



**'The Dispute' continues
at Dunham Hall Theater
See Lifestyles**

Staff union in negotiation

MELANIE MEYER
NEWS STRINGER

Union contract negotiations are currently under way between the Professional Staff Association and university officials.

Members of the PSA, a branch of the Illinois Education Association, have been working

under the terms of their expired contract since June 30.

The PSA represents about 300 employees on campus who hold various positions in departments such as advising, counseling and the Early Childhood Center.

LaDonna Holshouser, president of the PSA on campus, said the discussions are for a

complete contract negotiation. She added that the parties have met several times since the contract expired and that the next meeting is scheduled for March 1.

Neither the PSA nor the university were able to discuss the terms negotiated because negotiations are still underway.

Chancellor lists proposals at forum

ZACH GROVES
NEWS EDITOR

SIUE may get a tax break on producing ethanol and additional wireless technology.

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift kept the attendees at his third open forum of the 2005-06 academic year up-to-date on university issues Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Dogwood Room. Topics included a proposed statewide tax incentive for ethanol production as part of the Renewable Fuels Act, dropping ethanol plants' tax percentage from 20 to 10 percent.

Vandegrift said the break

would give SIUE's National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center some revenue and a way of "improving ethanol production."

Vandegrift also informed the students and staff about his proposed tuition increase. Students will face a \$6 per credit hour hike this fall to continue information technology growth if the proposal passes in May after its presentation to the Board of Trustees in March.

"We're going to need infrastructure in technology," Vandegrift said.

The proposal includes more wireless technology, fiber optic cables for Internet access to

Cougar Village and efforts to build and maintain it. According to Vandegrift, the university "expects it to be a continuing fee" for students.

Vandegrift also said the proposal will be accompanied by a 9.4 percent tuition increase for incoming freshmen. Vandegrift said he believed the university will better serve its students with the increase and that it will remain the second-lowest public university in tuition and fees in the state.

"We will still be cost competitive," Vandegrift said. "With a little bit more, we can do a lot better."

Vandegrift also informed the attendees about Gov. Rod Blagojevich's budget proposal for the university, including \$1.5 million for the School of Pharmacy. However, the budget is under legislative review and, according to Budget Director Bill Winter, it could take "weeks to months."

Vandegrift continued the university's national recognition mission by announcing that SIUE is "now classified as a primarily residential campus."

"It affects the way our prospective students view us as a university," Vandegrift said. "That will be very significant."

Vice Chancellor of Administration Kenneth Neher said the fourth residence hall, originally approved by the Board of Trustees in October, will be up for architectural bid next month and construction will begin in May.

Vandegrift added that more scholarship students are looking at SIUE. He said that all 150 students invited to Freshman Scholars Day attended the event. They carry an average ACT score of 30.5.

He said the competition is growing so much some parents

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Story time



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

Assistant Provost for Cultural and Social Diversity Rudy Wilson reads to children from the Head Start program Wednesday in the Goshen Lounge. Wilson led a storytelling event highlighting African-American contributions to society.

Black Heritage Month events come to a close

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Students can catch a few final events as Black Heritage Month comes to a close.

From 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, the Black Heritage Committee looks back on the 40th anniversary of the Black Arts Movement with a continuation of SIUE's "Drumvoices Festival of Black Arts." The event includes short performances of poetic works by faculty and students.

The African Student Association's Africa Night follows from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. Students can enjoy African culture with food, dance and entertainment. Tickets are \$11.50 for

students and \$13.50 for faculty, staff and the general public. Tickets are available at the MUC's Union Station.

Students can also get an African history lesson in the movie "Hotel Rwanda" from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday in the Morris University Center's Mississippi-Illinois Room. The movie highlights the 1994 attempted Hutu militia genocide of the Rwandan people and how a man took more than 1,000 refugees into his hotel.

The Iota Phi Theta Fraternity finishes the month's events with the movie "Bamboozled" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Lovejoy Library's Abbott Auditorium.

For more information on the events, visit siue.edu/CAB/week4.htm.



KATY HARTWIG/ALESTLE

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift speaks at his third open forum of the 2005-06 school year. Vandegrift discussed issues including his tuition increase proposal and Gov. Rod Blagojevich's budget proposal for the university.

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Professors back in the Big Easy

Tulane professor Beth Wee and Loyola University New Orleans professor Jim Wee return to Louisiana after working at SIUE



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Loyola University Biology professor Jim Wee and Tulane University Graduate and Undergraduate Neurosciences Programs Co-Director Beth Wee pose in a Christmas 2005 photo. The Wees returned to New Orleans before the beginning of spring semester after spending four months working at SIUE in the Biological Sciences Department.

CORY FREEMAN
NEWS STRINGER

After being at SIUE for a semester, a New Orleans family went back to begin again where Hurricane Katrina forced them to flee.

Jim and Beth Wee, along with their children Kirsten and Ryan, left Edwardsville a few days after Christmas to get on with their lives and continue teaching in New Orleans.

Jim, a biology professor at Loyola University, and Beth, co-director of graduate and undergraduate neurosciences programs at Tulane University, returned to their respective universities this semester.

The Wees have moved into an uptown apartment because their house, located downtown, is uninhabitable.

"Uptown, things look pretty darn normal," Jim said. "We're doing well."

Jim said there are still some salvageable items in their old

house, but it will eventually be bulldozed and the lot will be sold.

After the Wees left New Orleans on Aug. 28, they came to Edwardsville to stay with Beth's parents. Soon after, the Wees moved into a rental home at 501 Franklin Avenue in Edwardsville.

Jim then contacted Biological Sciences professor Richard Brugam, an acquaintance, who helped set up lab space for Jim in the Science Building.

Jim used Biological Sciences professor Marian Smith's lab to do experiments on algae. He was able to get grant money and water samples from friends at Louisiana State University. Both Jim and Beth were considered visiting scholars while using SIUE's facilities.

"Richard Brugam, Marian Smith, (Biological Sciences Chair) Steve McCommas and (Biological Sciences professor) Sara Sawyer are the four people

that really helped us out," Jim said. "They gave us a place to call home for a semester."

"They seemed to enjoy their stay with us," McCommas said. "The students were interested in their talks about Katrina."

College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kent Neely also helped the Wees set up at SIUE.

"They were put in a difficult situation because of Katrina," Neely said. "They were willing to help in the Biology Department and they were grateful to do so."

While waiting for the waters to go down in New Orleans, Jim said he was thankful for his time in Edwardsville.

"Both my wife and I are grateful to SIUE and the Edwardsville community," Jim said. "We had it pretty good."

Jim added that things are a long way off from being back to normal in New Orleans.

"It's going to take years before the reconstruction is over," he said.

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Module 17, 2:00 p.m.
Leading Your Peers
Michael Yarbrough, Community Outreach Coordinator
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Module 7, 6:30 p.m.
Conflict Resolution: Negotiating Differences
Francella Jackson, Office of the Chief of Police
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Module 8, 2:00 p.m.
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SLDP Reminders....

Volunteer Projects

February 25 - Share Food, Granite City, IL
February 25 - Computer Rehab, Washington Park, IL
March 5-9 - Spring Break Trip, Cherokee Nation, OK
March 25 - Share Food, Granite City, IL
April 1 - Computer Rehab, Washington Park, IL

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

Woman faces child endangerment charge

STEVE BRITT
NEWS REPORTER

Police responded to Cougar Village when a 911 call came in three different times, with no voice on the phone.

SIUE officers discovered a six-year-old girl at 10:08 p.m. Tuesday alone in the apartment and took her into protective custody.

According to SIUE Police

Lt. Kevin Schmoll, the mother stated she was only gone for 45 minutes. Police logs indicated the child said she hadn't seen her mother all day.

"We're still looking into how long it was," Schmoll said.

"Regardless, you shouldn't leave a child alone for that long."

Police charged Sandra Avitia with a misdemeanor count

of child endangerment.

"She seemed very apologetic about this. She said she was getting some paperwork from a classmate," Schmoll said Wednesday.

Schmoll said the Department of Children and Family Services released the child back into Avitia's custody because this was her first offense. He also said that DCFS is conducting its own investigation.

Health Services isn't for hooky

KATIE CRABTREE
NEWS STRINGER

Health Services is for students who need medical attention, but not an excuse to get out of class, according to Health Services Director Riane Greenwalt.

Greenwalt said the flu season begins around this time every spring and Health Services receives a lot of students who need treatment and over-the-counter medication.

Greenwalt added Health Services also has students come in, make appointments and insist on being seen for an excuse for a class absence.

"Last year and this year we sent out an e-mail asking professors not to include us in part of their attendance policy," Greenwalt said. "We

have had a good response and we hope to see students who need our care rather than students who need our excuses. We were trying to be proactive..."

Greenwalt added Health Services can only say that students were seen in the office and it is up to the professor to decide whether or not to excuse them from class. However, Health Services tries to make arrangements so students can make it to class and see a doctor.

"Attendance is something everyone struggles with; trying to balance it with things that would be acceptable excuses," Greenwalt said.

She said that if students are sick, they should stay home from class while they are contagious, because having him or her go to

class is only going to make other students sick. It's also important to follow Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations in order to fight the flu.

Junior special education major Karyn Otten said that she has only had a couple of professors who insisted on having some kind of note for a class excuse.

"They wanted some kind of note, whether (it) was a doctor's note or something from a funeral," Otten said. "One professor said 'just bring me back something that proves you were at that funeral on that particular day.'

"I think it just depends on the professor," she said. "Most of mine either don't take attendance or say they just want an e-mail."

Pharmacy School needs help for event

AARON SUDHOLT
NEWS REPORTER

More pharmacy students are needed to help faculty and staff with the coming Medicare Part D program event.

The SIUE School of Pharmacy, Kimmel Leadership Center and the Area Agency on Aging for Southwestern Illinois will offer assistance to any faculty and staff who needs to learn about Medicare Part D.

Students from the School of Pharmacy will be available to help those interested learn about

Medicare Part D.

According to a press release, students cannot help attendees actually decide or give recommendations about what plan to take, nor conduct enrollment on someone's behalf. They will only be available to give information about the program.

The beneficiary must enroll himself or herself. The event will help those attending decide what plan to take.

"Prior to this special event, personnel from the Area Agency on Aging will be training the students in

Medicare basics, Medicare Part D, Illinois Cares Rx, Internet resources and strategies that would be helpful for older adults," Kimmel Leadership Assistant Director Center Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt said in a press release.

The event takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the King Room of the Religious Center.

Appointments are necessary before coming to the event and can be made by contacting Marsia Tebbe at 650-5164 or by e-mail at matebbe@siue.edu.

Campus Scanner

History films: Continuing Black Heritage Month events, two films will be shown. Students can learn about the attempted genocide of the Rwandan people in "Hotel Rwanda" from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Mississippi-Illinois Room. "Bamboozled," a film about a young man who graduates from an Ivy-league school and pursues a career in network television, will show from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in Lovejoy Library's Abbott Auditorium. For more information, contact the Kimmel Leadership Office at 650-2686.

Music: Attend the Wind Symphony and Concert Band performance beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Dunham Hall Theater. There is no fee for this event, but those planning to attend should arrive early for seating accommodations.

Leisure Activities: Conversational English, which

will be taught as a program from the Leisure Learning program, is from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Mar. 27 in Peck Hall. The cost to attend is \$10.

SLDP: Learn how to lead your peers and to solve problems at the next Student Leadership Development Program Modules. Leading Your Peers is the topic for the first module set to begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center's Board Room. The second module, Conflict Resolution: Negotiating Differences begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the MUC's Board Room. Guest speakers for the programs are St. Louis Rams' Community Outreach Coordinator Michael Yarbrough and St. Louis Police Department's Francella Jackson. For more information, contact the Kimmel Leadership Office at 650-2686.

Learning Activities: The University Lifelong Learning Activities hosts Global Health

Pandemics and Security from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. Wednesday in the MUC's Missouri Room. School of Nursing Professor Rita Sander will lead the discussion. The program focuses on security and public health threats post-9/11 and AIDS as a global pandemic. Admission is \$2 per person, per session. Programs are offered through Mar. 29, except Mar. 8.

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.

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

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Alestle nabs news honors

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The Alestle and its staff picked up eight awards Saturday at the Illinois College Press Association's spring convention in Chicago.

The paper competed against 12 other non-dailies with school populations of more than 4,000 in the 2005 Awards for Excellence in Illinois college newspapers competition. More than 40 schools are members of the ICPA.

Sports Editor Matthew Bruce was awarded first place in the sports feature and honorable mention in the sports news categories.

News Editor Zach Groves received third place nods for sports feature page design and headline writing.

Photographer Katie Groth was awarded second place in the sports photo category.

Managing Editor Ted McKinney received an honorable mention for in-depth reporting.

In the John David Reed General Excellence category, the Alestle staff received an honorable mention.

The Alestle's Back to School Survival Guide also received second-place recognition in the special supplement category, an award open to all schools in the competition.

FORUM

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called in asking why their children carried the same average but were not invited.

"(It shows) you need to work a little harder to prepare for the university,"

Vandegrift said.

The next and final open forum for the school year takes place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, at the SIU School of Dental Medicine.

Ready for a rocky climb



KATIE GROTH/ALESTLE

Junior Michael Wade helps senior Joel Blaies and freshman Jeff Loberg at the Rock Climbing Wall Tuesday in the Vadalabene Center. Blaies, Loberg and other students participated in the Climbing Safety Orientation Class.

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College media still defending free press



In recent letters to the editor, the Alestle has been criticized for its content and news judgment.

Consider this an open invitation to come make a difference.

College newspapers are one of the last truly independent news institutions.

For instance, the Alestle is a designated public forum separate from administration control. No one influences our message.

The Alestle is also an ideal media-learning laboratory.

"You really want a situation where you have all of the opportunities to learn and to make mistakes," College Media Advisers President Lance Speere said. "The Supreme Court has recognized all along that a university is the best place for you to exercise your First Amendment rights. They use terms like 'a market place of ideas.'"

You can help us inform, educate and entertain SIUE, and at the same time, challenge injustices as Alestle staffers attempt to shed light on those acting unfairly and give a voice to the voiceless.

Tuesday, the Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal of a 7th Circuit Court case where a college newspaper's administration insisted on reviewing the newspaper prior to

publication (Hosty v. Carter).

What this means for a college journalists is unclear.

The court case was muddled from the get-go. The plaintiffs, from The Innovator at Governors State University, were suing for monetary damages rather than restoration of their First Amendment Rights. This case was never about censorship. At issue was whether Dean Patricia Carter, the administrator who requested prior review, could be sued for damages for violating the journalists' rights or was she entitled to qualified immunity as a government official.

For now, the issue of college media censorship is clear as mud. In Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin (7th Circuit) college newspapers could be subject to prior review. In the rest of the country, college journalists maintain the same rights as those in professional media.

However, the Alestle and the SIUE administration have always had a good working relationship. Yes, there have been tense moments and disagreements, but there has never been the threat of censorship. We do not anticipate an emboldened administration infringing on our First Amendment Rights.

This college newspaper must continue unfettered to serve the campus community. The potential for censorship is an example of larger problems facing all media.

Despite political correctness and the push for diversity in America, we are being spoon-fed an increasingly narrow perspective of reality by our media.

Because of Washington's continued reduction of media ownership regulations, the media

are more concentrated than at anytime in the last four decades.

Giant transnational media conglomerates now own not only the networks, but also cable companies, the companies that deliver the signals and the companies that produce the programs.

According to Ben Bagdikian's book "The New Media Monopoly," only five huge corporations — Time Warner Inc., Disney, News Corp., Bertelsmann AG of Germany and Viacom Inc. — now control most of the media industry in the United States. General Electric Co. is closing the gap as a sixth Goliath.

What does that mean for you and me?

That lack of diversity in media ownership results in a lack of diversity in the news. Media companies influence what their outlets circulate. Only the stories that are consistent with corporate well-being are filtered to consumers.

By doing this, the media are not serving a democratic society, where a diversity of views, ideas and opinions are vital to an informed citizenry.

Our current media system promotes the spin of its own economic and political interests. What we often receive, instead of fair and balanced news, is propaganda passed off as journalism.

For more information on media reform, visit the Fairness & Accuracy In Reporting Web site at www.fair.org or Freepress at www.freepress.net.

In the mean time, stop by the Alestle and help us enhance the SIUE community.

Ted McKinney
Managing Editor

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Letter to the editor Student has complaints with newspaper

Since the beginning of this semester, I have become increasingly disgusted with the Alestle. The original meaning and purpose of the Alestle was high quality news from SIUE, Alton, East St. Louis and Edwardsville; so why isn't there any news from these communities?

The Alestle this semester, in particular, has become increasingly watered down. I am most disturbed with the so-called "Editor in Chief" Courtney Rakers. The reading level,

maturity and content of your "editorials" are the equivalent of something I would expect from a high school freshman girl's blog instead of from the lead editor of a major university paper.

As the editor in chief, it is one of your responsibilities to spell check the paper which commonly has errors. The significant sports articles of our wonderful SIUE athletes should be front-page news instead of hiding their achievements in the back. I do not know how you were ever elected to the

prestigious editor in chief position, but I am calling for your resignation.

We are all college-educated and it insulting for you to publish such low-grade news. Your attempts are not entertaining, and I feel I have lost some intelligence every time I read this garbage. How there hasn't been any outrage from the English Department is beyond me.

Daniel Petty
Sophomore
Political Science

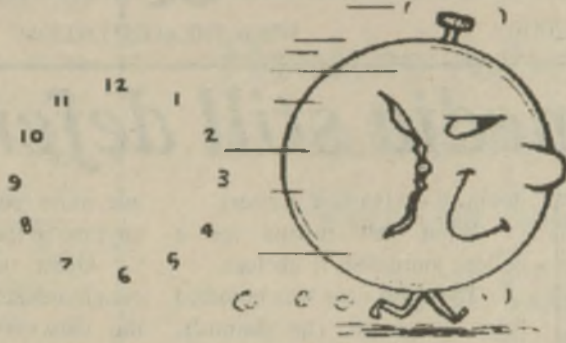
Corrections

The Alestle omitted the cost of the Sigma Pi Mardi Gras bus in Thursday's campus scanner. The cost of the bus is \$12. Tickets are still available by contacting Sigma Pi.

The Alestle incorrectly identified the title of Chris Well's book, "Deliver us from Evelyn," in Tuesday's edition of the paper.

The Alestle regrets the errors.

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Showbiz auditions Saturday

JUSTIN GIBSON
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

The SIUE Theater and Dance Department is holding auditions for students, faculty and community members this Saturday for its annual Summer Showbiz program.

Summer Showbiz is an annual series at SIUE that is funded by the College of Arts and Sciences and is produced by the Theater and Dance Department. It gives actors, dancers and singers a chance to perform Broadway-type musicals in front of a very large audience.

There are two musicals in which anyone can audition for: "State Fair" and "A Chorus Line."

The performances for "A Chorus Line" will be given June 15 through 18 and June 22 through 25. Performances for "State Fair" will be given July 13 through 16 and July 20 through 23. Both will be performed in the Dunham Hall Theater.

"The Summer Showbiz event has been going on for over 20 years, so you (can) definitely call it an SIUE tradition," Theater and Dance Director of Marketing Lana Hagan said. "State Fair" Director Peter Cocuzza believes this year's Summer Showbiz will be another great success.

"Summer Showbiz brings more people onto the SIUE campus in the summer than any other event offered," Cocuzza said. "It provides great family entertainment and provides students a valuable learning experience."

Hagan also believes strongly in the Summer Showbiz's constant success.

"Thousands of people come to campus in the summer to see these shows," Hagan said.

The Department of Music helps add a live musical element by providing students to help with the Summer Showbiz performances.

"Alongside the Theater and Dance Department, the Department of Music is highly involved. We have live orchestras made up of student musicians every summer," Thomas said.

Anyone interested in auditioning for "A Chorus Line" or "State Fair" should call 650-2773 to reserve a time. Participants will be required to perform 16 bars from a Broadway show tune and a one-minute monologue. Participants should also be ready to dance.

'The Dispute' is a visual spectacle at SIUE

ASHLEIGH STRINGFIELD
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The SIUE Theater and Dance Department's first main-stage show of the season, "The Dispute," opened Wednesday.

The performance is a modern retelling of the French one-act play

"La Dispute" by Chamblain de

Marivaux. The play has modern

elements written by the director and

several other notable figures to

go along with the historical text. Much of the

material has been left the same, but

some things have been added to

expand the show and give it more

depth. "In the original script I had

two lines, but now I have three

scenes," Jordan Villines said of her

character, Kate.

The show is subtitled "A

Baroque Multi-Media Reality

Tale" for a reason.

It is a non-stop spectacle from

beginning to end. The combination

of dance, music, lighting and

projected background promises to

wake up the senses and have the

audience laughing.

When asked how the idea for the set came about, scenic designer

James Dorethy said, "I looked at a lot of European design motifs

whose sets are very bare, they tend to be more about light, than about

absolute concrete realism and that seemed somehow to be good for

"In the original script I had two lines, but now I have three scenes."

~Cast member Jordan Villines

this."

"It is a much more out there and in your face way of

representing the theater than to go with some sort of over-detailed

reality," Dorethy said.

The play follows the lives of four children who have been raised

separately and are brought together in an experiment to see which sex

betrays the other first. "[It is] about relationships between men and

women. It is about starting out and developing and finding out

that you were totally wrong about what you thought was true."



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"The Dispute" cast members, right to left, Jordan Villines, Stephen "Mayo" Ploch, Vanessa Sotomayor, David Mitchell, Rachel Hanks, Philip Leveling, Amanda K. Oefelein and David Whitacre.

Amanda Oefelein, who plays Adine, said.

Director Chuck Harper said this production will be a continuation

of "bobrauschenbergamerica," with the same crazy humor and

interesting techniques that were used in that production. With the

addition of several dance scenes and even extra characters, this play

is sure to come alive with the

intensity the original script never had.

"The Dispute" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. until

Saturday, with a 2 p.m. showing Sunday, in the Dunham Hall

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Cougar comeback falls short in OT

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Cougars began to slip below sea level over the weekend as they sunk beneath the .500 mark.

SIUE suffered a tough loss to the University of Southern Indiana, going down 76-68 in overtime Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.

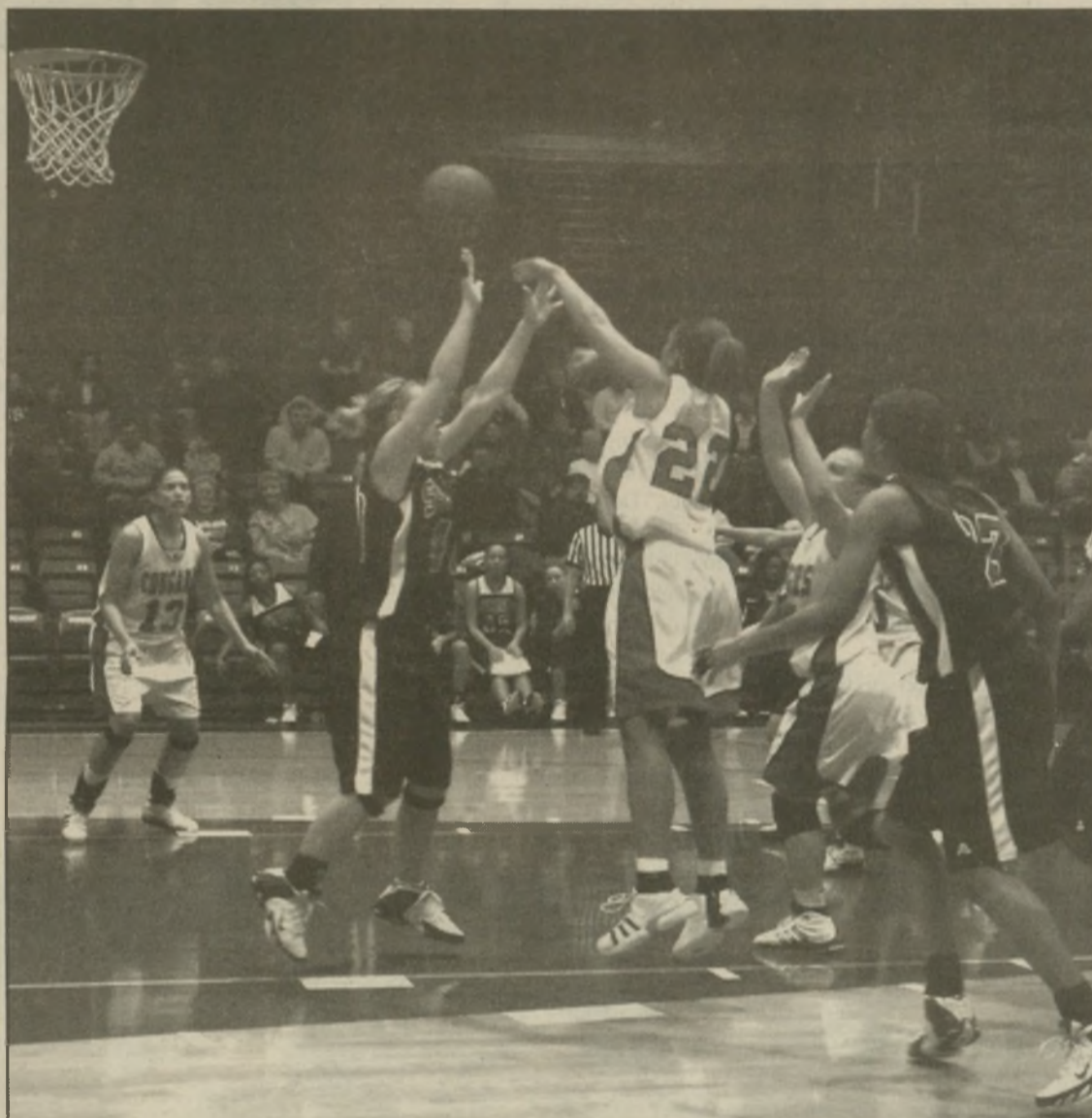
The loss dropped the Cougars to 12-13 on the season, with a 6-11 mark in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. SIUE is 3-7 in the West division of the GLVC.

"I think they laid it all on the line. There were just mistakes we made that killed us," SIUE Head Coach Wendy Hedberg said. "We had about four turnovers that really hurt us. A traveling (violation), an errant pass. In tight games you can't have that."

The Cougars came out of the gates hot against USI, scoring on 50 percent of their shots in the first half of play and storming to an early 20-4 lead.

By halftime, Southern Indiana had climbed back into the game, but the Cougars still held control with a 37-30 advantage.

The rest at halftime proved to be too long for the Cougars, as they came out of the locker room



KATY HARTWIG/ ALESTLE
SIUE freshman Deidra Dace delivers a pass in traffic to senior teammate Alisa Carrillo, right, during the Cougars' loss to the University of Southern Indiana Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.

not packing the same punch they had in the first period. Southern Indiana wasted no time in pouncing on SIUE. Hedberg said the swing came as a result of the Eagles picking up their pressure on defense in the second half.

USI forward Jasmine Barnes' 3-pointer five minutes into the second period pulled the Screaming Eagles to within a bucket of SIUE.

Barnes cleaned the Cougars' clock all night, lighting them up for 29 points on 10 for 16 shooting from the field.

Center Sarah Buldtman capped off a 15-2 run and gave her Screaming Eagles their first lead of the night on an old-fashioned 3-point play. USI went up 45-44 on Buldtman's free throw.

The Eagles seized the momentum shift, going up by as much as seven before SIUE crawled back late in the regulation.

Down four points with 56 seconds remaining, SIUE freshman Deidra Dace clipped the Eagles' lead in half and brought the Cougars to within a basket.

Then, after a USI turnover, the Cougars got one last possession and needed someone to step up for the big shot.

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Wrestling team ends season with no wins

MATTHEW BRUCE
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE wrestling team has suffered through a long and brutal season. Saturday's match against No. 3 University of Central Oklahoma was icing on the Cougars' cake.

In its regular-season finale, SIUE traveled to the Hamilton Field House in Edmond, Okla., and the Broncos stripped the team down to its jockstrap in a 52-0 clobbering.

In a merciless display of domination, UCO hammered the Cougars in every contested match. SIUE junior John Ficht wrestled to the most respectable defeat, losing a 6-0 decision to No. 3 All-American Cort Peterson at 165 pounds.

The Central Oklahoma

squad featured three All-Americans and six nationally-ranked wrestlers.

UCO's No. 5 Earl Jones needed just 24 seconds to pin SIUE sophomore Chuck Patten

to the mat in the 133-pound bout. SIUE sophomore Ian Kossina tried to put up a fight at

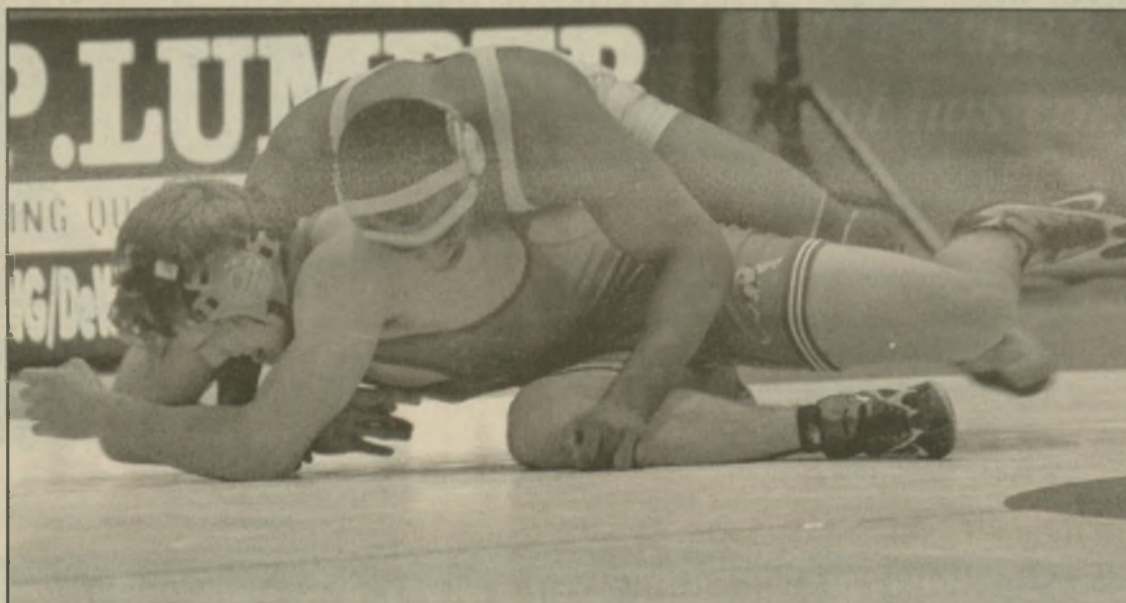
141 pounds, but was outmatched by fourth-ranked All-American Kyle Evans. Evans hogtied Kossina en route to a 22-5 victory.

The Broncos unleashed another All-American on the Cougars in the 149-pound match. No. 5 Shea Timothy needed one minute, 32 seconds to get the pin and win on SIUE freshman James Aschenbrenner.

No. 7 Jason Leavitt dismantled SIUE sophomore Andrew Isensee at 157 pounds, before Ficht's loss. The Cougars forfeited the final four matches.

The loss dropped SIUE to 0-13 on the season.

The Cougars now look forward to finding better success at the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Saturday in Jefferson City, Tenn.



KATIE GROTH/ ALESTLE
SIUE freshman Nathan Decker struggles to escape the grasp of William Penn University's Earl Robinson during a recent wrestling match in the Vadalabene Center.

Softball team wins three of first six games

MALLORY HENSLEY
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE women's softball team swung its season into high gear as it played its first six games in Arizona last weekend.

The Cougars' debut game was weak considering their high-flying seventh-place national ranking, but the team bounced back with a couple of promising performances. SIUE posted an even 3-3 record in the three-day tournament.

The Cougars opened the 2006 season with a 7-2 loss at the hands of Montana State University-Billings.

Montana scored their seven runs on seven hits off SIUE junior pitcher Sabra McCune. SIUE had a poor offensive showing, with just three hits the entire game.

Montana catcher Aysha Maddox scored in the third inning on a single by left fielder Lorel Palmer. SIUE's junior

outfielder Jodie Ohlau answered back with a home run when she got up to bat. The Cougars' fates were sealed in the seventh, when Montana scored four runs.

Later that day SIUE took the field against Adams State College. The Cougars notched their first victory of the season.

Freshman pitcher Kaitlin Colosimo debuted on the collegiate mound with a win.

SIUE scored seven runs off of 10 hits. Adams State outhit the Cougars, but only managed to get five runners across the plate.

California State University-Dominguez Hills took down the Cougars bright and early Friday morning. CSU had three big innings, scoring three runs in the first, three runs in the third and two runs in the sixth.

SIUE had just three hits. Sophomore Lindsey Laas and senior Casey Wantland shared pitching duties for the Cougars.

Laas pitched two innings and let in six runs. Wantland pitched the remaining three, allowing two earned runs.

The "Comeback Cougars" recouped and came out strong against Texas Women's University Friday afternoon. SIUE junior catcher Libby Lenart homered in the second.

Down 3-1 until the sixth, SIUE scored three runs and held the lead the rest of the game.

SIUE senior outfielder Shanna Waldo started the sixth inning off with a single, then stole second. Sophomore Haylee Eubanks pinch-hit for sophomore Kaeleigh Rousey and drew a walk. Senior outfielder Alicia DeShasier singled, moving the runners to second and third.

McCune put the ball in play, allowing both Waldo and Eubanks to score. DeShasier scored on a long-ball hit to right field by Ohlau.

DeShasier, a top offensive

player for the Cougars, starts the season with a .421 batting average. She collected a hit each game, including a home run.

"McCune threw an excellent ball game," SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said. "We got timely hits when we were down. The Texas Women's game was a turning point for us this weekend."

In its last game on Friday, SIUE beat Eastern New Mexico University 7-3. McCune held her opponents to just four hits.

"We came out and hit the ball pretty well against New Mexico. They are a strong team, and they hit the ball well," Montgomery said. "We gave up a few hits that we should not have, but it is early in the season. We are still trying to work through a few things."

The weekend was capped off with a game against Texas A&M University-Kingsville on Saturday.

McCune and Colosimo shared the pitching duties. McCune faced 23 batters, allowing seven runs. Colosimo tossed against the final 11, allowing one run. SIUE managed six hits and four runs.

SIUE hosts the Cougar Classic this weekend. The Cougars play at 1 and 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Friday's match-ups against the University of Nebraska-Omaha and Saint Joseph's College will set the pace for the rest of the weekend. SIUE faces Ferris State University and Missouri Western State University on Saturday.

"All of the teams coming in for the tournament are very strong teams. Many of the teams are in our region and went to playoffs last year," Montgomery said. "It is a strong tournament and we are looking forward to getting back on the field and, hopefully, to improving since last weekend."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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SIUE freshman Alison Fogle came through in the clutch, nailing a jumper with six seconds left on the clock to tie the score at 64 and send the game into overtime.

The excitement was short-lived as the Cougars faltered down the stretch, scoring just four points in the extra frame.

The Cougars shot themselves in the foot with bad free-throw shooting, going just two for eight from the charity stripe in overtime.

The Eagles closed the game out on an 8-0 run.

"I think they knew what was at stake and they battled hard for it," Hedberg said. "The overtime

... going two for eight from the free-throw line just isn't going to get it done.

"We were tied in the conference going into the game and probably whoever wins that game goes on," Hedberg added.

USI pounded the Cougars in the paint all night, outscoring

SIUE 36-18 inside.

The Eagles also took advantage of SIUE's carelessness, scoring 32 points on the Cougars' 20 turnovers.

Senior forward Alisa Carrillo led the Cougars with 18 points to go along with six rebounds.

Sophomore guard Whitney Sykes chipped in 13 points, but

had five turnovers.

The Cougars get back in action at 5:30 p.m. tonight in the Vadalabene Center against Rockhurst University.

"Right now our goal is to finish out strong, and get ready for next season," Hedberg said. "The kids are upbeat and ready to take on Rockhurst."

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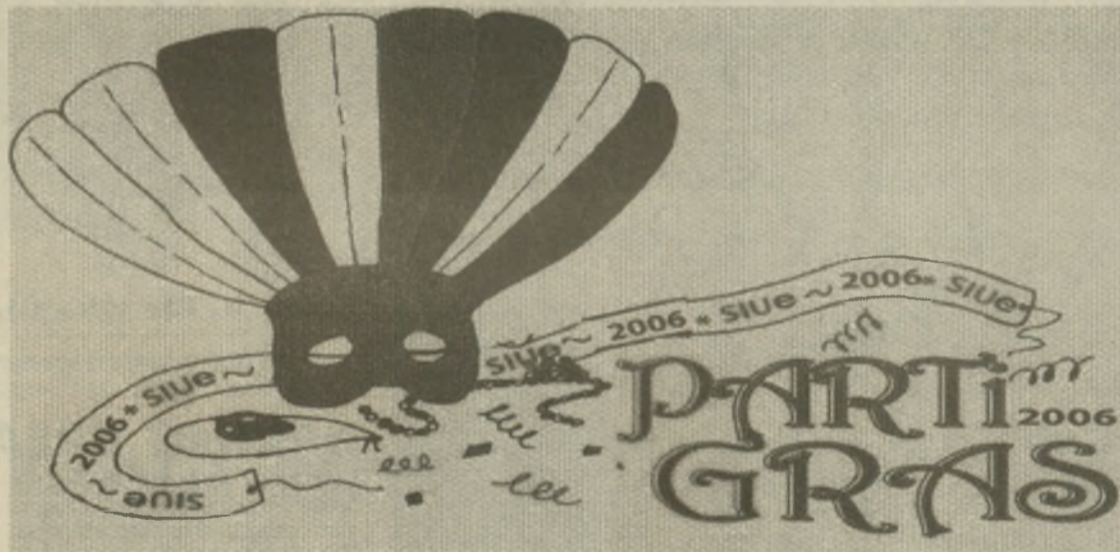
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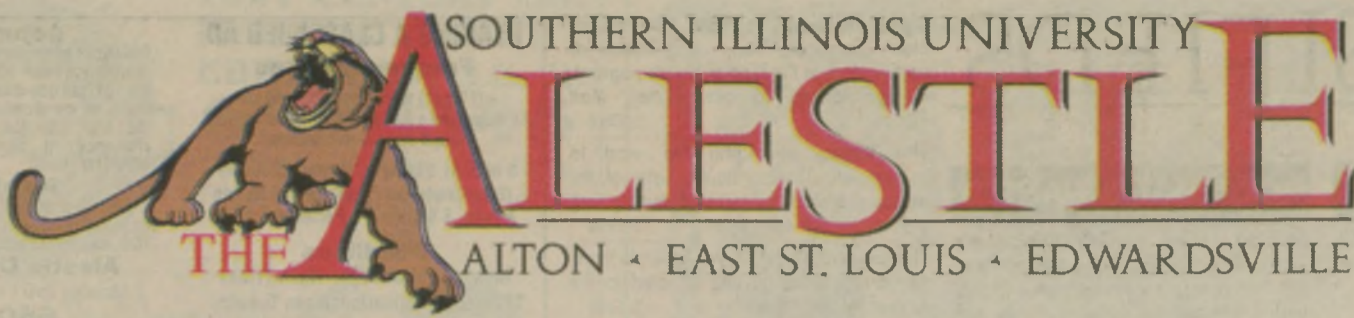
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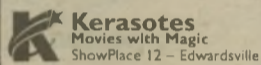
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