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Enrollment increase strains AdvisorTrac

by Catherine Klene
Alestle News Reporter

Undeclared students may be in for a shock when they log on to AdvisorTrac, as there are no advising appointments available for three weeks.

"There were nearly 1,200 appointments available on AdvisorTrac yesterday, (Sept. 5), the first day to make appointments for Spring '07 advising and registration," Director of Academic Counseling and Advising William Hendey said in a Sept. 6 e-mail to all undeclared students. "All of the available

appointment times were booked before the end of yesterday."

With a dramatic increase in the number of freshmen and transfer students, the Advising Department worked to make as many appointments available as possible. However, even they were surprised at the number of students who quickly snatched up appointment times for the first three weeks.

In addition to increased enrollment, Hendey also attributes the rush for appointments to the students' desire for specific classes.

"Undeclared does not mean undecided," Hendey said.

Nearly 80 to 85 of undeclared students have a major in mind when they make their advising appointments. Some majors that require critical classes, and some of these classes can close rapidly.

"In nursing, you have to be in certain classes, and they fill very quickly," undeclared freshman Emily Stuckey said.

The fight for appointments was not an easy one. Students such as Stuckey grew frustrated with slow systems and

pages that refused to load.

"(AdvisorTrac) was a pain because it took an hour to do it, and when you finally got there, the page wouldn't load," Stuckey said.

Other students, however, are not as concerned about getting in immediately.

"They've always taken really good care of me," freshman Kate Nelson said about the advising staff. "I'll make my appointment on Monday."

The Advising Department realizes that many students want the best

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In preparation for Rush Week, Phi Kappa Psi members Seth Dinehart, Andy Stone, Bill McMillan, Devin Heckenkemper advertise their organization by painting The Rock on the Stratton Quadrangle.

Greeks set to bring on new pledges

by Stephanie Schroeder
Alestle News Reporter

With Rush Week underway, pledges will get the chance to preview the campus' fraternities and sororities. Each day of Rush Week holds unique events that appeal to a wide variety of prospective students.

"We try to cater to everyone's needs," Alpha Kappa Lambda President Kevin Coppinger said.

The fraternity has both afternoon and evening programs that include Frisbee golf, Chinese buffet runs and Thursday night trips to The Funny Bone, a local comedy bar.

While sorority recruitment works similarly, the process is

more formal than fraternity recruitment. Women must preview all three of the sorority's events, hopefully receiving an invitation, or bid, to the program of their choice. Despite a more competitive feel, sororities welcome new pledges with open arms.

With nine fraternities and eight sororities on campus, students are certain to find a fit. SIUE has an large array of special interest Greek organizations, such as the newly-organized Gamma Phi Omega, a Latina sorority, or Delta Lambda Phi, a fraternity for gay and bisexual males. SIUE offers National Pan-Hellenic Council organizations as well.

"It is a great way to get in

the middle of things quickly," Greek Life Adviser John Davenport said.

Davenport also believes the long-term affiliation associated with Greek life fills one with a continued sense of pride.

Students become involved in Greek life for a variety of reasons. Some students involved gain a greater sense of community and friendship. Greek systems can help to build leadership and provide opportunities for scholarships and internships. Fraternities and sororities also host formal dances and service projects. Greek activities often encourage members to lend a helping hand to the local community.

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Senior capstone is moving on up

by Justin Gibson
Alestle News Reporter

SIUE makes the grade for a second year as it ranks in the top 15 universities nationwide for its comprehensive programs assessing the proficiency of graduating seniors by a U.S. News & World Report.

Other selected schools that SIUE joins are Duke, Harvard, MIT, Princeton, Truman State and the University of Chicago.

All students who attend SIUE have to complete a project called the senior assignment. It is a requirement that allows graduating seniors to apply what they have learned within their degree to real job experiences.

"The senior assignment shows what students are learning," said Lesa Stern, director of SIUE's undergraduate assessment and program review and the Undergraduate Research Academy. "We want to know we are accountable for what the students are doing and that we are giving them everything they need."

Stern said students have to provide evidence that they are learning skills in order to succeed. It measures students' knowledge within general education and within their minor.

"It's important to have a senior assignment because it helps the programs modify what they need to in order to help students," Stern said. "We need to know what is working

and what's not."

Stern also pointed out that SIUE is making improvements and gaining recognition for its senior programs.

According to a press release from SIUE, the school was also ranked 12th among public universities in the category of Midwest universities offering master's degrees.

The senior assignment serves a purpose besides just testing seniors to make sure they are ready for real world jobs.

"The project is meant to reflect what graduating seniors learned throughout their years, but they can also find new experiences and skills while doing so," Stern said.

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Some colleges recognized for senior capstone projects

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Summer students can stay in halls

by Holly Meyer
Alestle News Stringer

At Friday's Student Body meeting, Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift announced to the Student Senate that SIUE students taking summer courses will now have the opportunity to live in the residence halls during the term.

Vandegrift said the university wants students to know the "opportunity exists to go to summer school."

According to Vandegrift, SIUE is encouraging its students to attend school during the summer term in order to graduate on time. If students are only taking the minimum 12 credit hours a semester and not taking summer courses, they will not graduate in four years.

Vandegrift added that not graduating in four years will cost a student a considerable amount of money because tuition is only locked in for 48 months. Between the fourth and fifth year of college, tuition will increase approximately 40 percent, he said.

"I think it is an excellent idea," Student Body President Carl Mitchell, who attends summer courses, said. "There are obvious benefits."

According to Mitchell,

taking summer courses allows students "more time to concentrate" on their courses and allows them to "take it easy" during the fall and spring semesters.

"I like it," freshman Tiffany Turner said. "It's a good idea."

She added that if students do not have a place to live for the summer term, then they have to go home and attend

residential university," Vandegrift said.

"It's exciting to be recognized as a residential (university)," Mitchell said.

Also at Friday's meeting, personnel appointments were made. Holly Glover and Richard Mann were appointed to Student Legal Services. Glover was also appointed to School Spirit and Pride Committee and the External Affairs Committee. Brandon Rardin was appointed to Textbook Services Committee.

In addition, the Student Senate approved two program requests: one for the Student Art Therapy Association, "The Language of Art: Metaphor in Art Therapy" and another for the SIUE College Democrats, "Policy and Hate."

The Student Senate also approved a budget request for the School Spirit and Pride Committee and approved a student organization constitution review for the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship.

The next Student Senate meeting is at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 22, in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

**"The campus
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residential
university."**

-Chancellor Vaughn
Vandegrift

class at a community college.

Vandegrift said attending summer courses at SIUE can help a student's GPA. However, if a student attends class at a community college, the class will only transfer in as credit and not as an actual grade.

On a national level, SIUE is advancing.

"The campus has been reclassified as a primarily

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Dierbergs to open its doors this week

by Matthew Schroyer
Alestle Lifestyles Reporter

Dierbergs is holding the grand opening of its new store in Edwardsville Tuesday.

The Edwardsville location is the newest Dierbergs addition, and contains a school of cooking. The school is open to the general public, and is hosting two free 30-minute cooking classes on how to make cashew chicken stir-fry and lemon mousse cups. Their Web

site says registration starts Tuesday and spaces are limited.

According to their Web site, Dierbergs began in 1914 when William Dierberg bought the Creve Coeur House general store in St. Louis. Since then, Dierbergs expanded to 22 stores and more than 5,000 employees.

Dierbergs held walk-in interviews every day from July 12 to 22, except for Sundays, according to the Office of Conferences and Institutes.

Since then, they have set up recruitment tables in the Morris University Center periodically. Dierbergs also held training in the MUC in early September.

Dierbergs was not available for comment.

For more information, visit the Dierbergs Web site at www.dierbergs.com.

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Police Reports

Traffic

Police issued Stephanie Kessinger citations for speeding and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Danielle Harris a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Elicia R. Wade a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Danielle Reed a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

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Police issued Natasha Sweeney a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on Cougar Lake Drive.

9-8

Police issued Julia Daum a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

Alcohol

9-8

Police arrested Jason Sodam for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving with a suspended license. Sodam was also issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign.

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courses and best times. Still, Hendey stresses that 5,000 students making appointments in the first three weeks just will not work.

Only three weeks worth of appointments were offered at first, but it is important to note that new appointments will be added to AdvisorTrac every Monday starting this week.

For students who have not made their advising appointments, Hendey tells them not to worry just yet.

"It is true that the first three weeks of the advising and registration period have been filled with appointments," Hendey said. "But as long as you are able to get an appointment during the first eight to nine weeks of the advising and registration period, you should not have a problem."

Hendey broke down the process of appointment scheduling to help students better understand the situation.

Early appointments—those made within the first eight weeks—will most likely be able to get their "ideal schedule," including the chosen times and classes. Later appointments will probably get into the requested

classes, but not the desired times. Extremely late appointments, such as those made at the end of the semester, will still result in a full and appropriate class schedule. However, students will not receive their first or secondary class choices, and times are no longer up to them.

It rarely happens that a student will not have a full schedule for the next semester, even if they wait until the last minute.

Students who are still concerned that they might not get into a small or seldom-offered course still have a chance for early appointments.

"It's not a bad idea to check (AdvisorTrac) frequently," Hendey said, "because there are cancellations."

Another worry students expressed was the shutting down of CougarNet last weekend. The introduction of the new Banner system required CougarNet to be taken offline for updates.

Many students were concerned that this would interfere with appointments. However, the Advising Department assured students that no appointments could be

made over that weekend.

Despite the inconvenience over the weekend, the Banner system will benefit students in the long run. Among other things, the updated system will greatly change the way students register for classes. If all goes as planned, the Banner system will essentially allow students to register themselves for the fall 2007 semester.

The decision on whether or not students must still meet with academic advisors is currently under review. It is possible that only those students on academic probation or incoming freshmen will have mandatory academic advising.

This academic year though, students will still meet with advisors to plan their class schedules, and despite the battle for appointments, the Academic Counseling and Advising Department assured students that even if their appointments are not in the first three weeks, there is no need to panic. There is still plenty of time for scheduling.

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Campus Scanner

Career Carnival – Career Development Center presents an opportunity for students to play games and win prizes from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Stratton Quadrangle. For more information, visit the CDC Web site.

Flag Football – Tuesday is the last day for students to register a team. For more information, contact Richard at 650-3245.

Peace Week – Events continue with Falun Dafa from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. An Islamic traditions lecture will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Religious Center. For more information, contact Sister Claudia Calzetta at 650-3205.

Cougar Craze – Students can be in their own music video and/or take pictures courtesy of Campus Activities Board from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. For more information, contact B. Tounsel at btounse@siue.edu or L. Suliman at lsulima@siue.edu.

Workshop – Students can learn to improve their writing and proofread their own work at the Writing Center Workshop: Proofreading for Success from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesday at Peck Hall's Writing Center in Room 1412. For more information, visit siue.edu/IS/WRITING/workshops.htm.

Late Night Entertainment – Students can check out live performances at the Starbucks Late Night Espresso from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Morris University Center's Starbucks location. For more information, contact Debbie at 650-2305.

Canoe Trip – Students and faculty can navigate the St. Francois River at the Sam A. Baker State Park this weekend via the Student Fitness Center. Thursday is the last day to register. The fees are \$45 for students, \$55 for faculty and SFC members and \$65 for guests. For more information, contact the SFC Front Desk at 650-2348.

Wiffleball and Washers – Students have until Friday to register in order to take part in the Wiffleball/Washers Tournament at the Rec Plex. It is free. For more information, contact Richard at 650-3245.

Phi Kappa Psi

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SIU Trustees to meet

Alestle News Staff Report

The SIU Board of Trustees will have their first meeting for the semester Thursday morning in the Meridian Ballroom.

The meeting will take place at approximately 10 a.m. and will cover issues for both the SIUE and Southern Illinois University Carbondale campuses. Finance and academic matters and architecture and design committees will also meet to discuss upcoming investment reports as well as construction contracts for the Carbondale campus.

Changes in administrative payroll for SIU employees will also be discussed, including changes in pay for SIUE staff and new employees.

There will also be a closed

session at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in the Board Room of Birger Hall, where the board will discuss negotiating matters such as employment compensation and the performance of SIU employees.

According to the meeting agenda, there are no recommended construction plans for the Edwardsville campus up for discussion at Thursday's meeting.

However, during the Thursday session, the board of trustees will also consider several repairs and construction plans for the Carbondale campus, including a proposed \$75 million plan to renovate and expand the SIUC football stadium, as well as parking lot and roof repairs.

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Various organizations, such as the March of Dimes and the Make a Wish Foundation, provide a wealth of opportunities for volunteering.

In order to take part in Greek life, students must maintain a 2.5 GPA and must be enrolled as a full time student. Greek programs also charge a small fee per semester to join. In addition, members are required to attend weekly

meetings and some mandatory functions held by their student group. All aspects of hazing are strictly illegal on campus.

Rush Week and Sorority Recruitment take place this week.

For more information, contact Davenport at 650-3396.

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Perspective: We've lost an all-too-rare human connection to the animal world

by Macarena Hernandez

The Dallas Morning News (MCT)

I've been unexpectedly sad all week over the death of "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin. I say "unexpectedly," because I wasn't exactly a regular viewer of his show on Discovery's Animal Planet channel.

In fact, I'm not even sure I ever sat through an entire episode.

But even if you weren't an avid fan, you couldn't help being delighted by the exuberant Aussie, dressed in his trademark khaki shirt and shorts, cradling and cooing over creatures most of us wouldn't exactly call "beautiful," much less cozy up to.

Most Americans couldn't tell you the name of Australia's prime minister, but we knew who Irwin was: an ordinary bloke with blue-collar roots who loved to wrestle crocodiles. He made it easy to forget that he wasn't invincible.

"If I'm going to die," the 44-year-old naturalist joked in a 2002 interview, "at least I want it filmed."

Tragically, he got his wish. On Sept. 4, while shooting a documentary called "Ocean's Deadliest" in the Great Barrier Reef, a stingray's barb pierced his heart as he swam above it.

Moments after he yanked it out, he was dead. Stingrays' strikes are rarely fatal, so it was an especially cruel twist of fate.

In the first public comments by Irwin's family since the tragedy, his father, Bob Irwin,

who started the wildlife park that his son turned into a major tourist attraction, said they were aware of the inherent dangers of their work.

"Both of us over the years have had some very close shaves, and we both approached it the same way - we made jokes about it," he said. "That's not to say we were careless. But we treated it as part of the job. Nothing to worry about really."

More natural celebrity than trained biologist, Irwin successfully built his career around a passion that stirred in childhood, when his father, a plumber at the time, taught him to catch crocodiles in the rivers of North Queensland.

"That's what my hand and my brains are designed to do," he once said. "That's what I have to give to the world."

We all know people who lovingly and skillfully connect with animals, but generally not the type with giant jaws, claws and venom. In Irwin's risky exploits, we saw the rarest of gifts - the ability to understand and communicate with all varieties of creatures, especially the panic-inducing kind.

"If you love the snake, and if you sincerely love it, it will ooze out through your hands," he once said. "If you can avoid being hit in the first 30 seconds, pretty soon the snake will understand that you're not trying to kill it."

Irwin's fearlessness and willingness to go anywhere were what won him so many fans. While more staid scientists and conservationists were solemnly

lecturing about habitats and ecosystems and endangered species, he was off giving us a front-row look at wildlife.

Two years ago, he was criticized for being a little too wild - when he dangled a piece of meat for a crocodile on one hand while holding his one-month-old baby boy with the other. He didn't think he did anything wrong. If his kids were going to live around crocodiles, he told "Today's" Matt Lauer, they needed to get used to it.

Maybe what was so alarming to us about the baby incident was just how perfectly at home Irwin was with the wilderness. Our own lives, for the most part, are predictably tame. Our boxed-in society has a way of moving us away from the natural world, making it too easy to lose our respect for the planet - and, even worse, to lose our awe.

But here was Steve Irwin, wrapping himself in an anaconda or cuddling a croc, putting us in touch with where the wild things are. We relied on him to move us beyond our fears and into the marvelous, complicated world around us.

Now that he's gone, we've not only lost this larger-than-life character, we've also lost that connection. And perhaps that's what we're going to miss most of all.

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Opinion

Five years later, it's time to remember

It seems hard to believe that it has already been five years.

Sept. 11, 2001, was a day unlike any I have experienced before or since.

As the events unfolded that morning, I remember the faint sound of television newscasts emanating from

Megan McClure

each classroom door. I remember walking past one classroom door, hearing an awe-struck teacher say, "Look at all of that smoke ..."

During lunch a few hours later, I remember the eerie silence in the gymnasium as news updates played on an old television. I remember looking at my friends sitting next to me in the bleachers, each with the same wide-eyed, grief-stricken expression.

After school, I remember returning home, only to find my parents, older brother and a long-time employee of our family business sitting on the couch in our living room watching the news, exactly as they had been for the past six hours. I remember looking out the bathroom window upstairs, amazed that there was a line of cars a block long waiting to get to the gas station down the street. I remember my older sister calling from Ohio, just to say, "I love you."

Of course, those were just my experiences. Each and every one of you has your own story to tell. This attack is the defining historical event of our generation. Years from now, we will share our recollections of that day with our children and grandchildren.

As we commemorate this fifth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States, I implore you to remember. Remember - for that day, at least - we all shared in the same feeling of profound grief, the same emptiness and sense of bewilderment.

Above all, remember the unity. For that one day, all of us - young and old, black and white, Democrat and Republican - were united.

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Students share opinions
on marijuana legalization
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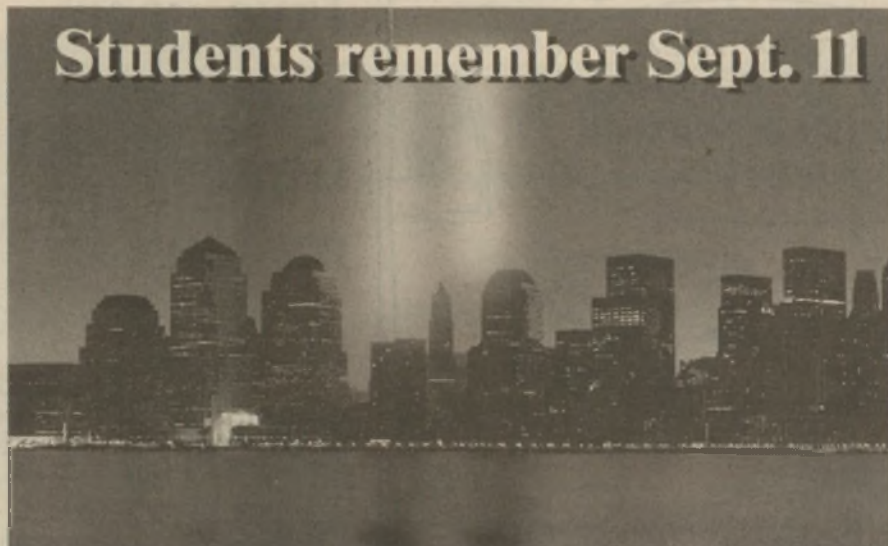
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Students remember Sept. 11



What do you remember from when you found out about the attacks?

"I was living in Venezuela. I saw the news. I was pretty impacted to see how the towers were falling apart and burning. It must have been a very scary day for New York."

-Victor Soto
junior, industrial engineering



"I was in chemistry my junior year of high school. I guess it was just kind of shocking."

-Ellen Lofton
junior, elementary education

How do you feel about the Sept. 11 movies that came out recently?

"To me, it's not that big of a deal, but to the people that were really affected, I think it would be."

-Katie Woodward
sophomore, nursing



"I think it's a good thing for people not to forget about it. ... It gives everybody who wasn't nearby insight on what actually happened."

-Asia Spencer
junior, criminal justice

Have the changes in security measures made you feel differently about your safety?

"I felt safe before it and I feel safe today."

-Austin Garber
sophomore, business



World peace can



Alestle Staff Report

With Monday marking the fifth anniversary of Sept. 11, student organizations are encouraging world peace with a campus campaign.

Sponsored by the Catholic Newman Student Union, United Campus Ministry, Student Leadership Development Program and Raise Your Voice, the Eleven Days of Peace Campaign unites the organizations in a mission to promote concord in the world.

"I think Peace Week gives the students of SIUE a good opportunity to be introduced to other religions and other ways of practicing peace."

-Kelly Barrett
Raise Your Voice President

"I think Peace Week gives the students of SIUE a good opportunity to be introduced to other religions and other ways of practicing peace," Raise Your Voice President Kelly Barrett said.

Beginning Sunday, the Eleven Days of Peace Campaign provides a number of opportunities for students to gain perspective on the world around them. This is the program's second year at SIUE.

"You need to learn to be peaceful with yourself because we try to change the world without changing ourselves," SLDP graduate assistant Leah Orwig said.

The Eleven Days of Peace Campaign will conclude Thursday, Sept. 21, on the United Nations' International Day of Peace with a candlelight walk and the opportunity for participants to take a pledge of nonviolence.

For more information on the Eleven Days of Peace events, call the Religious Center at 650-3246.

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Honor the United Nations' International Day of Peace and sign a pledge to nonviolence.

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For more information on the events, call the Religious Center at 650-3246.

List compiled by Laura Zurliene.



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Computer management and information systems senior Syed Qadri talks to Muslim Student Association President Hassan Khaja at Thursday's discussion, "The Koran and Science."

Muslim student shares perspective on experiences

by Matthew Schroyer

Alestle Lifestyles Reporter

Perspective.

Merriam-Webster's describes it as a mental view or prospect. To computer management and information systems senior Syed Qadri, it means drawing from many life experiences, both from Edwardsville and abroad.

Qadri grew up in Hyderabad, India, and began his college career at a university in Dubai, a city in the United Arab Emirates.

Qadri said the university has a lot in common with SIUE, but also has many differences.

"The basic structure was the same, semesters and all that stuff," he said, "but size-wise, that one (in Dubai) was really small."

Qadri is no stranger to different cultures. The diversity of the Dubai campus allowed him to experience other cultures.

"Be it food, be it clothes, you can get it from all over the world," he said.

Qadri also met many people and formed relationships spanning both language and culture.

"I had friends from China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Egypt and other places," he said.

While Qadri commented that Edwardsville is not as diverse and the courses are more difficult, he thinks it is a pleasant place to live.

"Generally in Edwardsville, I like the people over here," he said. "They are nice people."

However, the same sentiment may not apply to other locales. Qadri is a practicing Muslim, and prays five times daily. Sometimes being a Muslim brings about unfriendly exchanges from strangers, especially in large cities.

"My friends were saying if they go to a city like St. Louis or Chicago, there are some people who will call names," he said.

Qadri came to America in 2003.

On campus, he said he has been treated kindly and attributes the hospitable environment to the nice and "easy-going people" of Edwardsville.

While people remain outwardly kind to Qadri, it may not be a good indicator of deep-seated opinions. Although he is not worried about name calling in Edwardsville, Qadri is concerned with the public perception of Islam.

"People think Islam preaches violence and those who follow it are violent," he said.

Qadri said a negative public image of Islam is promoted by the mass media. He fears that people are getting the wrong ideas from news reports and might harbor the belief that Islam is the cause of terrorism.

"I would say I don't trust the media," he said.

Being the former president of the Muslim Student Association, Qadri made it a personal goal to change opinions of Islam on campus. He said the way terrorists are being categorized in the news is unfair to the peaceful Muslims of the world.

"Time and again, the MSA organization and other people have said things like 'there is no such thing as Islamic militants,'" he said. "There is no relation to Islam."

Qadri suggested that people should make a distinction between culture, personal decisions and religion. Qadri gave examples of how some of his personal practices have nothing to do with Islam.

"If I don't drink soda, it doesn't mean my religion prohibits drinking soda," he said. "It's my personal preference."

Extending the statement, Qadri argued the conclusions that people might get from mainstream news outlets.

"In the news, people hear about the mistreatment of women, but it's not Islam. It may be something personal or it maybe something customary coming down from hundreds of years, but it's not necessarily Islam," Qadri said. "If a Muslim does something, it may not be because his religion says something."

Much of the Islamic religion originates from two texts, the Quran and the Hadith. Qadri gave a quote from the Hadith, which is a catalog of the teachings and sayings of Muhammad and documents Islam's stance on other religions.

"Whoever oppresses a non-Muslim or commits injustice," he cited. "I will be the opponent (of that Muslim) on the Day of Judgment."

Qadri said the students should take a critical look at the world around them by absorbing information from a variety sources.

"The first thing to understand is what Islam really is," he said. "Once you understand that, and critically analyze, then you understand, then you may understand the current situation."

Qadri went on to say there is a lot riding on an individual's perspective.

"They should understand and know what is going on," he said. "It's their future. It's the future of their kids. It's my future and the future of my kids."

He boiled it down to two words.

"Wake up," he said.

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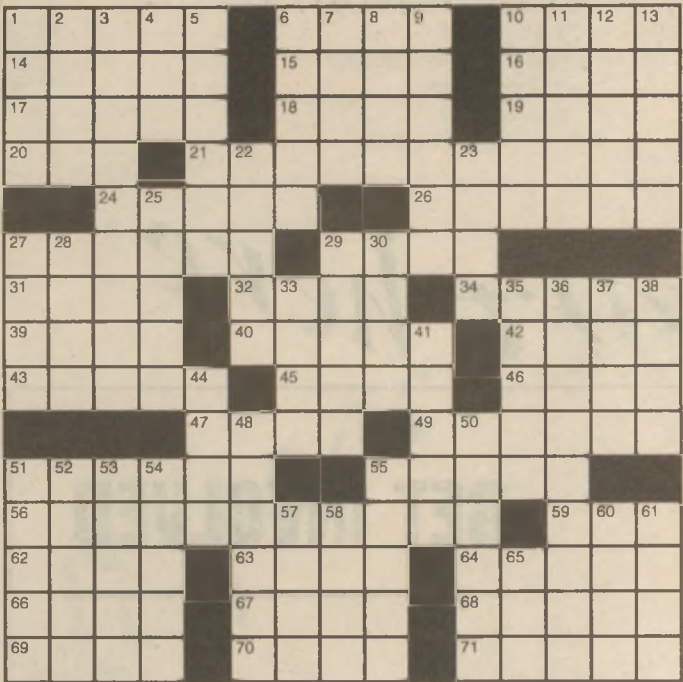
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By Norma Steinberg
San Francisco, CA

9/12/06

SUDOKU

By Michael Mepham

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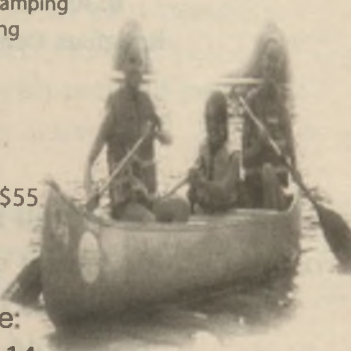
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SIUE beginning to climb

Cougars end feast or famine on conference competition

by Nicholas Johnson
 Alestle Sports Reporter

After going winless in its first three games of the season, the SIUE men's soccer team is beginning to find its rhythm.

The Cougars battled the Northern Kentucky University Norse to a double-overtime 1-1 tie Sunday afternoon at Korte Stadium after coming off consecutive 3-0 shutout wins against Great Lakes Valley Conference foes University of Missouri-St. Louis and Bellarmine University.

"We've been doing a good job defensively for the most part," SIUE Head Coach Ed Huneke said. "After the first game of the season, we've solidified things defensively. We're doing a decent job in scoring, but I'm not particularly happy with our amount of possession and control of the game."

NKU and SIUE held each other scoreless until a goal by NKU's Braden Bishop gave the Norse the lead at 49 minutes, 45 seconds. Tony Ray was credited with the assist.

SIUE struck back at NKU with a goal by freshman forward Kevin Bielicki at 60:50 with the assist coming from sophomore Dustin Attarian.

The officials dished out six cautions, including five yellow cards and a red card to NKU's Tony Capurro, as the final seconds ticked off the clock in the final overtime.

NKU played the more physical game of the two teams, with 24 fouls to the



Katie Groth/Alestle

SIUE senior midfielder John Matthews, left, eludes D.J. Todd of Northern Kentucky University during the Cougars 1-1 tie against the Norse Sunday at Korte Stadium.

Cougars' 13.

SIUE had the upper hand on the Norse in terms of shots on goal, as the Cougars had amassed five to NKU's three.

NKU goalkeeper blocked four of the five shots, while SIUE's Nicholas Frasca added one. SIUE was credited with one team save.

The Cougars are now 2-1-3, and stand at 2-0-1 in conference action.

SIUE lost its season debut to Fort Lewis College 4-0, and scrapped to a pair of ties in its next two games. The Cougars

did not pick up their first win until a 3-0 trouncing on UMSL Sept. 3.

"I think we've got some more work to do," Huneke said. "That's still not uncommon, (seeing) that it's relatively early in the year. We're still looking for the right combinations of players, but I think if we continue to work hard and play smart, we will make ongoing improvement."

In Friday's game, senior midfielder Victor Pacheco notched three assists against Bellarmine, pulling him within two for the all-time SIUE lead. The

Cougars cruised to a 3-0 victory.

SIUE kicks off a two-game road trip at 1:15 p.m. Friday against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha, Wis., and finishes the trip with a match-up against Lewis University on Sunday.

Huneke said that "Hard work and smart work" were the key to the team continuing its recent surge.

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SIUE sophomore midfielder Jennifer Kratzer, right, dribbles past Northern Kentucky University's Brandi Doss as SIUE senior Kristine Armstrong, center, looks on Sunday at Korte Stadium.

Cougars shut out in pair of home GLVC games

by Matthew Bruce
 Alestle Sports Editor

Through six games this season, the SIUE women's soccer team has outshot its opponents 126-47, with a 65-28 advantage in attacks on goal.

That is the good news for the team.

The bad news is that all three of the Cougars' losses have come with them on the short end of 1-0 shutouts in which they have taken at least 10 shots more than their challengers.

That was the case this weekend for SIUE. In their first two games at home, the Cougars went winless as they were unable to score a goal in a pair of 1-0

losses to Great Lakes Valley Conference opponents.

"We are doing everything we have to do to create opportunities for ourselves to score. We're just not finishing," SIUE Head Coach Lynda Bowers said. "It becomes very frustrating."

Junior midfielder Jenna Goertelman's goal-off assists from junior Jayme Light and senior Amy Law 10 minutes into the second period proved to be the game winner for Northern Kentucky University Sunday at Korte Stadium.

Despite outshooting the Norse 23-10, SIUE could not find the back of the net. NKU

Cougar hitters spike the punch in conference openers

by Mallory Hensley
Alestle Sports Stringer

The No. 23 SIUE volleyball team moved atop the Great Lakes Valley Conference as it battled in neck-and-neck competitions on Friday and Saturday nights at the Vadalabene Center.

The Cougars opened conference play with a pair of wins and are in a three-way tie with Lewis University and the University of Indianapolis for the GLVC lead.

SIUE played host to No. 17 Rockhurst University on Saturday and picked up a big conference win over the Hawks.

The teams played five cutthroat games before the Cougars eked out a victory in the deciding set to take the match 20-30, 30-22, 22-30, 30-28, 15-11.

The game was SIUE's second GLVC victory of the season – the team has a 2-0 conference record – as the Cougars improved to 9-2 overall.

The Cougars traded wins with the Hawks in the first four games, as Rockhurst proved to be stiff competition. In the final tie-breaking decision, SIUE edged out Rockhurst by four points.

Sophomore outside hitter Kate Hofeldt fronted the Cougar's offense, slamming 20 kills down the Hawks' throats.

Sophomores Emily Rahn and Kelsey Hubert, along with senior outside hitter Kim Potthast, offered plenty of support, adding 15, 14 and 14 kills, respectively.

SIUE's defensive line shined with 108 digs and 11 blocks on the night.

A win over Drury University preceded the Cougars' victory against Rockhurst, but it was not an easy win. The Panthers did not go down without a fight.

SIUE managed to come out on top of the first game, 31-29. Drury rebounded in the second match-up, beating the Cougars by eight points. After reversing the score to win game three 30-22, SIUE put the nails in the coffin with a 30-20 victory in the final game.

Potthast notched 15 kills in her appearance. Adding to the offense's power were Hubert and Rahn, who each contributed 12 kills to the effort.

Both teams struggled with their accuracy, but the Cougars out-hit Drury, .194 to .098.

SIUE puts on its traveling shoes Tuesday evening. The Cougars will take on Kentucky Wesleyan College in GLVC play in Owensboro, Ky. Game time is 7 p.m.

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SIUE sophomore outside hitter Kate Hofeldt smashes a kill as sophomore Mallory Clements watches during a recent game at the Student Fitness Center.

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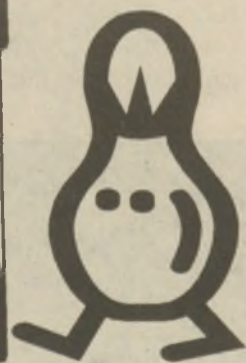
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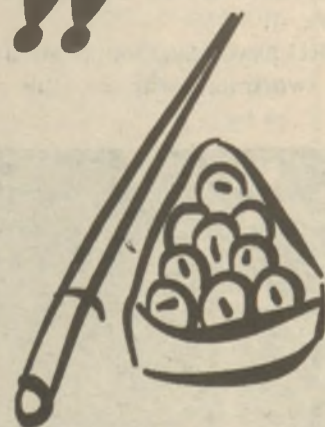
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freshman keeper Jenna Kramer stopped all 12 of the Cougars' shots on goal before going down with an injury with 7 minutes, 58 seconds remaining.

The loss dropped SIUE to 1-2 in the GLVC with a 3-3 mark overall. NKU improved to 4-2 overall and 2-2 in conference play.

In many ways, Sunday's match was a rehash of SIUE's 1-0 loss to Bellarmine University Friday night.

In that game, the Cougars stayed on the offensive, but could not muster any offense.

SIUE outshot Bellarmine 19-6, but the Knights struck what proved to be the decisive blow early.

Senior defender Lindsay Sheer scored off a corner kick with an assist from sophomore midfielder MacKenzie Prather to put Bellarmine up 1-0 just nine minutes into the game.

The Knights held SIUE off

the rest of the way and the score stood. Bellarmine improved to 4-1 with the victory, moving to 3-0 in the GLVC.

Freshman keeper Rebekah Westendorf recorded seven saves to shut the Cougars out.

SIUE is on course to take 378 shots by the end of the regular season, up 54 from last year's output, which included four postseason games.

"I think the girls are just catching on to what the coaching staff is wanting them to do," Bowers said. "They're doing everything really well, other than just finishing. That's really the only part I can complain about."

SIUE goes away for the first of a three-game conference road swing at 3:30 p.m. Friday in Kenosha, Wis., against GLVC foe the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

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SIUE freshman Kelley Humphrey, right, defends against Northern Kentucky University's Jeanna Goettelman Sunday at Korte Stadium. Goettelman scored the lone goal for NKU.

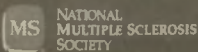
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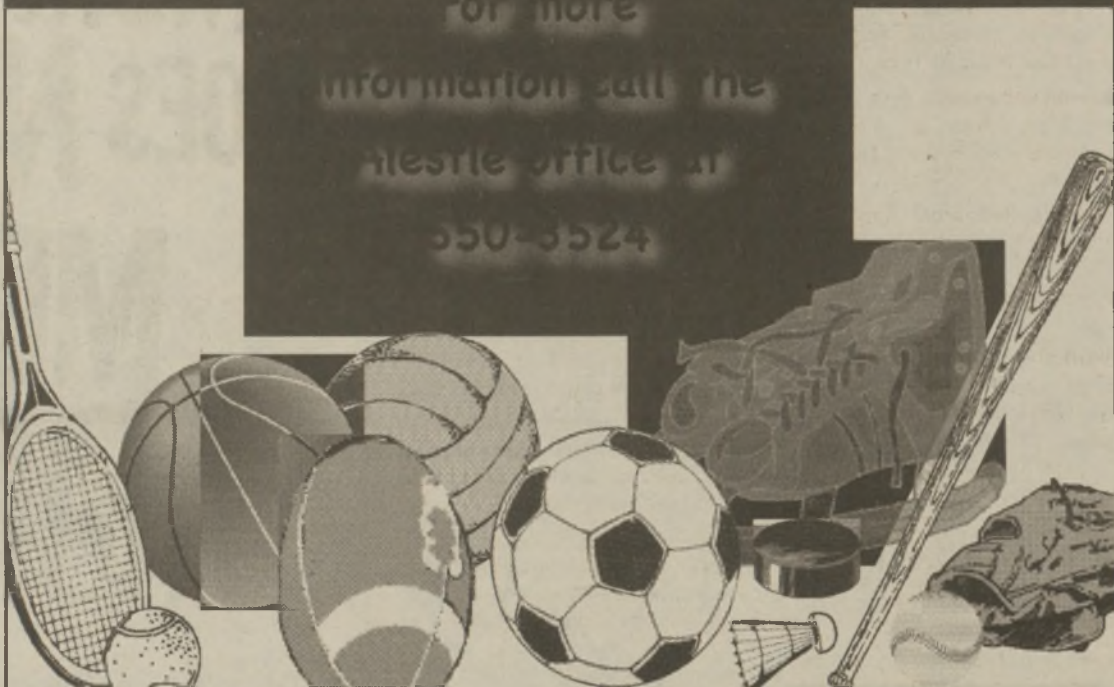
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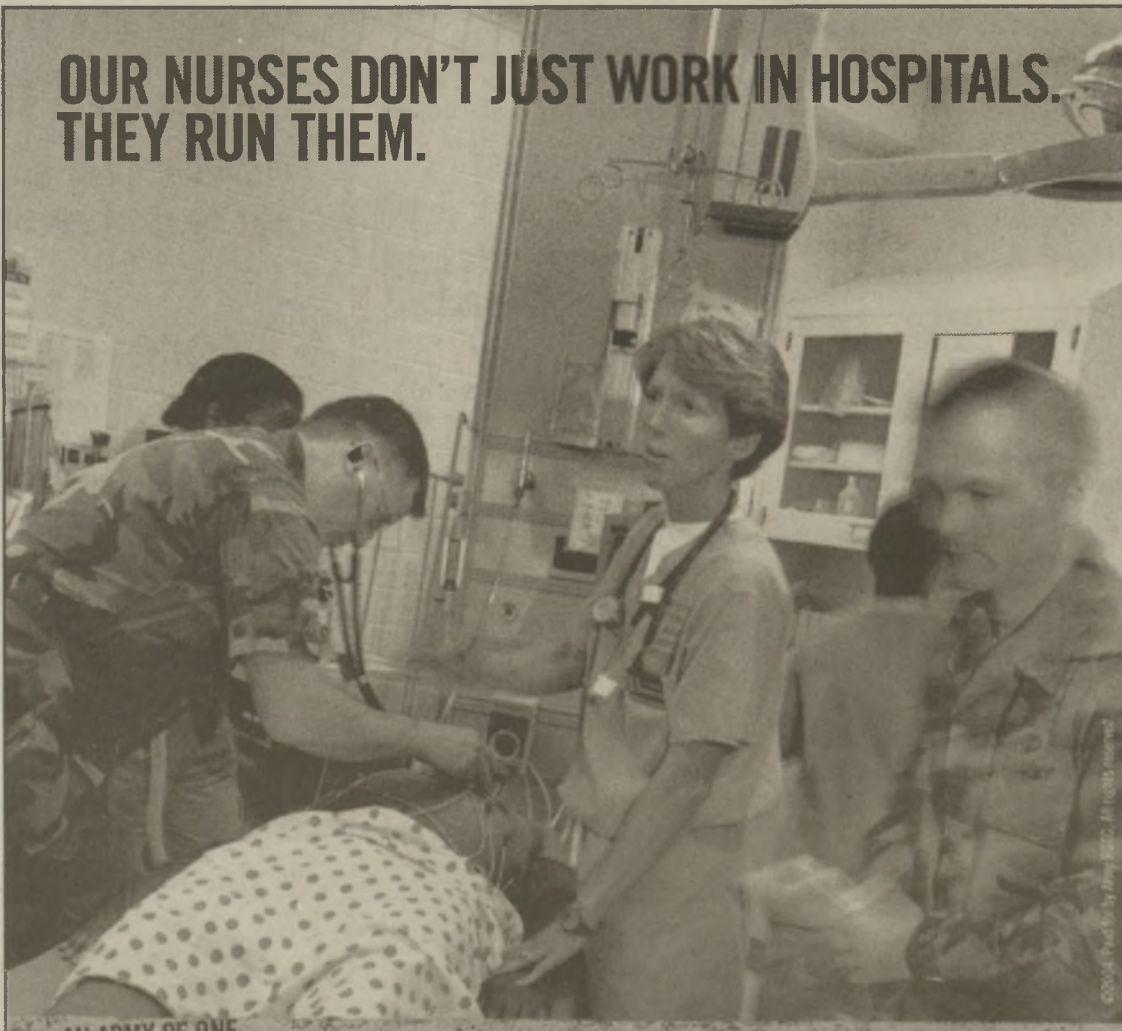
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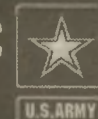
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