to the Lewis and Clark Community College's N.O. Nelson Campus in 2007.

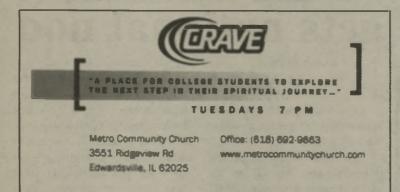


ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Poet Laureate for East St. Louis and English professor Eugene B. Redmond raps Tuesday in the Goshen Lounge. Redmond performed with Jupiter Jazz.

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History professor wins award

STEVE BRITT News Reporter

Historical studies professor Thomas Jordan is the 2005 recipient of the University Teaching Excellence Award, the highest commendation available to SIUE faculty.

"It's a tremendous honor," Jordan said Wednesday.

Jordan began teaching at SIUE in 2000. He said being nominated after four years here was a surprise.

"About 10 people came to my class to watch me teach," Jordan said, recalling the nomination and evaluation process.

"I guess I took it in stride, and it's not totally unannounced," he said. "Some days were more intense than others."

Teaching Recognition Awards were also made to Frederic Leveziel of the Foreign Language and Literature department, School of Nursing professor Kathy Ketchum and Ellen Moore, a professor in Computer Management and Information Systems.

University adds attorney to staff

CORY FREEMAN News Stringer

The University General Counsel staff has welcomed a new member with more than 20 years of experience in campus representation.

Jeffrey C. McLellan began Monday as Associate General Counsel and Special Assistant to the Chancellor, according to University Relations Vice Chancellor Pat Williams.

McLellan replaces Lucy Singer, who left for a position at the University of Vermont.

McLellan's job will be covering legal issues concerning the university. According to an e-mail sent by Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, McLellan has more than 12 years of experience as an attorney and more than 20 years experience in academia.

McLellan's areas of specialty include immigration, faculty and student affairs, contract development and review, property and copyright law.

"He has a wealth of experience," Williams said. "He's covered the gamut concerning legal issues."

McLellan most recently served as university attorney at Georgia Southern University.

Before working at GSU, he He and his was an attorney in private in Edwardsville.

practice, the owner and operator of a construction company and a faculty member at the University of Georgia.

McLellan was one of four final individuals brought in by a search team led by Williams. Human Resources Director A. G. Monaco was also on the search team.

According to Vandegrift's email, McLellan holds a bachelor of science degree from the University of Illinois, a master of education degree, a doctorate from the University of Toledo and a juris doctor from the University of Georgia.

He and his wife, Judith, live in Edwardsville.

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ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Edwardsville City Administrator Ben Dickman, left, and Sgt. Pepper's owner Tarek Samara, right, speak with Louise Harrison during the ribbon cutting for the restaurant Tuesday. Harrison, the sister of the late Beatle George Harrison, was signing autographs and joining in the festivities at the Beatles-themed restaurant. Samara met Harrison when she visited one of the two Springfield area restaurant locations in July.

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Campus welcomes new glass art

KATIE CRABTREE NEWS STRINGER

A glass sculpture by Springfield artist Ed Martin now resides in the lobby of the new Technology and Management Center in University Park.

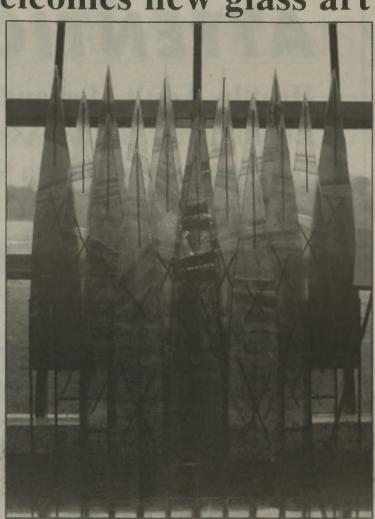
Martin's work, called "Aspiring to Greater Heights," consists of multiple glass spirals that reflect sunlight through the lobby of the TMC.

In a press release, he said that the piece primarily has six colors, which then reflect a mixture of about 100 colors.

"In this piece, I want to incorporate my personal feelings and beliefs," Martin said in a statement about the artwork. "Through color and design, I hope to inspire the individuals who view it into understanding that their greatest achievements are yet to come, and to convey an optimistic view toward a future without limitations."

Martin has not only shown his artwork in Springfield, but also in several other cities including Philadelphia. Atlanta and Chicago.

This sculpture, along with more than 600 other projects. including ceramics, printmaking, fibers, drawing, photography, computer art and painting, have been seen in more than 100 locations throughout Illinois as of the part Art-in-Architecture program.



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

A glass sculpture sits in the Technology and Management Center lobby. The artwork was created by Springfield artist Ed Martin and brought to SIUE as part of the Art-in-Architecture program.

The program began in 1977 acquire artwork by Illinois artists. and purchases or commissions pieces of art by Illinois artists for display in various locations in Illinois.

As a result, the program has become a certification of modern

art in Illinois and through the state's support, the program has The focus of the Art-in- helped promote Illinois art Architecture program has been to growth.



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ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

have an opportunity to get tickets members to a St. Louis Blues game Saturday, Dec. 10 against the New York Rangers through the SIUE Alumni Association.

Tickets will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis and Hockey fans and students cost \$20 for Alumni Association and their and \$23 guests to non-members.

> The price includes the ticket, food and beverages at a pre-game party.

The pre-game party is at 5 p.m. at the Top-Shelf in the Savvis Center.

Tickets can be purchased online by going to siue.edu/ALUMNI, going to the alumni office at Birger Hall between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or by calling 650-2760.

Campus Scanner

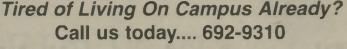
Activities Board is selling tickets in the Woodland Multi-function for the musical Wicked. Tickets room. Come out and hear some are \$25 for students and \$30 for great jokes as Campus Activities faculty and staff. The musical Board presents this free event. session at 3:30 p.m. Monday in will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Fox Theater. For more information, contact Christine Williams at dowilli@siue.edu. Food Chat: Come learn about Islamic suicide bombers as Dr. Hugh Barlow of the SIUE Criminal Justice Department leads the discussion for the Campus Activities Board's Food Chat. This event will begin at 11:30 a.m. Thursday. The program is free to the public and lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Alyssa at 650-5794.

Tickets for sale: Campus event will begin at 7 p.m. Friday For more information, contact Williams Christine at dowilli@siue.edu.

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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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The directories may be picked up between 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Office of Information Technology Customer Support Center in Dunham Hall Room 0210.

Departments on campus with

BLAGOJEVICH -

Cardinals outfielder John Mabry.

Blagojevich said that at the next legislative session in January, he hopes to see the passage of a "downstate economic development and jobs program" to fund more projects like the SIUE science building, as well as bridges, roads and infrastructure improvements.

"Among all the benefits of teaching science better, and helping students learn more science, also comes the added benefit of ... (creating) almost 500 brand-new jobs," Blagojevich said. "I'm really excited about that."

"Now, we tried before and we were not successful in being the "650" prefix are allowed one directory per telephone. The Alton and East St. Louis campuses receive separate shipments.

The representative collecting books should have the financial accounting systems account number for each department.

There is no charge for the phone directories.

For more information contact Terry Meredith at tmeredi@siue.edu.

action," Blagojevich said. "We

didn't pass it the first time but we

don't quit. We're going to keep

trying to pass it over and over

again until we get those who are

voting against it to change their

beginning and hopefully it will

turn into a much larger campaign

to do more building and

we're making," Blagojevich said.

"This is a big day for Southern

Illinois University and we've got

bigger plans, bigger hopes and

renovating around the state.

larger dreams ahead."

He added that this is only the

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determining if the program as a whole has been successful.

"It allows the faculty to see how the students integrate their baccalaureate education," Sill said.

An example of the senior assignment includes the psychology department's requirement to present original research at semester's end.

Professors and students who attend the poster session will then critique this research.

"In some cases, students don't even know they're doing it, but in some cases it's a big deal," Sill said.

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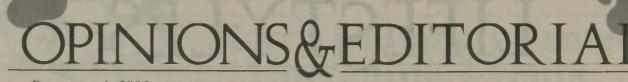
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Letters to the editor Readers appalled by frequent crime reports

We are writing in regards to the changes we have noticed in the Alestle this year. Last year, we anticipated the release of the Alestle each Tuesday and Thursday, as we were able to read about the SIUE campus' valuable news and events. However, this year, our positive attitude toward the Alestle's choice of news stories has dramatically changed to a negative one.

This past Tuesday we noticed four articles dedicated to arrests. This was in addition to the regular "Police Incidents" portion typically found in the Alestle. What really perturbed us in particular about one of the four articles was in the article,

"Student's Indecent Exposure using his legal name. Leads to Arrest." Rather than just stating the offender's name concerning the illegal incident that occurred on campus, you chose to insert his nickname, "Turbo," in addition to his legal name, Gerardo Alejandro Valdes. We are not condoning the behavior of this unfortunate occurrence, but by doing this you caused the article to take on a completely unprofessional approach to news writing. By using his nickname, you have also turned this article into a more gossipy report. Adding extra information like this creates a specific identity that normally would not be identifiable by just

More important articles need to be focused on in our university's most popular source of information. The Alestle is conveniently located in pretty much every building on campus, so every student and visitor has access to this would-be significant source of information. It is a shame that when visitors and prospective students pick up a copy of the Alestle, they do not read about our men's soccer team achievement in the Division II NCAA Final Four Tournament. Instead, they read an overwhelming amount of the crime taking place on our campus. It is important for a

newspaper to address crime; however, not to the extent that the Alestle has taken it. Instead, focus on clubs and organizations that are not typically recognized or simply concentrate on the many positive things that are happening around the SIUE campus.

I hope this letter encourages the Alestle to direct attention toward important news information rather than gossip.

> Sincerely. **Eileen Gerace Austin Kant Kelly Morris Emileigh Chism**

Student upset by sports coverage

According to dictionary.com, news is "information about recent events or happenings, especially as reported by newspapers. periodicals, radio, or television." I would add that my education in the Mass Communications Department emphasizes the importance of accuracy above all else in news reporting.

With these ideas in mind, I wonder if I can truly call your publication a "news" outlet, let alone, a "news" paper.

In the Sports section of the Tuesday edition of your paper, the facts in the basketball article and accompanying picture are appalling.

Starting with the headline, "Cougars fall short in home opener." Is your paper aware that the men's team was 2-0 at home after beating Lindenwood University and Ferris State University in its first two games? Your article even mentions the Ferris State game on Nov. 19.

It is not, however, Victor Pacheco, whom I also know. Victor happens to be a member of the final four bound men's soccer team. He was injured with a broken collarbone in the first overtime in the Sweet 16 of the National Tournament versus Truman State. The game, which was decided by penalty kicks after the second overtime, finished in a tie.

I think The Alestle owes an apology to Justin, Victor and the

Please Try Again

men's basketball team, as well as everyone on campus who might have read the article.

Obviously you don't require your stringers to attend games before they submit articles so the least you could do is proof them.

> Respectfully, Jarrod Frey Senior Mass Communications

orrections

In Tuesday's edition of the Alestle, Justin Ward was incorrectly identified in a men's basketball photograph.

The accompanying story incorrectly stated that the team lost its home opener. The team had a 2-0 home record before taking its first loss at Southwest Baptist University. The Alestle regrets the

Brad Keim

errors.

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The kicker here is that the loss to Southwest Baptist University came on the road. It was not played in the Vadalabene Center.

I am also upset about the picture. Featured in this picture is a friend of mine. His name is Justin Ward. He is a senior on the men's basketball team and he wears number 50. This picture was either taken this year at the Lindenwood game or is an archived shot from a previous year.



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Kathy Mattea returns to SIUE's stage

Award-winning country music singer will perform to sold out crowd

EUCELIA HILL NEWS STRINGER

Kathy Mattea, a two-time Grammy award-winning country singer, is coming back to SIUE this Friday to kick off the holiday season

But if you were planning to buy a ticket at the last minute, you won't find one.

In fact, according to Arts since September." & Issues Series Coordinator John Peecher, this Arts & Issues series event has been sold out since September. Additionally, no free student tickets are available

"We are so sold out. We could sell 300 more tickets if we had the space," Peecher said. "Since it sold out so quickly, we tried to book her for two nights, but she is booked the next day at (the University of Missouri-Columbia)."

Mattea's one-of-a-kind sound, a soulful blend of folk, Celtic and acoustic arrangements, struck a chord with the SIUE audience when she performed in January at the Dunham Hall Theater.

"A lot of people were surprised at how much they liked her," Peecher said. "Many people questioned our choice of a country music star, but people

were surprised and delighted at her music."

Mattea's performance in January was also the first time the Arts & Issues series presented an individual performer.

"We went out on a limb last year and it turned out to be very popular," Peecher said. "We know she was so popular because this concert has been sold out

Mattea has been in the music business for the last 20 years, evolving from country music to her recent folk, Celtic sound without losing her fan base, her official Web site said. She has 15 albums including her 2003 album, "Joy for Christmas Day" and "Right out of Nowhere," released which was September.

She was also awarded Female Vocalist of the Year by the Country Music Association in 1989 and 1990, and her hit song, "Eighteen Wheels and a Dozen Roses," was CMA Single of the Year in 1988.

According to the Web site, Women of Country, "after seeing Kathy live, it is safe to say she is one of the best female touring acts."

Peecher shares that view.

"She is probably one of the nicest, most down-to-earth artists



After her last show at SIUE,

Mattea spent an hour with her

fans, simply talking and signing

autographs.

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Mattea's concert, a mix of Christmas music and other hits, begins at 8 p.m. Friday in Dunham Hall Theater.

'North Shore Fish' runs through Saturday

we have ever had on campus,"

Peecher said. "We will bring her

back again in the next few years

because she is so good."

Kathy Mattea

ATHENA CABALLERO LIFESTYLES REPORTER

"North Shore Fish" opened Wednesday in the Metcalf Student Experimental Theater.

The play was written by Israel Horowitz and is set in 1988 in Boston, Mass. The play is considered a blue-collar story, as the setting is a fish packing plant. Seven women and two men make up the cast of characters. The three main characters are plant manager, Sal, played by Joe Garner, who is a bit of a womanizer as well as a married man. Florence, played by Michelle Boone, is a single mother and plant worker who faces advances from Sal. The third main character is Porker, played by Alex Moore, who is the tag-along type and secretly in love with Florence.



Louis," Professor of theater and dance and Director Peter Cocuzza said.

Most assembly lines in a plant consist of one long row of workers. This production is unique in that the set consists of three assembly lines that add variety and aesthetics to the design.

The subject of the play may

The plant has been the main source of employment for the small town and generations of

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Michelle Boone, Joe Garner, Alex Moore and Kate DeVoss perform in "North Shore Fish." The play opened Wednesday and will continue through Saturday in the Metcalf Student Experimental Theater.

fitness industry and the workers club.

workers have stayed loyal to it. are faced with the plant closing in The '80s sparked a boom in the order to build a fitness

"This subject is still pertinent today ... like (General Motors) cutting jobs in St.

seem a bit dramatic, but sarcasm adds comic relief. The smalltown setting connects the characters by little threads; everyone knows everyone and everyone is in everyone else's business.

The cast has been working on the production for about four and a half weeks, which is record time, compared to a six-week rehearsal average.

Students may obtain free tickets at the box office. Tickets are \$6 for non-students and performances are 7:30 to 9:30 p.m Wednesday through Saturday and 2 p.m Sunday.

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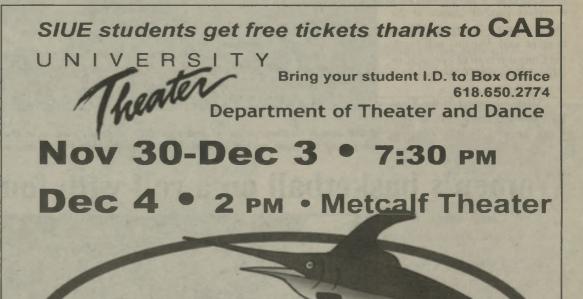
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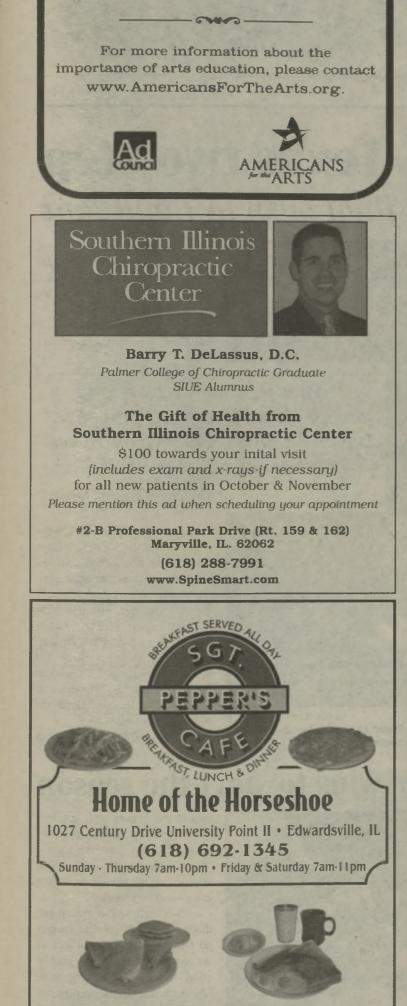
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Sports Quote of the Day

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Cougars hope to do the Texas two step SIUE men's soccer team gears up for final push in Final four

JANELLE DOBSON SPORTS REPORTER

The SIUE men's soccer team is looking to do something no other SIUE soccer team has done in more than 25 years.

The Cougars are looking to win the NCAA Division II National Championship this weekend in Wichita Falls, Texas.

SIUE fell short of the feat last season after placing second, losing 2-1 to Seattle University in the NCAA Division II National Championship.

Now the Cougars, who haven't won a title since 1979, are just two games away from winning it all.

"After we came so close and almost tasted it last year, we have been on a mission to give ourselves another chance at the title," senior co-captain Brian Higgins said. Higgins will break the Cougar record of consecutive starts with his 83rd straight start in Saturday's game.

SIUE advanced to the Final Four for the third time in five years after defeating Carson-



Newman University, who were ranked sixth in the nation at the time, 1-0 in the NCAA Quarterfinals Nov. 19 at Ralph Korte Stadium.

The fourth-ranked Cougars will face No. 15 Franklin Pierce

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~SIUE senior Brian Higgins

College of New Hampshire in the national semifinals of the NCAA Division II at 2 p.m. Friday on the campus of Midwestern State University.

The Ravens are the New England region winners, with a record of 15-5-5. FPC crushed No. 23 Le Moyne College 5-0 before surviving a 1-0 overtime thriller against No. 7 Dominican College. The Ravens edged the New York Institute of

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SIUE senior defensive specialist Kevin Thibodeau, who won the Great Lakes Valley Conference player of the year award, will lead the Cougars into action this weekend.

Women's basketball on a roll with four wins to start the season

JOE VANZO SPORTS STRINGER

SIUE The women's basketball team improved to 4-0 on the season with a 72-51 victory over Oakland City University Tuesday night at the Vadalabene Center.





scored 13 points and hit two three-pointers. Senior forward Alissa Carrillo gave the team a lift off the bench, totaling ten points, eight rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

"We really have nice depth this year. We've got five quality post players and a lot of guards we can throw out there to give us good minutes," Hedberg said. "Alissa has really stepped up for us off the bench the last few games.'

After playing to a 32-32 tie in the first half, SIUE used an aggressive defense to hold Oakland City to just 19 secondhalf points. They also held their opponents to 34 percent shooting and forced 21 turnovers.

"At halftime, we really just talked about our intensity," SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg said. "We played about 10 minutes in the first half and just got lazy and quit giving effort. We gave them too many open looks."

The Cougars were led by a balanced attack as eight players had six or more points. Sophomore guard Whitney Sykes

KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

The beginning of this season has been different than last season's 1-4 start.

"I think the big difference is the emphasis we're placing on defense and rebounding," Hedberg said. "We're staying on them constantly and they are buying into it."

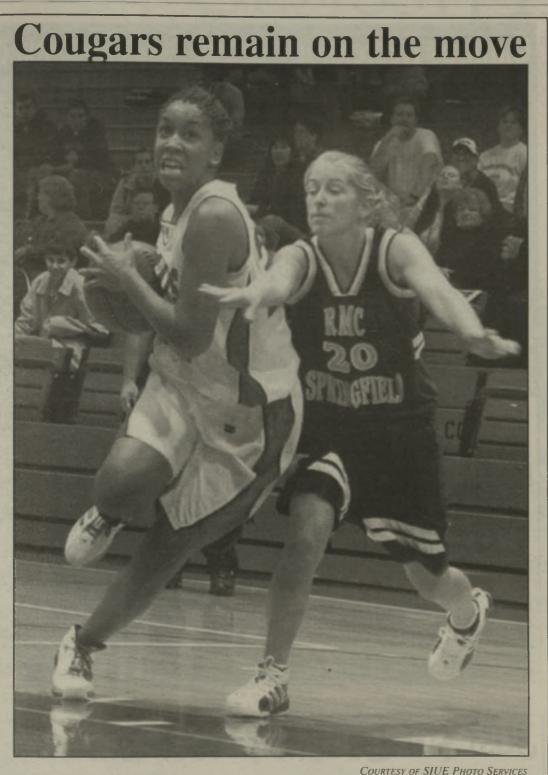
SIUE will try to improve to 5-0 when they welcome Greenville College Thursday

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SIUE sophomore Whitney Sykes stands guard on Oakland City University freshman Chelsea Miller during the Cougars' victory at the Vadalabene Center Tuesday night.

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SIUE freshman Diedra Dace makes a strong move and powers past a defender from Robert Morris College-Springfield during a recent game at the Vadalabene Center.



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Technology 3-2 on penalty kicks to advance to the Final Four for winner of Fort Lewis College the first time since 1991.

Raven graduate student All-American forward Christopher Joyce has led the team's offense, and was awarded the New England 10 player of the year.

"We have played teams with really good forwards before, so it's just a matter of us doing what we have to do to shut him down," Higgins said.

If the Cougars, who are 16-2-3, beat the Ravens, they will make their second consecutive appearance in the NCAA Division II National Championship game.

SIUE will battle with the versus Lynn University, who play each other at 5 p.m. Friday.

Fort Lewis is ranked No. 1 in the nation, with a record of 20-0-1.

"We feel like we're the best team in the country regardless of records," Higgins said. "We are just worrying about what we need to do.'

The games can be heard on 88.7 WSIE FM and on SIUE's Web radio, webradio.siue.edu.

"It would be a pretty cool way to end my career," Higgins said. "It would be nice to bring back the title for everyone at SIUE."

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KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE SIUE junior forward John Matthews heaves his opponents to the side as he fights to keep possession of the ball.

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night. Play will begin at 7 p.m. at come in here and give it their the Vadalabene Center.

best," Hedberg said. "We expect "They are definitely going to their best effort."



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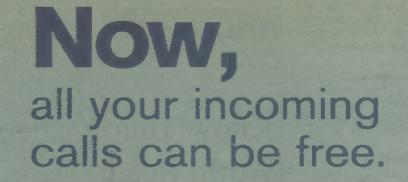
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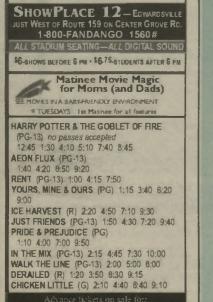
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