

## Textbook costs to jump in fall

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 NEWS REPORTER

Expenses for SIUE students for the fall 2006 semester will be higher when textbook fees rise from \$84 to \$128.10 for a 12-hour semester.

SIUE Director of Textbook Services Mary Robinson said the fee increase is to cover the increasing cost of books.

"It's costing us more to buy them initially (as well as) the cost of replacing them," Robinson said.

Though textbook services has had fees for years, it has not been running well within its

expenses. Robinson said fees increased 1.1 percent in 2003, 39.8 percent in 2004 and 4.6 percent in 2005. The increase will be about 35 percent for 2006 by comparison.

"We're running a deficit," Robinson said. "Income isn't keeping up with the cost of the books."

The fee increase will go into effect for the fall 2006 semester.

This fee increase will happen in the same semester as an increase in tuition at the university. SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift announced that increase at a Student Government meeting in October.

## Poshard promotes tax credit

ZACH GROVES  
 NEWS EDITOR

Students and their parents may get a tax break on tuition.

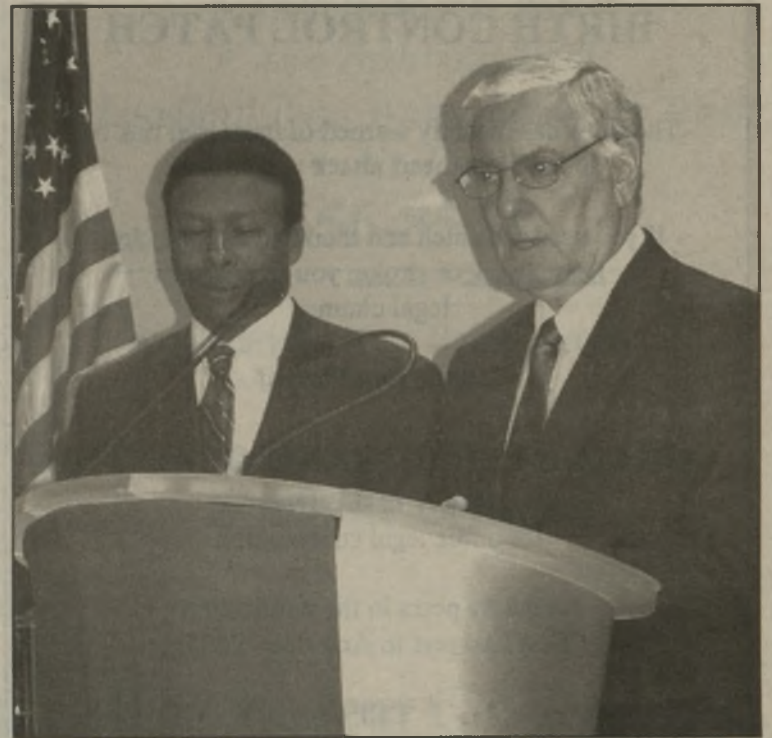
Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard announced Monday that SIU is supporting legislation that would offer a \$1,000 annual tax credit for students and their families. The credit could take effect in July, if approved by the General Assembly.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich proposed the credit during his State of the State address earlier this month.

Poshard said the university is "taking a step forward in funding for higher education ... it is no secret that tuition costs have risen in the last few years."

Poshard, SIU Trustee Ed Hightower and SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift were in attendance for the announcement in the Morris University Center.

To earn the tax credit, students must be Illinois residents attending Illinois institutions that are members of the Illinois Monetary Award Program. Students must also be enrolled as freshmen or sophomore undergraduates at least half time each semester.



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

**SIU President Glenn Poshard announces the school's support for a \$1,000 tax credit proposed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich Monday in front of the Meridian Ballroom. SIU Board of Trustee member Ed Hightower, left, looks on as Poshard speaks.**

Incoming freshmen must have a cumulative B grade point average in high school and sophomores need at least a B average in their first year of college.

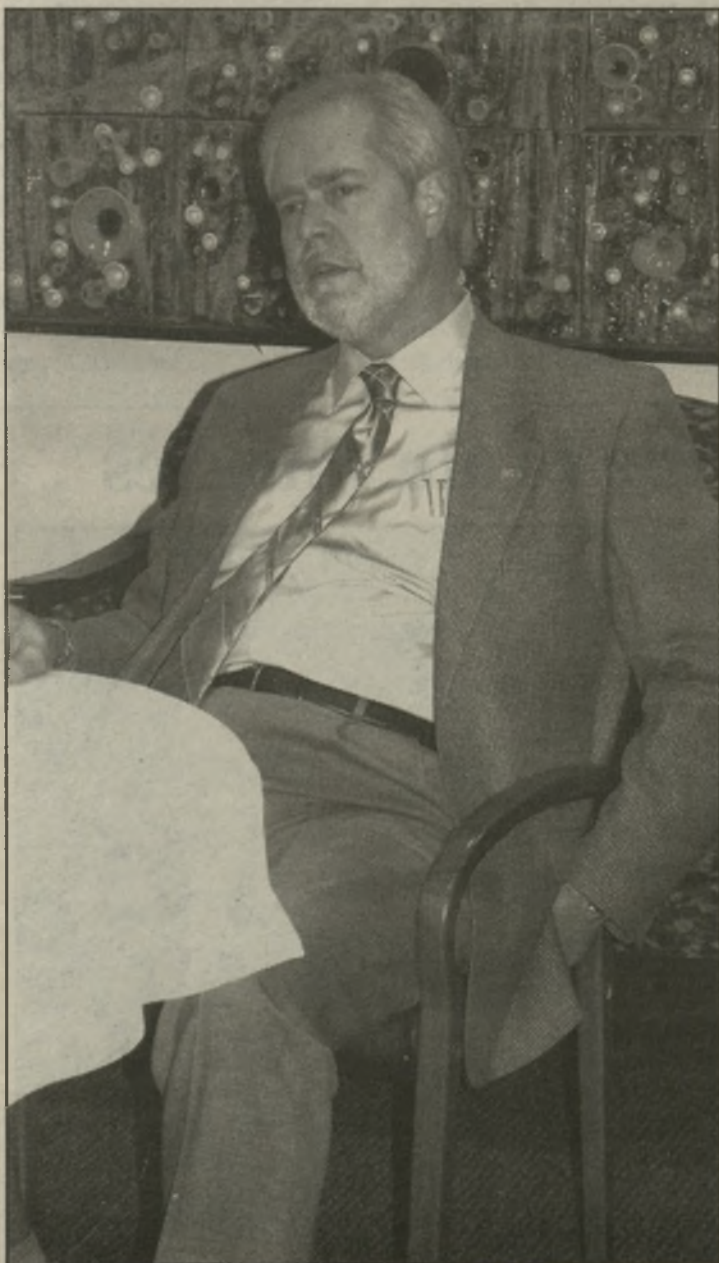
"It serves as an incentive for high school students," Hightower said. "As freshmen, we needed

all those motivators. This is more of an incentive to energize those young people to do better."

SIUE students are paying \$5,209 for in-state tuition this year, up from \$4,859 last year. Vandegrift said the credit in a student's first two years

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## Taking it easy



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

**College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kent Neely enjoys a relaxing moment Thursday at the University Club of the Morris University Center. Twice a month, faculty and staff can socialize while enjoying a beverage in the club.**

## Student government rejects hopeful senator's third bid

ZACH GROVES  
 NEWS EDITOR

Student Body President Cindy Holesko gave the first-ever State of the Student Senate address, but failed to fill any of the four currently vacant senate seats Friday.

The Student Senate opened the spring semester by listening to Holesko's speech and hearing out freshman Ben Jacobs' bid to become a student senator, among other speakers.

However, despite his third attempt to become a student senator, Jacobs was denied in a secret vote despite strong recommendations from Vice President Nikki Grashoff and Finance Board Chair Meredith Burkart.

"(Jacobs) could not have done anything else," Holesko said. "He is a victim of the political process. It's very

unfortunate."

The senate entered the semester shorthanded after Sens. Lise Suliman, Carl Mitchell, Tim Goldman and Lisa Calvarese resigned because of university-related and family-related issues.

The senate also heard from Campus Recreation Director Michael Ostrander, who said Student Fitness Center fees will go up \$6 per student next school year in order to expand the building and possibly add a catering service.

"I think it would be very beneficial," Holesko said. "A lot of our students go to the gym ... The expansion would help a great deal based on the students I have talked to."

"Putting in a food bar makes sense to me because if you are working out you are going to get dehydrated," Holesko added.

Associate Provost David Sill spoke about the growing new freshman seminar and how lower-level courses such as Physics 111 and Theater 111 will be part of the program. Sill added that by fall 2006, half of the incoming freshmen will take these courses and by 2007, the courses will become a requirement.

During Holesko's address, she commended the senate for several accomplishments, such as the "Bring the Cougar Home" campaign, and is pushing for more programs this semester that include community involvement.

"There are many things we can do in the city of Edwardsville," Holesko said. "There (is) an Adopt-a-Street program."

The senate meets again at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, in the Goshen Lounge.





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# High heating costs cool campus

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NEWS EDITOR

As natural gas prices eat away at the Illinois budget, SIUE has had to turn down the thermostat.

In October, Gov. Rod Blagojevich ordered state facilities, including the university, to lower their thermostats to a maximum temperature of 68 degrees. The order was an effort to cut \$4 million in heating costs through the winter.

Ameren Corp. spokeswoman Leigh Morris recently told a Springfield newspaper that the market price of natural gas rose 135 percent since January 2005.

Facilities Management Director Bob Washburn said the university's energy costs increased from \$2 million to about \$2.5 million within the last year.

"We were forecasting an amount of half a million dollars,"

Washburn said. "Utility is about \$5 million (per year) for the state functions on campus and natural gas is under \$2 million."

So far, the university has not had to do much more than lower thermostats.

Vice Chancellor of Administration Kenneth Neher noted that last year, SIUE replaced a heating plant that used pipes to carry hot water to core buildings with a boiler system.

Washburn said the decision saved "about 20 percent with that change."

"We used a lot less gas," Neher said recently. "Instead of running this huge plant, we have three boilers. We would run one, two or three depending on how cold it is outside. During the summer, we (used) just enough to run hot water. It saved us an awful lot of money."

Neher added that each boiler had a backup in case the primary shuts down. Nonetheless, he urged employees to shut off

everything, including computers and lights, in their offices when they leave.

He also asked that workers not bring in personal, portable heaters.

"Dress more warmly," Neher said.

While the main campus runs a specific heating system, it does not comply with the systems in the Morris University Center nor University Housing. However, while the two pay their own heating bills, they have also dealt with the cutbacks.

University Housing Director Michael Schultz said housing has taken action to not only keep the thermostats low, but also remind the residents to use heating alternatives.

"We are adjusting heat ... providing education to residents to let them know of the costs and to bundle up," Schultz said.

Schultz added that housing cannot completely shut off the

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# Finance negotiations resume at lodge

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NEWS EDITOR

Financial negotiations are back on for University Park's Spring Green Lodge after being inactive for nearly a year.

The Illinois Finance Authority, a state authority that provides capital and financial expertise for economic development, is negotiating a credit package with three local banks to help the lodge's development.

IFA Interim Executive Director Jill Rendleman declined to say which three banks were

involved.

According to Rendleman, Spring Green Lodge developer William Shaw will choose which one of the three banks to work with within the next few weeks.

IFA recently offered financial help to the Spring Green Lodge with a \$1 million participation loan and a \$500,000 debt reserve fund. IFA approved the financial assistance at its November meeting.

Spring Green Lodge's construction was stalled last spring due to financing problems. When Rendleman read about the problems, she contacted Shaw

and set up a meeting.

"If it helps improve a competitive environment, we offer to help," Rendleman said. "It's neat to see (SIUE) doing this. It's kind of a leading edge ... a new trend on campuses."

After doing a feasibility study, Rendleman said the Spring Green Lodge was unique in terms of its museum, hotel, conference center and location on campus. Because of these attributes, Rendleman said the IFA decided to help.

Rendleman told the Illinois Business Journal that the IFA

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# Flexing the brain muscles



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Members of Alpha Phi Team One junior Ali Flick, junior Janelle Dobson, senior Cara Cannon and junior Emily Mott compete in the College Bowl in the Morris University Center Friday. Phi Alpha Theta won the competition, but because the team consisted of all graduate students, it was disqualified from state competition at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Feb. 24. Team "Argh! Walk the Plank," who took second in the competition, will compete instead.



# Director plans to put faculty first

SCHALENE HOUSTON  
NEWS SRTINGER

Faculty and staff hope to see better programming from the Excellence in Learning and Teaching Initiative after appointing Department of Educational Leadership associate professor Ellen Lavelle as the new director.

Lavelle recently began her duties as director and plans to improve services for faculty and staff.

“My goals are to provide faculty with a broad range of services and programs geared toward facilitating teaching and learning,” Lavelle said in an e-mail interview.

Associate Provost David Sill said Lavelle’s experience played a role in the hiring.

“She has participated in a number of faculty developments through the years,” Sill said.

Lavelle has long-term goals she plans to fulfill, but her first task is keeping the faculty in mind.

“My first goal is to carefully consider faculty needs and then to develop programming to meet those specific needs,” she said.

“In the long run, I hope to expand the ELTI initiative to include research on teaching and learning, expanded services and resources for faculty and an increased presence on our campus and in the educational community at large.”

Lavelle is currently working on a survey that reflects faculty interests.

She also wants to begin a peer consultancy group and expand the ELTI Web page.

Lavelle has served the university for seven years and said she enjoys the university’s missions for opportunities and ideas.

For more information, visit the ELTI Web site at [siue.edu/ELTI/](http://siue.edu/ELTI/).

# Staff plans farewell for retired employee

STEVE BRITT  
NEWS REPORTER

Darlene Fox, who has worked for the University for 38 years, retired in December.

Employees of the University Bookstore knew Fox as the manager and as a bit of a prankster.

“I’m going to miss her giving me a bunch of crap,” psychology senior Elizabeth Pickreign said. “That’s what she did.”

“She’s a practical joker with a straight face,” said bookstore supervisor Pat Alberternst.

Despite her antics, Alberternst said she was genuine and caring.

“She was always very concerned about everybody,” Alberternst said.

“She was there to ask questions. She may not always have known the answer, but she would always be there to listen.”

A reception for the newly-retired University Bookstore manager will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Maple/Dogwood Room of the Morris University Center.

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Traffic

1-11

Police issued Brenda Evans a citation on South University Drive for driving with a suspended license.

Police issued Christopher Andrews a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Bradley S. Medlock a citation on South University Drive for expired registration.

Police issued Shane P. O’Sullivan a citation on North University Drive for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

1-12

Police issued Rebekah A. Lechner a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

1-15

Police issued Victor S. Fields a citation on Cougar Lake Drive for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

Police issued Jacob B. Watson a citation for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Paul Michael S. Thompson a citation at the entrance to lot 5G for driving with a suspended license.

1-17

Police arrested Amy R. Cavanaugh on a Granite City warrant for failure to appear. She posted \$100 bond and was released. Cavanaugh was also issued citations for driving with suspended license plates and having an expired driver’s license.

Police issued Charles J. Noud a citation on University Drive for expired registration.

Alcohol

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Police arrested Kathryn Stiles and Chad E. Fox in Cougar Village for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Police arrested Jared Parr in Cougar Village Parking Lot 5C for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Police arrested Garret C. Pierson in Cougar Village Parking Lot 5A for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Drugs

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Police arrested Britney L. Rutherford in Cougar Village for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis under 30 grams. She was released with a notice to appear and returned to her apartment.

Other

1-14

Officers responded to Lot 7 to jumpstart a Stephanie R. Knecht’s vehicle. Knecht was wanted by Madison County Sheriff’s Department for larceny-retail theft and by the Alton Police Department for failure to appear on a charge of no front registration plate. Knecht posted \$300 for the Madison County warrant and \$100 for the Alton warrant and was released.

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STEVE BRITT  
NEWS REPORTER

A car thief drove off in a Monte Carlo stolen from campus Thursday.

Eric Ohrn's 1987 red Chevrolet was reported stolen at 6:18 p.m. after being parked for four hours in Lot E.

"We turned the report over to one of our officers, Special Agent Severit, who is part of the Metro

East Auto Theft Task Force," Lt. Kevin Schmoll said Monday.

Despite a large population of commuter students, SIUE has had very few car thefts.

"We don't have that many (car thefts). Maybe a couple (a year)," Schmoll said.

Schmoll says despite the low crime rate, all students should lock their doors and keep valuables out of sight.

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heating system because their pipe system needs to stay warm, because it would stall the whole thing otherwise.

According to Morris University Center Director Mary Robinson, the MUC has kept up with university policy in heating terms.

"We all need to conserve wherever we can," Robinson said.

Robinson added that since the MUC took action quickly after Blagojevich's order and having endured a mild winter, nothing drastic has happened.

"We are holding our own pretty good right now," she said. "I think that if we try some cost-cutting ... we might buy less

expensive products."

According to Washburn, the university itself may save 10 to 15 percent, or potentially \$375,000, this winter if everyone adheres to the new heating policy and the weather stays as moderate as it has been.

In addition, the university has not taken any funding away from student programs or organizations to pay the high-energy bills.

However, Neher said this is not a guarantee to last through April, when Blagojevich's order expires.

"With this moderate weather we are having, it's helping us," Neher said. "(But) if it gets drastic, all bets are off."

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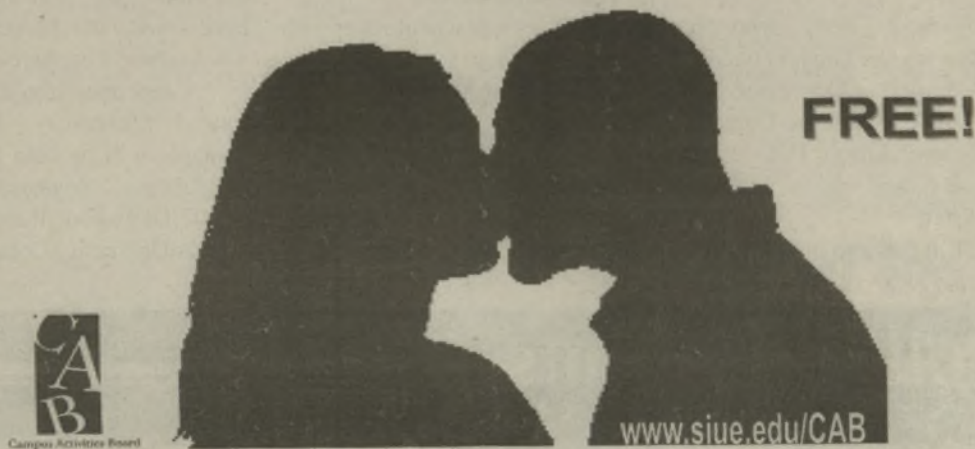
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## Gender-bending roles provoke public thought

STILLWATER, Okla. (U-WIRE) – We live in a patriarchal society, with men serving as the “strong decision-makers” and women as the “pretty pawns.” Many women are treated as children, “seen, but not heard.” But what happens when the gender tables are turned and women infiltrate typical male roles in society?

Gender-bending roles seem to take their formidable years on the screen. Television and film are not only entertaining and visually stimulating, but they also are testing grounds for new ideology and predicting how Americans will accept changes in their lives.

A great example of the first step in a more politically-debatable direction is the new TV show, “Commander in Chief.” Geena Davis plays the president. A female president. This is just a little out of the ordinary for those of you who know American history.

So, what are the implications of this TV show? A lot of debate

and conversation to say the least. Davis feels honored to play the role of the first female president, even if it is still fantasy.

On the Reader’s Digest cover for February, Davis’ picture with the caption below queries: “Can a Woman Be President?” Davis answers questions about

affect the viewing public? How many Americans are going to be ready for a female president now that they see how it can work?

The question at hand is not if America is ready, because I think we are, but where are we going to find that woman who will be the president in real life. America

to take on the nation and the world in that political role.

Women fight for their right to be recognized and stand alongside the great men of the past, but what it comes down to are qualifications. A woman has just as many characteristics and qualities that would make a great, powerful leader of our nation.

Women need to claim their right and responsibility to fulfill their equal rights among men. I am not advocating special treatment for women, but merely the recognition that women can handle traditional male leadership roles. Look at Margaret Thatcher.

The step after equal recognition, which probably will not happen in my lifetime, is for typical male and female qualities to be neutralized. Nurturing is not necessarily feminine and being emotionless is not masculine.

Kimberly Tolson

Daily O’Collegian

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*“The question at hand is not if America is ready, because I think we are, but where aer we going to find that woman who will be president in real life”*

her role as the president and how she feels this representation affects viewers in America.

Davis answers the question, “Do you think the show is paving the way for a woman president?” by saying that she knows how much media images affect the viewing public, but that it was not why the network bought and aired the show.

How much does the media

already finds it hard enough to find a good, qualified man to do the job.

In addition, the candidate must not be determined solely because of gender, but based upon the idea of the president as a whole. If one evaluates the presidential role, certain qualities are extracted to create the “ideal president” and a female president has every right and responsibility

## E-mail may limit fundraising effect of stamp hike

MUNCIE, Ind. (U-WIRE) — On Jan. 8, the U.S. Postal Service increased the price of a single first-class stamp from 37 cents to 39 cents. This increase is the first since June 2002.

Since I’ve grown up in the golden age of digital information transmission, the idea of a pen, some paper and an envelope with a stamp on it all seem archaic to me. I would rather spend a few minutes at my computer and rest assure that my message will be sent and received in the time it would have taken me to walk to the mailbox.

In fact, I would be more willing to spend money on e-mail if it meant the traditional mailing system would be abolished.

In practice, I do pay for e-mail transmission by buying a computer and paying for an Internet connection. I recommend we eliminate the Postal Service and rely, instead, entirely on e-mail. Packages, of course, could still be sent traditionally - but only when necessary.

The Postal Service has the goal of putting \$3.1 billion in an escrow account by October. I’m sure the math on the profits the increase will cause has already been taken care of by the government, but what happens if the increase doesn’t create the desired effect? Another increase

might happen in the near future, then another and another.

On a positive note, the increase in the price of a stamp has given the specialty stamp a second run in popularity. A two-cent stamp in previous years was unnecessary because one-cent stamps could make up the difference. Now, though, two-cent stamps are again available to make up the difference in cost that normal stamps have incurred.

If the Postal Service

continues the old-fashioned ground mail system that has been in place for more than two centuries, rather than moving into the digital age, there will be a void to be filled in the way of two-cent stamps. So I propose a new stamp: In light of the amazing amount of money two-cent stamps stand to make the Postal Service, the theme of the stamp should be \$3.1 billion. Imagine what a novelty it would be to have a stamp with so many tiny zeros on it that it would be

hard to discern what the theme actually was.

And to help the Postal Service earn that money, feel free to write to me the old-fashioned way, if you find an urge to visit the past. Good luck finding my address, though, and I would rather e-mail you back, so be sure to include your electronic mail address.

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## Political Cartoon





# Study abroad group

**TED MCKINNEY**  
MANAGING EDITOR

Rachael Bray and Aveon Wallace sat in the SIUE Starbucks, surrounded by patrons sitting in plush chairs sipping steaming \$4 drinks, and reflected about people less fortunate, and their own life-changing experience.

"I think I am different from the way I was," Bray said.

"I think I am different too," Wallace agreed. "I think a lot of us appreciate a lot more things now."

The pair were sharing memories from their recent trip to Juarez, Mexico, a poverty-stricken border town just south of El Paso, Texas. The trip was sponsored by the SIUE School of Business.

Juarez is more than 1,300 miles away, but the effect it had on the travelers could be seen in their expressions as they reminisced.

"We stayed in a bunkhouse," Wallace said. "It was camp-like roughing it."

"With outdated plumbing," Bray said.

"Very outdated," Wallace added.

"We had limited hot water," Bray said. "We slept in sleeping bags on a piece of foam. We had two showers for 10 girls, a small mirror that we all used together and one sink."

But for 13 SIUE students, it was the trip of a lifetime.

"We did not spend a lot of time talking about home and the way things are here," Bray said. "The whole time we were gone, I did not think about home. I was there and living in the moment and enjoying every minute of it. We laughed and we cried, and we laughed until we cried."

SIUE's group, comprised of Management and Marketing professor George Watson, ten female students and three male students, helped build one family a new home, to replace a dilapidated lean-to.

This was SIUE's ninth service-learning trip to Juarez. A nondenominational church in Juarez helps arrange the home-building projects.

"(Church leaders) just go out and walk the neighborhood (to select families)," Bray said. "I think they built one for a blind guy and a guy with no legs. They would choose who they felt was the neediest, and sometimes they wouldn't even know their names."

"They wouldn't find out their names until the day of dedication. I thought that was awesome," Bray added.

According to a recent Mexican census, Juarez has a population of more than 1.3 million people, but the actual population may be closer to 2 million with the migrant workers that pour into the border town, according to Amnesty International.

U.S. government figures from 2003 estimate that 40 percent of all Mexicans are living below the poverty line.

"We are definitely not used to that level of poverty," Student Government President Cindy Holesko said. "I think that was the one thing that touched all of us about Mexico. There are people in the United States that are poor, but Mexico is an entirely different level of poverty."

"I've done service-learning trips before, so I knew what I was getting into. But it changed my perspective on how lucky the United States in general is and how lucky I am ... It makes



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**Student Danielle Thoman takes a break from building this house with Adolfo, a boy growing up in Juarez, Mexico. The team of students helped build Adolfo and his mother a new house to replace the run down shack they were living in.**



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**An SIUE student helps construct the walls of a new house.**

you evaluate what you really want to do with your life," Holesko said.

Foreign Language and Literature professor Liz Fonseca said, she has led many groups, but this group was unique

because the members were diverse, yet developed a cordial relationship immediately.

She credits part of the harmony to the culture shock of seeing the conditions in Juarez. Petty differences seemed trivial

in that setting.

"I grew up in Latin America," Fonseca said, "so I'm really familiar with the circumstances of extreme poverty. The reason I am really interested in this is I feel like

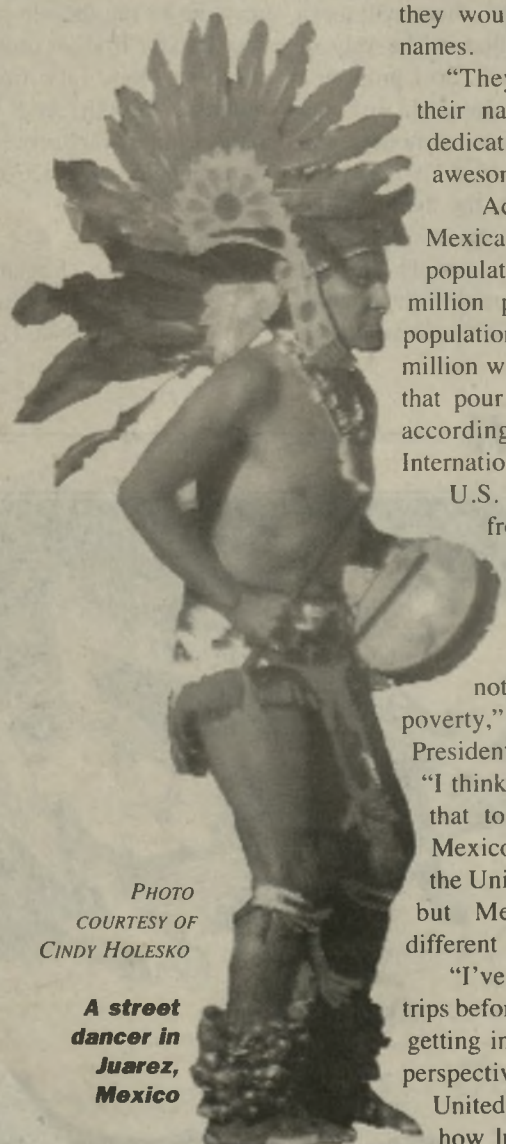


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**A street  
dancer in  
Juarez,  
Mexico**



# brings hope to Mexico



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An exhausted group of SIUE student workers take a break from their hard work in Juarez. The newly-constructed house in the background (left) is a product of their study abroad trip to Mexico.

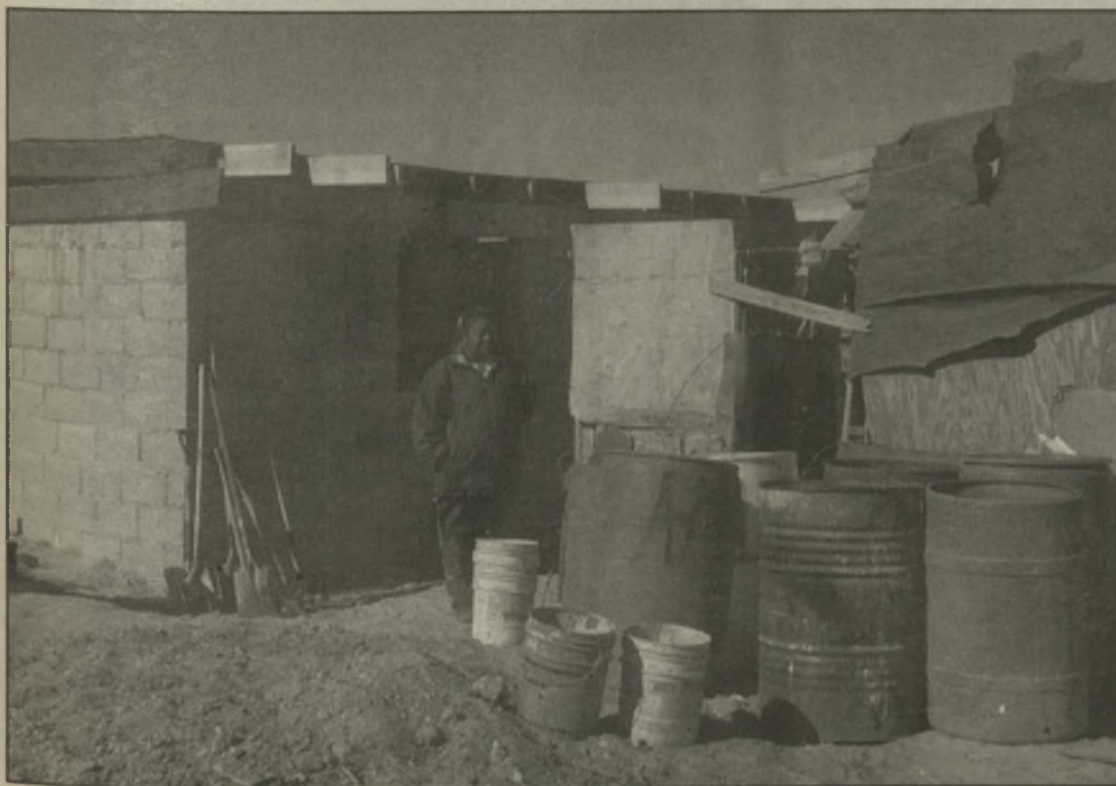


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Christina, a citizen of Juarez, Mexico, stands between her old house on the right and her newly-built house on the left.

there is some social responsibility in terms of equalizing circumstances."

While she appreciates helping others, Fonseca said watching the students themselves is also rewarding.

"My favorite part of the trip is seeing the transformation in the students," Fonseca said. "It does not always happen with every student, but it happens all of the time. One or two students will be really impacted. They

will come back and say, 'I used to think it was very important to have a brand-new car every three or four years, now I don't even care if I have a car.'"

She said many of the students are so affected by the

trip that they leave everything they brought, except what is needed to make it home, behind for the Mexican people.

Over the course of three days the SIUE group built a crude 18 feet by 60 feet cinder-block home for the family.

"In this space (1,080 square feet) they will put a master bedroom, dresser, stove, a space for the kid, a black-and-white secondhand TV and all of their personal belongings," Fonseca said. "Their house is two times as big as my office space (at SIUE). There is little privacy."

In the area of Juarez that the students visited, a typical home was made of "plastic bags, cardboard boxes, wooden pallets and they fashioned it together however they could," Bray said.

The new home was not much bigger than a standard American two-car garage, but "this was top of the line," Wallace said, "like living in a mansion compared to a cardboard shack."

The job site drew many envious spectators, but the ever-present future homeowner was the most curious member of the audience.

"The woman watched us the entire time with anticipation," Bray said. "I was wondering how she was feeling in her heart because here's the shack and (right next to it) is the new home. Every day she watched everything we did."

"I thought, I know this woman has to be so grateful," Bray said. "And she was. She got teary the last day."

"The first two days she really didn't interact with us. By the last day, when she saw her house was almost up, I think they felt a little more comfortable with us," Wallace said. "Even the little boy came out and played with us. That made me feel good — to have them open up to us."

As the man at the Starbucks' counter called out orders to the line of anxious customers, "I've got one venti double-shot caramel macchiato and one grande caffe mocha, no whip," Bray and Wallace flipped through a photo album from the trip.

"When we got back," Bray said, "I realized I wasn't ready to come home."

## STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

The U.S. Senate recently, by unanimous vote, declared 2006 the Year of Study Abroad. SIUE is embracing this sentiment by sponsoring numerous opportunities for its students to expand their horizons.

The School of Business offers semester-long study-abroad opportunities at partner institutions in England, France, Germany, Hungary, Mexico and the Netherlands. At most institutions, classes are offered in English, with the exception of Germany where classes are exclusively taught in German.

Various study-abroad opportunities are offered in the summer as well. The "Know Europe" study-abroad program, based in Haarlem, Netherlands, is a 4-week program that runs from mid-June to mid-July. Students will travel throughout Europe with stops in Belgium, the Netherlands, France and Spain.

The 5-week Angers Summer Program in Angers, France runs mid-June through mid-July. This program features visits to Paris and Brussels.

In Hungary, the Budapest International Management Seminar is a 6-week program that begins in mid-June and ends near the end of July. A short trip to Vienna is included with this program.

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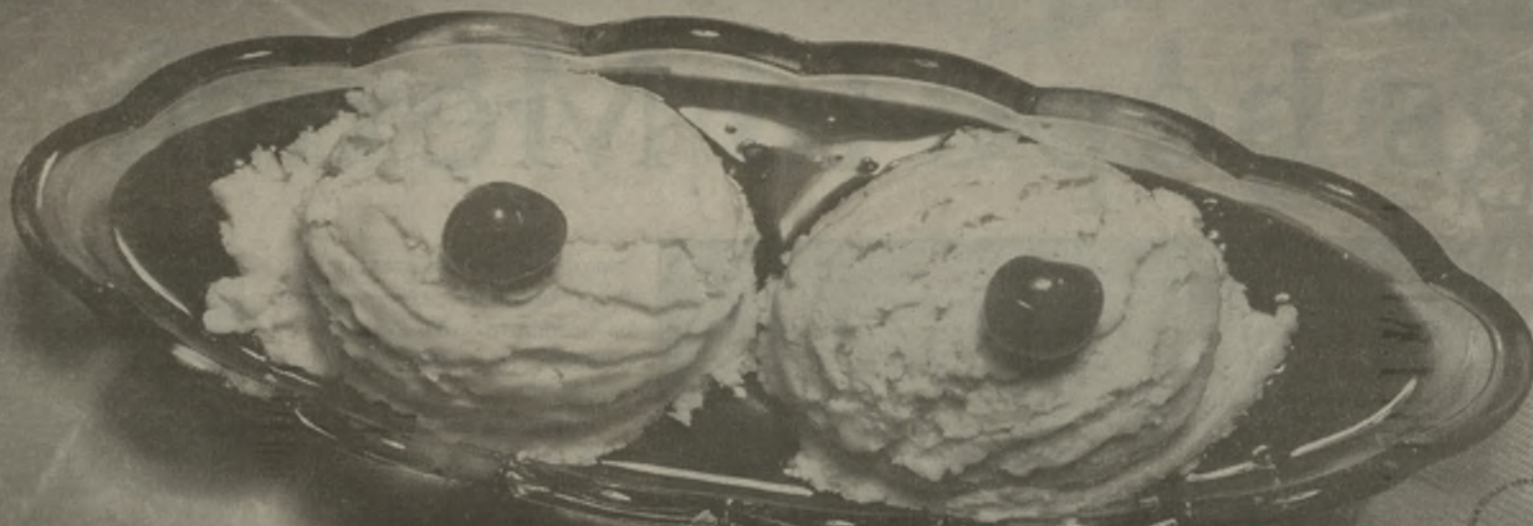
One- to two-week service-learning trips to Costa Rica and Toluca, Mexico will be held in July 2006.

For more information about these programs, contact Assistant Director of International Programs Cyndi Peterson at cypeter@siue.edu or 650-2922, or Director of International Programs Radcliffe Edmonds Jr. at redmond@siue.edu or 650-2598.



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## Swingin' for the fences

*Cougars look forward to bright year after being picked to win conference*



**The SIUE softball team looks strong as they head into the 2006 season.**

MALLORY HENSLEY  
SPORTS STRINGER

This year, if the SIUE women's softball team slides over all its opponents, nobody can say that they did not see it coming. The Great Lakes Valley Conference assembled all of the softball coaches, and the verdict is in: the SIUE team is favored to bring home the conference championship in 2006.

SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery and her 20-person squad notched seven first-place votes, earning the upper hand over the Northern Kentucky University Norse, defending conference champions. NKU, which boasted an undefeated conference record last year, was granted four first-place votes.

The Cougars hope to pick up where they left off in 2003, when they won the GLVC. With seven returning starters, they have the right weapons to return to the Great Lakes Regional Tournament for the seventh straight season.

However, NKU will be no pushover. The Norse hope to break the all-time record they set

last year for winning percentage in a single season (.965). Five returning starters give them a preseason advantage over a handful of the other teams.

In the 2005 NCAA Regionals in Highland Heights, Ky., SIUE bowed out after a 1-0 loss to Northwood in the final game. A talented bunch of seniors returns to pick up where they left off. SIUE seniors Alicia DeShasier, Holly Neuerburg and Shanna Waldo earned honors last year.

DeShasier, who ended last season with a 14-7 pitching record, led the Cougars with a .363 batting average. Her bat landed her a spot on the first team All-Great Lakes Region, while she was also named to second team Academic All-District.

Second baseman Neuerburg trailed DeShasier as second on the team in home runs. Her offensive prowess earned her a spot on the Academic All-Region second team. Waldo earned second team Academic All-District honors for her work in the outfield and her 46 stolen bases.

Junior Libby Lenart, who

Montgomery has called "the best catcher in the league," was also a part of the All-Great Lakes Region second team. The Cougars relied heavily on her strong throwing arm and big bat at the plate. Junior Emily Lenart got four hits during last season's tournament, and was named to the Great Lakes Regional All-Tournament team. The loss of those key players should be made up for by the addition of four new freshmen to a talented group of upperclassmen that is itching to step on the dirt.

Picked to finish third in the conference, Lewis University had a 2005 GLVC record of 12-8. Last year's Player of the Year, senior outfielder Robin Martz, anchors their team. Rounding out the chosen top five are University of Wisconsin-Parkside and the University of Southern Indiana, respectively.

GLVC play commences Feb. 28, when Rockhurst takes on Missouri-Rolla in a doubleheader. NKU will start the season Feb. 10, while the Cougars dust off their gloves and bats on Feb. 16, when they play Montana State-Billings in a non-conference game.

## Cougars cruise at VC

*SIUE snaps two-game skid, Cougars win two in a row*

GEOFF SCHARDAN  
SPORTS STRINGER

After a short two-game losing streak, the Cougars came back home and won two straight. The victories improved their record to 9-8 overall and 3-6 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The Cougars played two tough conference opponents from across the river. The first game was against University of Missouri-St. Louis and the second was against University of Missouri-Rolla.

"(We) played good defense and had a good shooting percentage, good things should happen then," SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg said about the Cougars' early leads.

The Cougars came out with a strong 10-2 lead and never looked back, winning 69-40. UMSL got within two points before the Cougars ended the half on a 24-4 run and a 36-14 halftime lead. The Cougars' defense held UMSL to 26 percent shooting. SIUE played strong in

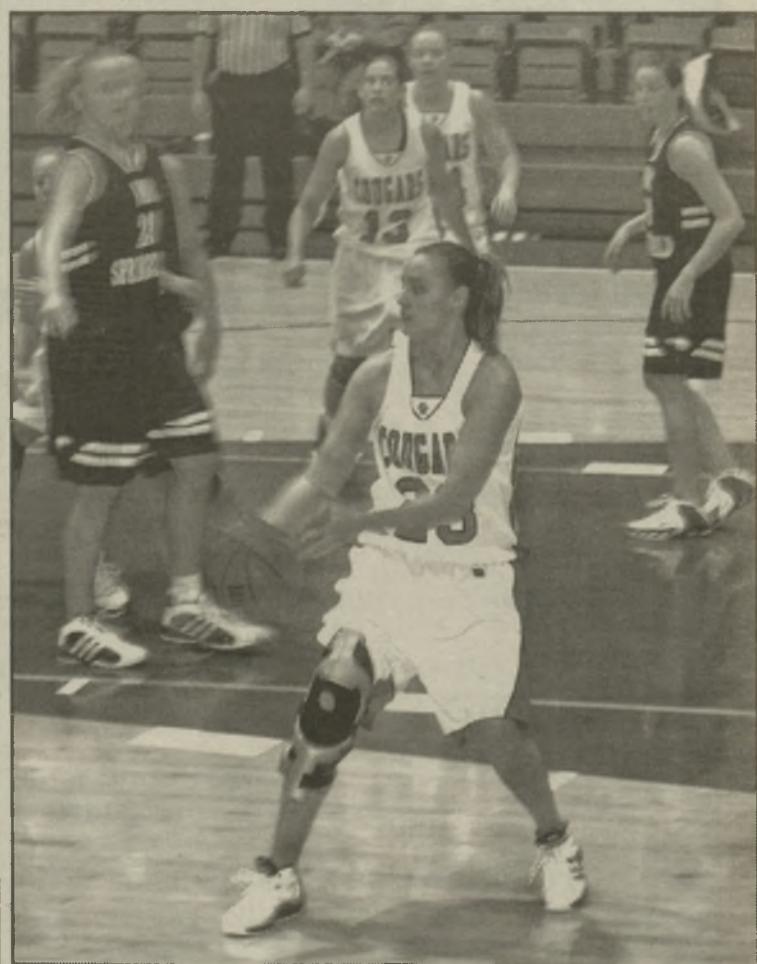
the paint, outscoring UMSL 38-18. The bench was also strong, contributing 34 of the 69 points.

Senior forward Alisa Carrillo and freshman guard Allison Fogle lead the team in scoring with 15 points each. Junior forward Julianne McMillen also added 10 points.

UMR came to town with an 11-4 record, but left with one more loss. Once again, SIUE used its strong first half to hold onto the lead. They ended the first half with a 22-8 run and a 35-21 lead. The Cougars shot 47 percent of attempted three-pointers, soaring over UMR's 18 percent. They also shot well at the line, making 17 of 23 free throws. Sophomore guard Whitney Sykes lead the team with 16 points, followed by Fogle with 15 points. Austin contributed nine points and 10 assists.

Fogle was named GLVC player of the week for last week.

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**SIUE senior center Tanya Guell anticipates the defense as she catches a pass during a recent game at the Vadalabene Center.**

KATIE GROTH/ ALESTLE



## SIUE gets pinned at home

MATTHEW BRUCE  
SPORTS EDITOR

So far this season, the SIUE wrestling team has been unable to get up off the mat.

The Cougars continued their rough-and-tumble slide as they dropped to 0-7 over the weekend, falling 32-12 to No. 14 Truman State University at the Vadalabene Center.

Two SIUE wrestlers were able to fight themselves to victory, guided by junior Joe Rujawitz, who leads the team with an individual record of 16-9 on the season. Rujawitz defeated TSU's Chad Swagman 8-6 in the 149-pound match. SIUE Head Coach Khris Whelan was not impressed with the performance, however.

"There's no reason Swagman should have even been close to Rujawitz," he said.

SIUE junior Omari Johnson cruised to victory in the 174-

pound weight class, downing TSU's Tim Wolkey 8-3.

The Cougars were otherwise helpless against TSU's attack. SIUE junior John Ficht, who ranks second on the team with a 15-9 individual record, suffered a 14-0 shutout at 165 pounds at the hands of Blake Peterson.

Whelan was unhappy with the team's lackluster performance after the match.

"Up and down the lineup, I thought we could have done better," he said. "We wrestled very flat. We weren't aggressive. They've already made the mistake of showing me what they can do. The name of this game is consistency.

"I know they could have performed better than they did," Whelan added. "It's not going to get any easier, I can tell you that.

Next up, SIUE faces Lindenwood University at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Belleville.

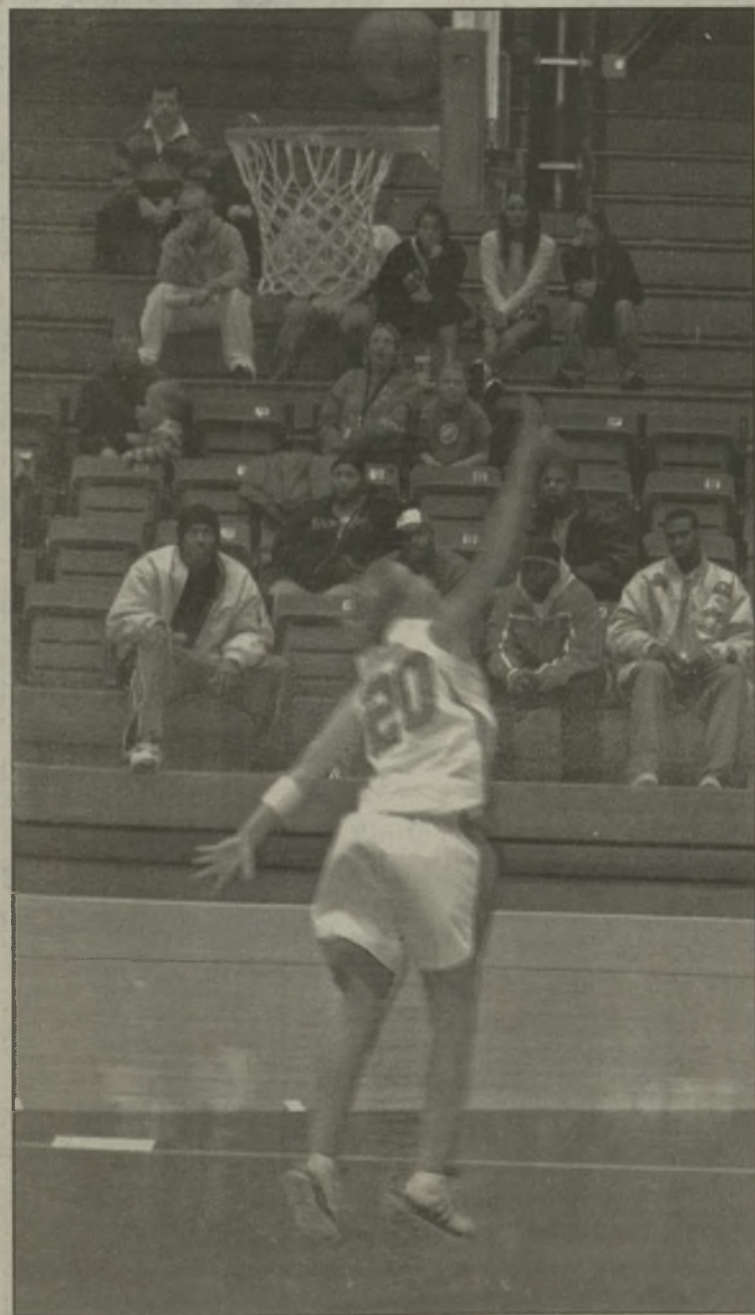
## WOMEN

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When Hedberg was asked about her starting, she said, "I like rotating our guards and keeping them fresh."

The Cougars have another tough week on the road. On Thursday, they take on Lewis

University, which is currently 11-6 overall and 7-2 in conference play. On Saturday, they head to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, which is currently 11-6 overall and 4-4 in conference play.



KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE

SIUE junior guard Laura Witherspoon cruises to the bucket for an easy two during a recent home game.

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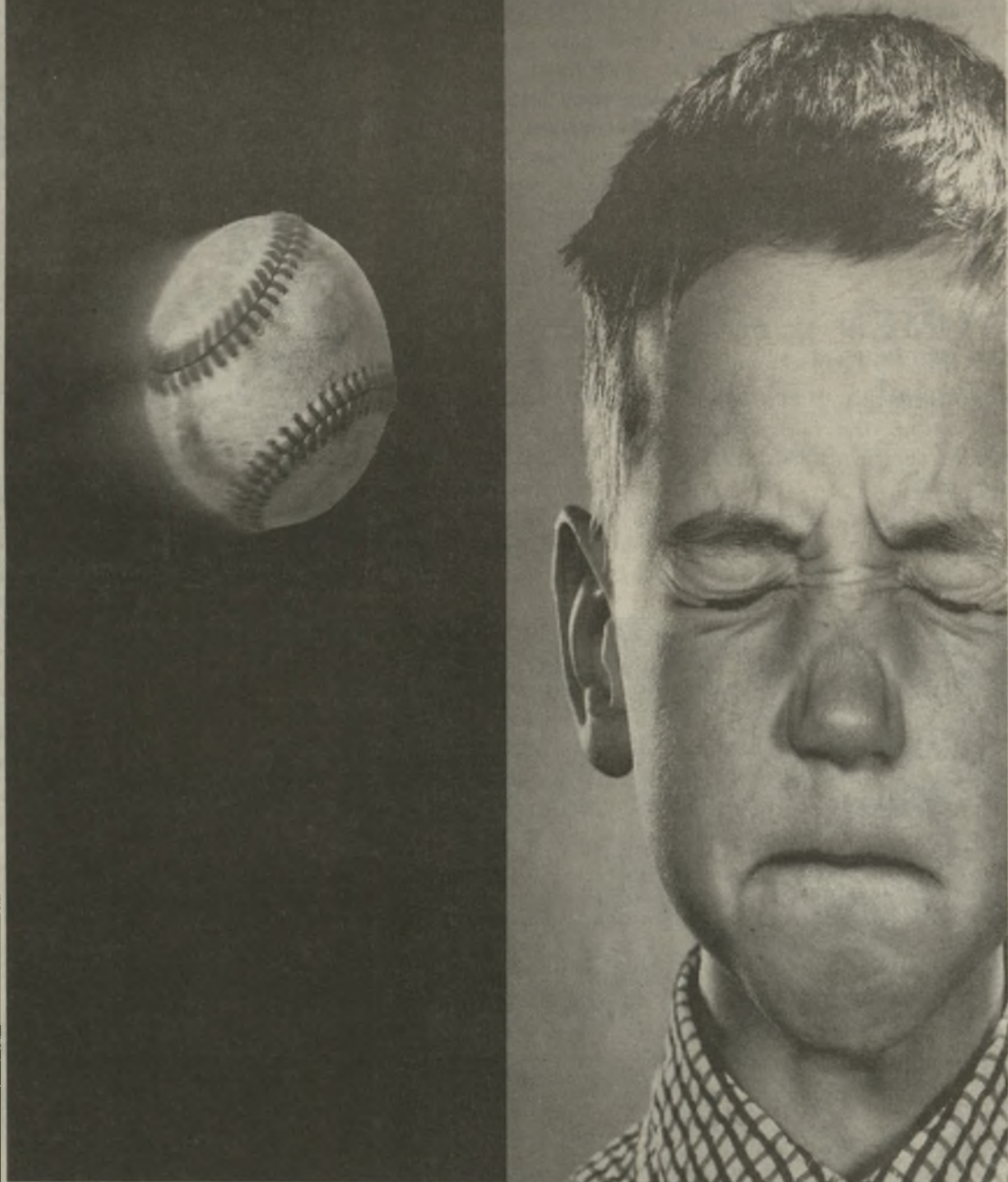
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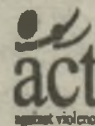
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