

**Men's soccer ends
tournament in loss**
See Sports

We're working on it

Office of Information Technology installs faster e-mail server for Web mail temporarily until a multi-machine server is built

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

Students who have been checking their SIUE Web mail may have noticed some technical problems.

The glitches have included slow response, e-mails archived despite a clean inbox and access difficulties.

"We're just getting too much mail to process it fast enough," Information Technology Director Duane Schiffman said.

Schiffman said 10 to 15 percent of mail is good mail and that's about average.

"The other 85 percent of mail is loaded with spam, viruses and junk mail," he added. "It's not unique to this university or any other university."

Over the weekend, the Office of Information Technology installed a bigger and faster mail server, Schiffman said.

in the spring.

"We're anticipating that will help us dramatically," he said.

"We're just getting too much mail to process it fast enough."

~Information Technology Director
Duane Schiffman

"That will buy us some time until we get to our ultimate solution," Schiffman said.

He said the mail server is a temporary solution until OIT can build a multi-machine server, so OIT can add capacity at random.

Schiffman said he hopes to have the server completed early

While Schiffman said there's really nothing students can do, he suggested that students should read their SIUE mail, store it in folders and clean out their inboxes.

"That's just good mail management practices," Schiffman said.

Student Senate's trip in question

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

Student Government's own senators are disagreeing on funding for a recent trip.

Over the fall break, Student Government went to the National Conference on Student Leadership. The conference was from Nov. 19 to 22 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. It was aimed at teaching "leadership skills" to those attending and how to "benefit yourself, your campus and your community," according to an advertising pamphlet.

A document provided by Kimmel Leadership Center Director Steve Sperotto said the total cost of the trip was \$9,900.93 for 11 delegates who attended.

But not everyone in Student

Government agreed with the trip.

In his Senator Report for the Nov. 18 Student Government meeting of Student Senator Jesse Phelps wrote, "To those attending the conference in Florida, I still feel that this trip is a waste of money."

Phelps said later he thought Student Government wasn't holding itself to the same standards as it was for other student organizations and the money could have been better spent.

"I hope this conference is as beneficial to the students as it is costly to them," he said. "In reality, Student Government is just a student organization. As such, I think we should be subjected to our own policies and therefore only pay for the travel expenses of one person."

see SENATE, page 4

Selling an artsy kind of product



Graduate student Max Thomas checks the price tags Friday at the Wagner Pottery Association Ceramic and Glass sale in the Art and Design Building.

KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

Flu shots available

KATIE CRABTREE
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE will partake in a flu clinic from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday the in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center.

The Madison County Department of Health and Visiting Nurse Association of St. Louis is coordinating the clinic.

SIUE had a major shortage of the flu vaccine this year, since it received less than 10 percent of the order. Health Services Head Nurse Sue Grimes said we are fortunate to be able to have the clinic.

"The VNA in St. Louis had an excess of the doses, so they called the Madison County Health Department to see if they could use some on this side of the river, so this is actually the extra doses from the VNA in St. Louis," Grimes said.

The vaccine is free for students and employees.

To get the vaccine, however, students must bring their SIUE Cougar Card and Illinois state

workers must bring their ID card and health insurance card. Recipients are also advised to wear clothing that allows easy access to the upper arm.

No appointment is necessary and Grimes said that the early morning is expected to be the busiest time. She added that although there are approximately 1,000 doses available, people will get the vaccine on a first come, first serve basis.

"We wanted to take care of the SIUE community and this is our way of doing that."

~Health Services Head Nurse
Susan Grimes

"They are having six nurses available to administer that many doses, so it should go pretty fast, although there will probably be a line," Grimes said.

Grimes said that Health Services has made many phone calls to people around campus to let them know about the clinic.

"We wanted to take care of the SIUE community, and this is our way of doing that," Grimes said.

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Instructional Services earns honor

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE Instructional Services is reportedly one of the best in the Midwest.

Instructional Services won the Outstanding Developmental Education Program Award at the Oct. 21 annual meeting of the Midwest Regional Association for Developmental Education in Springfield, Mo.

"It's nice to be able to say to students, parents and the university that we make a significant contribution," Director of Instructional Services Karen Patty-Graham said.

The SIUE Instructional Services program is one of 31 chapters of MRADE in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and

southern Illinois. The award makes the program eligible for submission to the National Association for Developmental Education for an additional award and national recognition.

The Instructional Services program was described as being "well-planned and well-coordinated, offering invaluable academic support for the under prepared ... having a strong sense of purpose and commitment, being student centered ... and serving as a bridge for those whose educational aspirations demand that their skills be further cultivated," association officials said in a press release.

Though the program has associated with SIUE since the 1980s, this is the first time Instructional Services has won

this award.

"One of the things that encouraged us to apply for this award was we went through a process to have our coursework program certified by the national organization," Patty-Graham said. "Having achieved that in 2004 encouraged us to go ahead and apply."

Staff and faculty at the university gave nine award recommendations in a submitted application to NADE.

Among the provided services Instructional Services offers include: Developmental and enhancement courses, the Writing Center and Math Resource Area, supplemental instruction, the Summer Bridge program, testing services,

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Celebrate Kwanzaa in local fashion

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club and the SIUE Department of English Language and Literature are offering some family events over the coming weeks.

A dance and drum festival

will be at 9 a.m. Saturday by the Community Performance Ensemble. Poets of the Souldar Systems Ensemble will also be on hand for the event.

Kwanzaa: A Community Cultural Arts Mosaic is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Events include a percussive

invocation, traditional KwanSaba candle lighting, poetry readings and art bazaar.

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Employees wrap up campus careers

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Several employees are saying goodbye after years of working for the university.

University Services to East St. Louis Project Specialist Teacher Willie Jones-Glass is retiring after 15 years, effective July 1, 2006.

Former Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine clerk Judith Miller is retiring after nearly six years of service and five years on disability, effective October 1, 2006.

University Services to East St. Louis Counselor Edmond Schmulbach is retiring after more

than nine years of service, effective November 1, 2006.

Former Mass Communications clerk Carolyn Tucker is retiring after nine years of service and seven years on disability, effective August 1, 2006.

'Tis the season to enjoy a nice chat



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, left, talks to Disability Support Services Director Jane Floyd-Hendey Thursday at the Chancellor's Holiday party in the Goshen Lounge.

Police Incidents

Traffic

11/26

Police issued Gowtam P. Naripella a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Susan W. Staub a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Poag Road.

11/27

Police issued Tara E. Shulz a citation for speeding on University Drive.

12/1

Police issued Faith M. Hopkins a citation for expired registration on South University Drive.

Police issued Matthew A. Aken a citation for no proof of insurance on University Drive.

Theft

12/1

Nicole M. Nelson was arrested for theft after a stolen hangtag was reportedly found in her vehicle in Woodland Hall parking lot.

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Other members of Student Government were not as critical. "Not all Student Government members go," Student Body President Cindy Holesko said. "Anyone that did (go), had to put out an application saying why they wanted to go. Afterwards, they have to all submit a report on what they gained from the conference."

Phelps said in his report that there was a conference that was closer to or happening in St. Louis, but Holesko said it would be better if they went to Florida, which would be truly national.

"St. Louis would distract us because we would be thinking about other things we could (be doing) other than being at the conference."

Holesko added that the senate could compare itself to other university student governments, too.

"It's important this year because we are trying to revamp our constitution to better serve the needs of the students," she said. "Rarely do we get to see wh

But Phelps wasn't alone.

"I didn't believe that sending that number of people was the appropriate use of student

money," Student Senator Lise Suliman said. "We only give so much funding, we should hold ourselves to the same standards and be a model of how student organizations will function."

Suliman said that less Student Government members should have gone on the trip, and it should be restricted to seniors, instead of allowing all Student Government members as was done in the past.

"They just got into this rut," she said.

Another senator said it was a beneficial trip.

"The Student Senate are the ones who represent the university," Student Senator Milton Kidd said. "The conference provided a lot of information on dealing with individuals."

Kidd had no reservations about it. "I will recommend for next year the attendance of the full senate," he said. "Especially the critics."

Student Government consists of the Student Senate and Executive Board and is based in Kimmel Leadership Center and can be reached at 650-3819.

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involvement in the university's new student seminar, collaboration with faculty, staff and administrators on committees and projects, as well

as a variety of academic workshops for individuals and groups.

"We do quite a bit for the university," Patty-Graham said.



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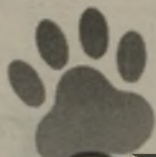
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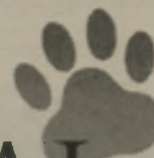
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Censorship in schools is a sticky issue

MARQUETTE, Mich. (U-WIRE) – Two high schools in separate states ran afoul of civil rights interest groups last week. In Tennessee, Oak Ridge High School administrators recalled every edition of the student newspaper because it included articles on tattoos and birth control. In Vermont, a Bennington teacher drew administrative ire because of his phrasing of questions on a vocabulary quiz.

The faculty adviser and the student editor of the Tennessee paper, as quoted in the article, don't seem terribly happy with the administration's proposal to re-print the paper once the offensive articles have been amended.

The administration may have every legal right to control what articles appear in the paper — after all, the funding is likely supplied by the school, which makes the administration answerable to the student body.

If the paper "bites the hand that feeds," an argument could be made that the administration was

acting in the interests of equanimity.

In the instance of the Bennington teacher, this argument may hold a little more weight.

Teacher Bret Chenkin claims that his quizzes are tongue-in-

If I were in Mr. Chenkin's class, I'd want to know why he was dissing my parents' intelligence with his below-average wit.

Both of the administrations are playing an intimidation game with

What kind of lesson does it teach students when their teacher cracks jokes about the intelligence of a large portion of the American public, then concedes that maybe he should be equally harsh to everyone?

While the administration of the Vermont school has stepped in to prevent an authority figure from likely curtailing his students' comfort with expressing their political views in class, the administration in Oak Ridge is going further with active participation in stifling the journalistic aspirations and freedoms of its students.

Pulling articles and inserting your political stances into the lesson plans sets a precedent that will pervade the students' developing worldview. Whether from the front of the classroom or the central office, intimidation and censorship are not what our children go to school to learn.

Matt Schneider
The North Wind
Northern Michigan University

"Pulling articles and inserting your political stances into the lesson plans sets a precedent that will pervade the students' developing worldview."

cheek; that students know better than to take his political exclamations seriously.

I don't buy that.

Here's one of his questions: "I wish Bush would be (coherent, eschewed) for once during a speech, but there are theories that his everyday diction charms the below-average mind, hence insuring him Republican votes." The choices were, of course, "coherent" and "eschewed," but it makes no difference.

their subordinates. In Oak Ridge, students are experiencing the grim realities of a First Amendment violation with little available recourse. Bret Chenkin is facing the grim realities of overstepping his bounds as a teacher.

Chenkin's solution to his little problem is to bash "both sides" equally, a route taken by many talented stand-up comedians, but not necessarily the best route for a high school English teacher.

Columnist says Christmas season overrated

ARLINGTON, Texas (U-WIRE) – The holidays are once again upon us. Even if you don't observe any holidays, understand that some of us just can't help but get wrapped up in events going on this month.

I'm not a Christian, but I like the idea of exchanging gifts. So I guess it's not so much the traditional Christmas I celebrate, but the commercial one. My greedy self just loves getting presents, and Christmas is just the pretense I need to compel some material loving my way.

Of course, I'm also foiled by having a birthday after Thanksgiving but before Christmas, so I often fall victim to those lame combination presents. You can't win them all. I guess there is more to this season than just the presents.

I suppose the actual holiday rush begins the day after Thanksgiving, known as Black Friday. When I worked in retail, I hated Black Friday like no other. The stores I worked at would open five hours early, and I'd always get stuck on the opening shift. Let me tell you something: it's not the friendly people who are getting up at five in the morning to do their shopping.

Here's a fun fact I used to my advantage though: Black Friday isn't actually the busiest shopping day of the year. Statistically it's the Saturday before Christmas that

holds that dubious honor. Black Friday is bad, but the one closer to Christmas is worse, so do what you can to weasel out of working that day.

The Christmas specials are like a double-edged sword. Some of them you look forward to seeing, like "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (the animated one with Boris Karloff, not the lame Jim Carrey version). Others are just the same old reruns. Whoever is in charge of these things needs to refresh the holiday line up with some new energy. I'm tired of seeing the

lame "Simpsons" Christmas episode from 1989 every week of December (don't even get me started on the newer "Simpsons" Christmas specials).

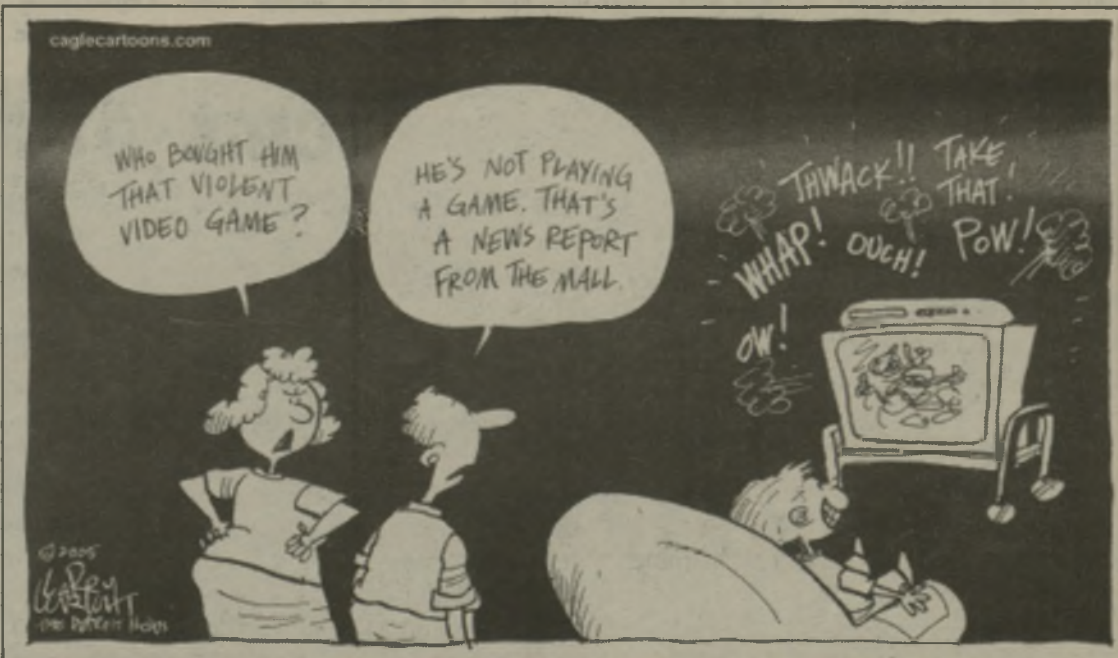
There really isn't any good holiday food for this season, either. There's turkey for Thanksgiving, marshmallow Peeps in the spring and infinite candy for Halloween. What do you eat for the winter holidays? Candy canes? Come on, that's just repackaged mints. It's the same with gingerbread men — you can get the same cookies from the Girl Scouts. Fruitcake is famous for being unwanted. There's always

eggnog, but there's a reason why you only drink it one time a year — once is enough.

Crowded stores, crappy TV and crappier food. I guess this season isn't all it's cracked up to be, so just follow my lead, and you can get the best of what the season has to offer. Yes, of course I'm talking about the presents. That's the true meaning of Christmas, as is my understanding.

Josh Morris
The Shorthorn
University of Texas-Arlington

Political Cartoon



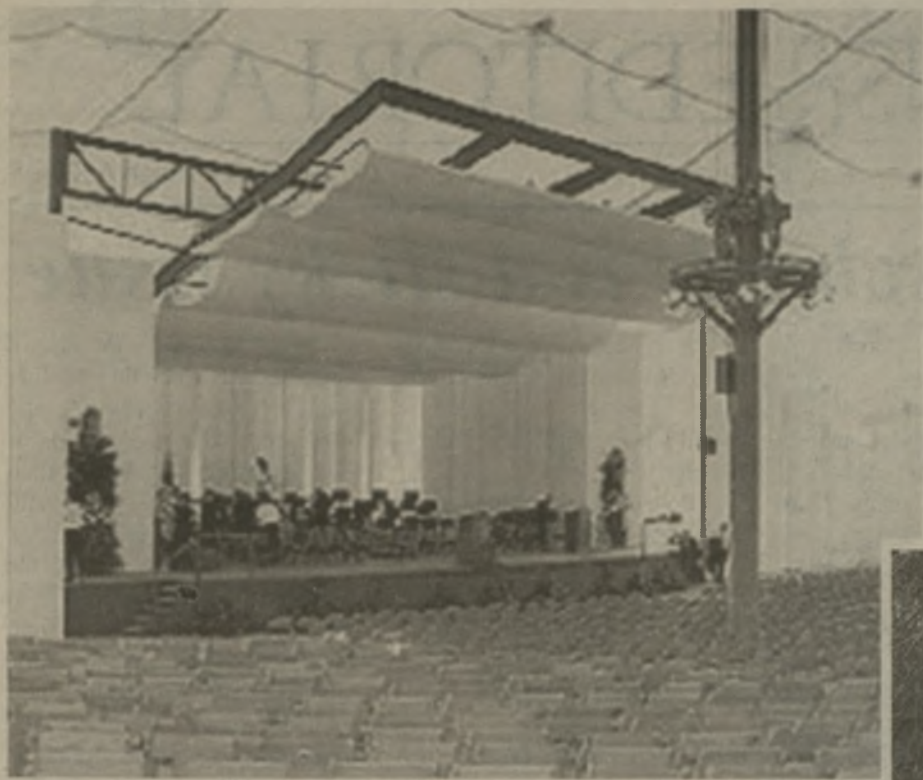


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The stage gets prepared for a concert. The tent covered over 1,900 seats.

ANDY RATHNOW
NEWS STRINGER

Janice Joplin, The Who and Bob Dylan are just a few of the many performers who appeared on the north side of the SIUE campus during the 11-year reign of the Mississippi River Festival.

The MRF began in 1969 as a summer venue for the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra. Because of the expense of the project, it was decided that other musical groups would also be booked for the venue. According to the University Archivist,

“The worst thing I had to deal with were a couple of glue sniffers.”

*~SIUE Museum Director
Eric Barnett*

Steve Kerber, using the SIUE campus was intended to bridge the gap between the Metro East and St. Louis County areas.

The MRF’s site had been used for commencements since 1963. A large tent with two main support poles was erected in front of the stage to provide covering for some of the concert goers. A larger lawn area was used to seat additional audience

members.

“It was a nice venue. There was not a bad seat in the house,” Alton resident Maurine Sampson said.

The Who concert had the largest crowd of all the MRF concerts.

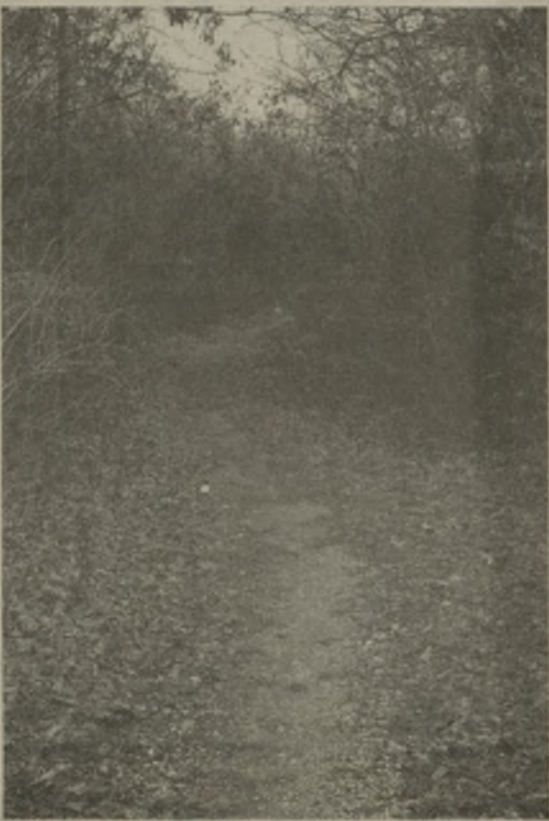
“Thirty-five thousand is the number I’ve always heard,” SIUE Museum Director Eric Barnett said. He added that the number is uncertain because the fence was broken down during the show. Barnett worked security backstage during many of the concerts.

The Band and Bob Dylan’s performance is also particularly noteworthy in MRF history, in part because Dylan was not scheduled to perform.

Drug and alcohol use during the concerts became an issue. There was a group of people who volunteered for a program called Acid Rescue. Acid Rescue was available to help anyone who was experiencing a “bad trip,” regardless of the drug.

Sampson, who helped with Acid Rescue, added that “people tried to take care of each other.”

Acid Rescue provided a less formal area where people being helped wouldn’t have to see police officers or other official-looking types who might further their hysteria.



ANDY RATHNOW/ALESTLE
A mountain bike trail runs through the undergrowth that has sprouted up since the site stopped being used.

“The worst thing I had to deal with were a couple of glue sniffers,” Barnett said. “They were carried backstage and went into arrest on the way to the hospital.”

That incident occurred during a 1972 rock ‘n’ roll revival. The concert featured many performers including Bill Haley and Chubby Checker.

The St. Louis Symphony Society and SIUE worked together in planning and funding events until the university took full responsibility for management in 1974.

The death of Southern Illinois University President John Rendleman in 1976 meant the loss of a great supporter of the festival, according to records.

In 1978, the MRF board signed a contract with the Nederlander Organization. No one at the Nederlander Organization in Los Angeles would



**Above: A large audience views a show on the stage from the lawn seats.
Below: A guitarist performs for a large crowd.**



Some of the headliners that performed

1969

Buffy St. Marie
Janis Joplin
Joni Mitchell and Arlo Guthrie
The Band and Bob Dylan
Joan Baez

1970

The Grateful Dead
Henry Mancini
Smokey Robinson and The Miracles
The Guess Who

1971

Chuck Berry
Ike and Tina Turner
The Who

1972

Bill Haley, Chubby Checker, Freddy Cannon
Glenn Miller Orchestra
Don McLean
John Denver
Arthur Fielder
B.B. King and Merry Clayton

The Beach Boys
David Cassidy
Yes with Jackson Brown

1973

Ella Fitzgerald with The Kathrine Dunham Dancers
Johnny Mathis and Michael LeGrand
Stephen Stills & Manassas with Joe Walsh & Barnstorm
Walt Disney concert
Judy Collins

Chicago
Bette Midler
Crosby & Nash

1974

J. Geils Band
Rick Nelson
B.B. King with Muddy Waters
Eagles and Joe Walsh
Joni Michell with L.A. Express
Arlo Guthrie
Duke Ellington Orchestra
Chicago

TYLES River Festival



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MRF's stage. A natural slope provided a clear view of



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One of the two original main tent support poles still lies where the venue was located.

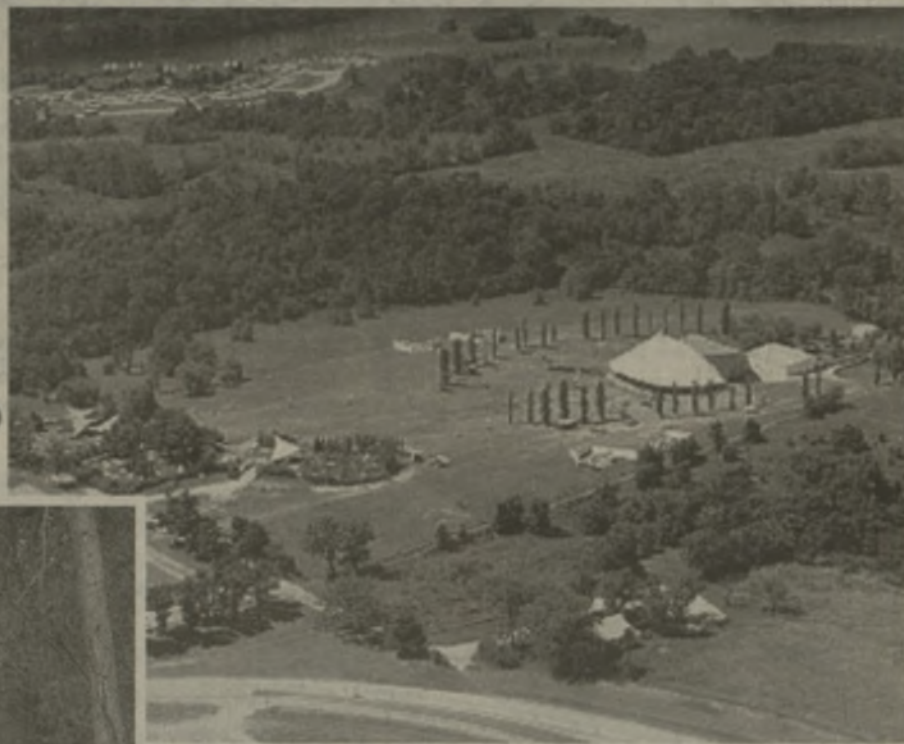


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The MRF was located in a natural amphitheater. Cougar Lake can be seen in the upper left corner of the photograph.

"I don't know why you'd want to. You can't have fun anymore," Barnett said.

In January 1998, the Sonic Group held a meeting to discuss a proposal to build an amphitheater in the cornfields across from the SIUE baseball stadium. The facility was designed to hold 10,000 seats and operate year-round. The project met heavy resistance from the residents of Edwardsville, especially in the immediate vicinity of the proposed location. The proposal did not get the necessary approval. The

artists' performance fees."

The added costs associated with concerts and bands do raise the price significantly. However, even then, "the performers were not cheap to bring in," former MRF board member Kim Funk said.

SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift has alluded to the MRF. In his remarks during his recent town-hall meetings, the MRF is listed as something SIUE is best known for, and as a challenge and suggestion for improvement.

Public Affairs Director Greg Conroy said a program recreating the

Sonic Group could not be reached for comment.

Between April and July 2002, several letters to the editor were published in the Alestle about the topic. Matt Osmoe, then a sophomore, wrote the first letter.

He claimed that SIUE needed to bring back the MRF to "breathe life back to the dying student community and bring recognition back to our school."

The first letter in response to Osmoe's letter carried the prevailing point on why it is not feasible to bring back the summer concert series.

"Show me \$50,000 and I'll show you Dave Mathews Band," Allison Benoit wrote, "and those are just the

comment on the group's involvement with the MRF.

The MRF ended in August 1980 with a concert featuring ZZ Top.

The original site of the Mississippi River Festival is near the cross-country paths, just north of Cougar Village. The site is still home to many activities, including a model airplane flying area and an off-road bicycling path.

The site has been neglected for several years, with undergrowth turning into forest. All that can be seen of the old site is some of the asphalt pathways and one of the two main support poles for the tent.

Over the years, there have been a few cries from people to restart the Mississippi River Festival.

Mississippi River Festival



Mississippi River Festival has been suggested to the university's 50th anniversary committee, but only as a one-time event, not a permanent revival.

"It has been suggested to the 50th anniversary committee," Conroy said Monday, "but they haven't made any decisions that I am aware of."

Performed at Mississippi River Festival

1975

Stephen Stills
James Taylor
Muddy Waters
Gordon Lightfoot
Judy Collins
Bob Hope Show
The Eagles
Hoyt Axton & Joan Baez
Arlo Guthrie & Pete Seeger
REO Speedwagon
Captain & Tenille
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Osmonds

1976

REO Speedwagon with Henry Gross
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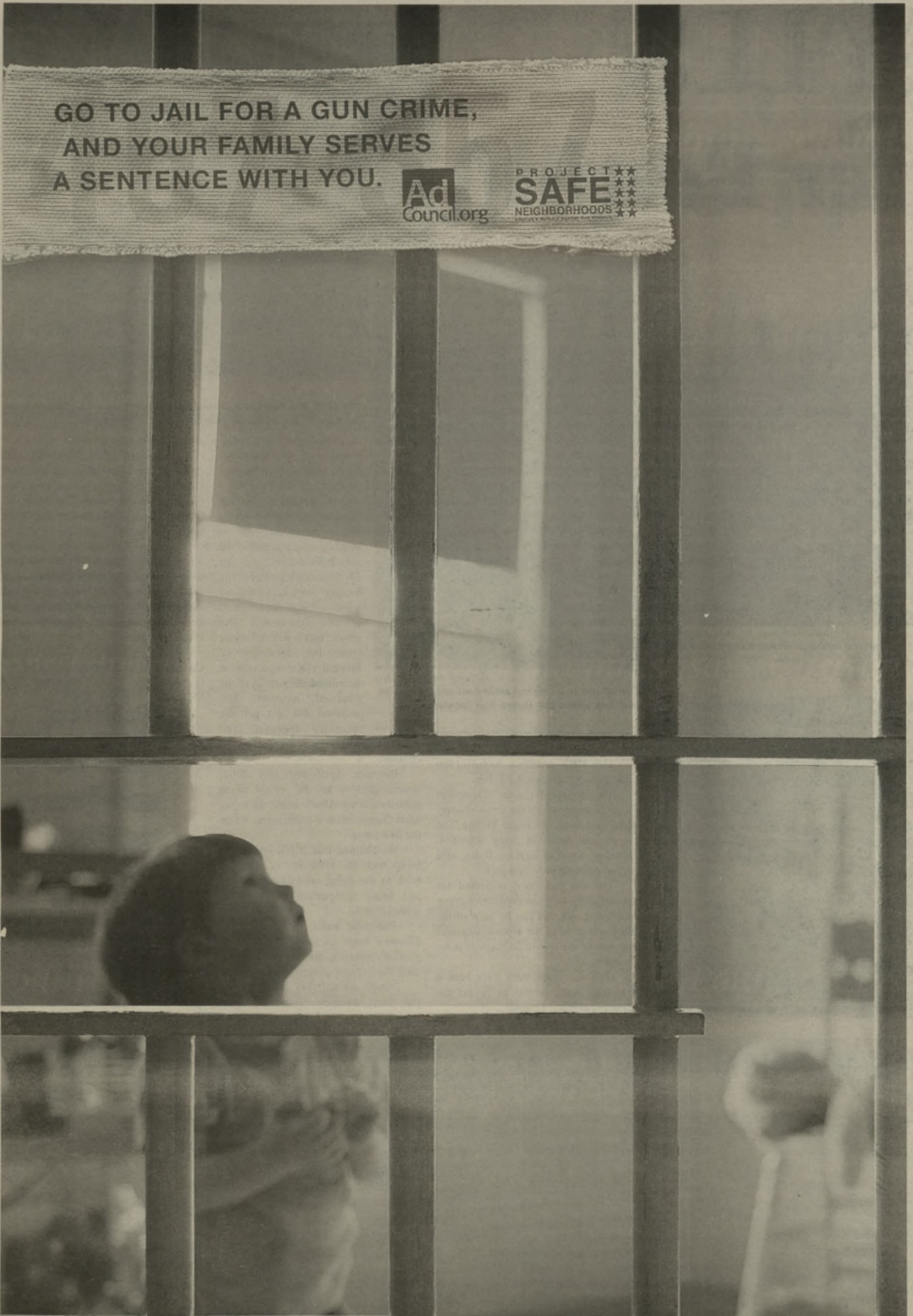
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Cougars suffer Lone Star heartbreak

SIUE falls short in semi-final round of NCAA Tournament

JANELLE DOBSON
SPORTS REPORTER

The No. 4 SIUE men's soccer team battled hard to make the NCAA Division II championship game, but the team's efforts were not enough.

The Cougars lost 1-0 to No. 15 Franklin Pierce College on Friday afternoon in Wichita Falls, Texas, in the semi-final round of the NCAA Division II Tournament.

"I was a little disappointed. I wanted it bad. All of us did," SIUE Head Coach Ed Huneke said. "We're passionate people, and it's something that we worked hard for. I make those guys go through a lot of pain."

Despite dominating the entire game statistically, the Cougars fell short of the victory.

SIUE outshot its opponent 17-7 and had 11 corner kicks to Franklin Pierce's zero.

"Soccer's a strange sport in that sense," Huneke said. "We didn't score and that's what it's about. We executed in all aspects of the game except one. And that was the most important one, which was scoring."

Senior forward Pete Cacciatore led the Cougars with six shots. Junior midfielder Mike Banner got off four shots, including a pair of shots on goal.

Huneke noted that the loss of SIUE junior Victor Pacheco, who went down with an injury during the Cougars' victory over Truman State University in the Great Lakes Regional Final, might have been a contributing factor to SIUE's failure to capitalize on its corner kick opportunities. Pacheco was the team's leading scorer with 20 points on the season, despite not playing in SIUE's final two games.

Both teams were scoreless going into the second half. During the 57th minute, Cacciatore tried to strike first blood for SIUE by firing a shot at Ravens' goalkeeper James Thorpe, who notched six saves. The shot hit the goalpost, leaving the score knotted at zero.

With less than seven minutes left in the game, Franklin Pierce's Raphael Guimaraes hit a shot from six yards out past SIUE



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SIUE junior Mike Banner turns the corner on a defender during a past NCAA Tournament game. Banner led the Cougars in goals scored on the season with eight.

sophomore goalkeeper Greg Crook. FPC forward Christopher Joyce picked up the assist on the score. The goal was the only offensive firepower the Ravens needed to advance.

The loss cut the Cougars' season just one game short. The team had hoped to appear in the NCAA Division II National Championship game for the second year in a row. SIUE finished the year 16-3-3, with an 11-0-1 mark in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Last year, the Cougars placed second, falling 2-1 to

Seattle University in the National Championship.

"As a soccer program here, we're a little selfish in that we want to win it all," Huneke said. "Our standards are very high. By most standards, we had a good year."

Franklin Pierce played in its program's first-ever championship game on Sunday and lost 3-1 to No. 1 Fort Lewis College.

SIUE loses five seniors for next season, including team captain Brian Higgins and forward Pete Cacciatore.

"They've accomplished a lot in the four years that they've been here," Huneke said. "Far more than the majority of players nationwide."

Huneke said the Cougars should be back in the hunt next season with a good senior class returning, including Banner, Pacheco and defensive specialist Kevin Thibodeau, who won the GLVC Player of the Year award.

"The players and myself appreciate all the support shown through the year," Huneke said. "It takes a team to win and it's not just the team on the field."

Cougar Diaries



Kevin Thibodeau, Defenseman
JUNIOR, MEN'S SOCCER

Hello everyone, my name is Kevin Thibodeau and I am a senior on the men's soccer team here at SIUE. We have just concluded a season that none of us will ever forget for the rest of our lives.

It has been an amazing journey throughout the past two years. Back-to-back Final Fours, two regular-season GLVC championships, one conference tournament championship, breaking the all-time shutout record, a 34-game unbeaten streak during conference play, and a combined record of 35-6-5.

Not too shabby... There are not many teams that can say they have achieved these accomplishments.

To the guys, I love all of you like brothers. So many battles and so many laughs; it has been a wild ride and I've loved every minute of it.

To "The Eagle" (SIUE Head Coach Ed Huneke), (SIUE Assistant Coach Kevin) "Kalish" and (SIUE Assistant Coach) "Duane" (Kloepple), I appreciate all of the life lessons on and off the field.

To (SIUE Athletic Director) Brad Hewitt, the best AD in history, (SIUE Assistant to Athletic Director) Jackie Declue, the athletic department, Chancellor (Vaughn) Vandegrift, Vice Chancellor (Narbeth) "Nobby" Emmanuel and the rest of the administration; thank you for giving us the opportunities and support throughout the season that have made us so successful.

Last, but certainly not least, thanks to all of you Eastsiders who give us the best fan support in the country.

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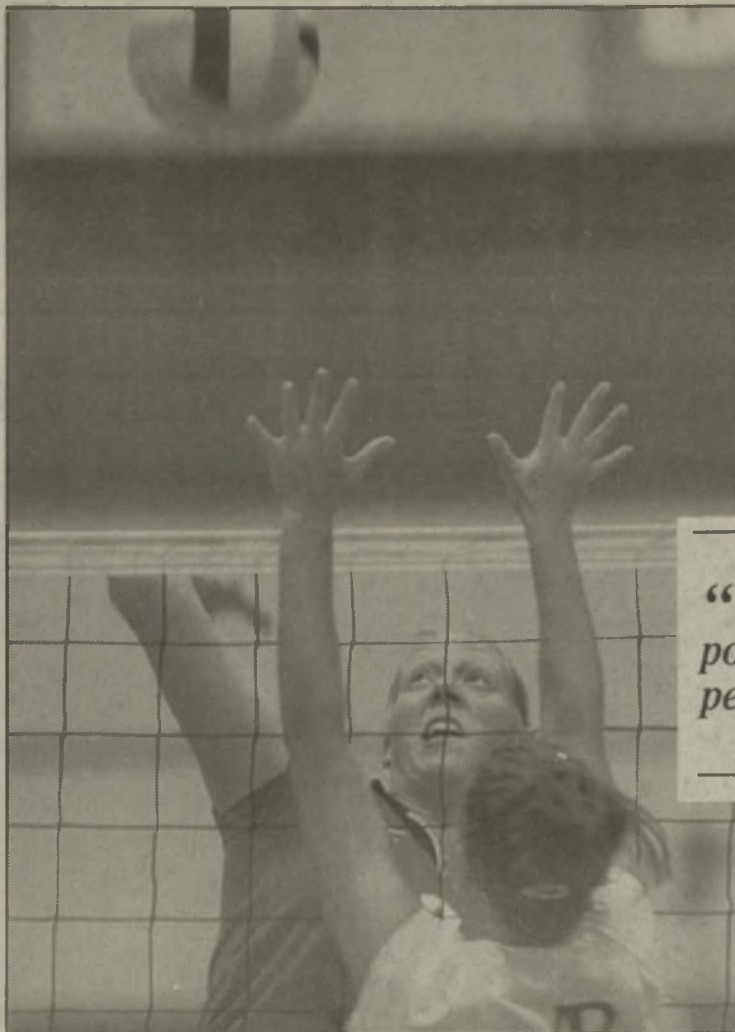
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Standouts receive postseason recognition

Volleyball player named to All-American team



complimented each other very well."

Bonde, a four-year starter who was named GLVC Freshman of the Year to begin her SIUE career, led the conference in kills per game, finishing her senior season with an average of 3.87 per contest.

Bonde credited the team's success this season with being named to the All-American team. SIUE earned its first berth to the NCAA Division II Tournament since 1998 by capturing the Great Lakes Valley Conference crown.

"When we needed a point, Heather's the person we went to."

~SIUE Head Coach Todd Gober

"I couldn't have gotten this award if we didn't do so well," she said. "I was so excited that we finally made it to the regional tournament. It just proves that our team should have been in the tournament before."

The 6-foot tall middle hitter ranked second in the conference with her efficiency, notching a .335 hitting percentage on the season, and was named to the All-GLVC first team.

Majernik kept the Cougar offense running all season. The setter dished out 1,184 total assists on the season, averaging

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SIUE senior Heather Bonde plays above the net as she goes up to wallop a kill over a defender's head during a game this season.

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS EDITOR

The season is over for SIUE's volleyball team, but the accolades continued to roll in for two of its standout performers on Nov. 29.

SIUE senior Heather Bonde, who keyed the Cougars all season and won the Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year award, was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American third team.

"This year, she was probably one of our biggest 'get the kill in the crunch' hitters," SIUE Head Coach Todd Gober said. "When we needed a point, Heather's the person we went to."

Fellow senior Krystal Majernik also received votes for the All-American team and earned an honorable mention to the All-Great Lakes Region team.

"I wouldn't have gotten over half my kills if she wasn't setting the ball."

~SIUE senior Heather Bonde on senior teammate Krystal Majernik

"I can't really talk about individual performances. It's all about the team," Majernik said. "Every year we've gotten better. We wanted to come out and play hard. It turned out to be an outstanding season."

The duo helped lead the

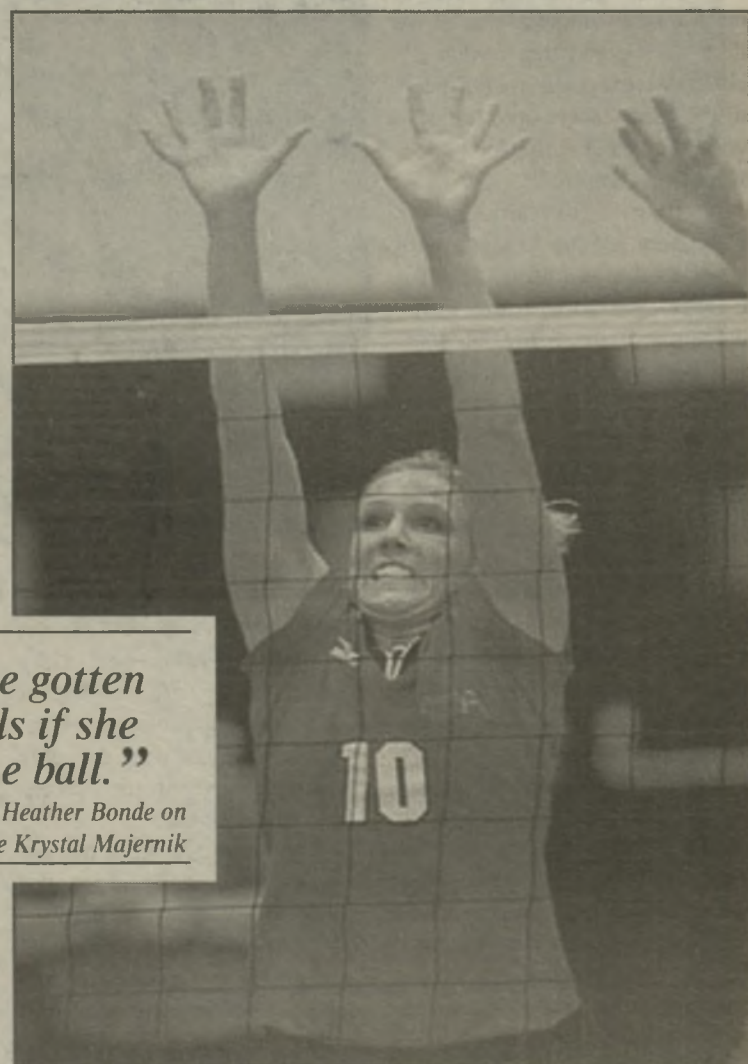


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SIUE senior Krystal Majernik shows intensity as she guards the net during a home game this season.

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10.84 per game to finish fourth in the GLVC.

"She was a godsend," Bonde said of her teammate. "She comes in a half-hour before practice. I wouldn't have gotten over half my kills if she wasn't setting the ball. She ran our offense."

Majernik ranks second all-time behind Christy Scheller with 4,159 career assists. Scheller played for SIUE from 1995-98 and mounted 4,492 assists over her career.

"My daughter says she wants

to be like Krystal," Gober said. "She wants to be a setter now. Those are the compliments that you like to hear."

After graduating from SIUE, Bonde said she looks forward to teaching and hopes to find a job coaching young volleyball players.

Majernik has plans on attending graduate school. She said she would like to stay around SIUE to help coach the team next season.



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SIUE senior Krystal Majernik delivers one of her 4,159 career assists as she bumps the ball to a teammate.

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