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SIU loses aviation alumnus in NY crash

by Zach Groves

Alestle Assistant News Editor

The baseball world was not the only one to lose a member in Wednesday's Manhattan plane crash, as Southern Illinois University lost a graduate, Tyler Stanger.

Stanger, 26, died along with New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle after a four-seat Cirrus SR20 airplane crashed into a 40-story condominium. Authorities are still unsure who was flying the plane at the time and what exactly caused the fatal accident.

According to Mt. San Antonio College Advisor Jeanne Scott, Stanger earned his associate's degree in commercial aviation before completing his bachelor's degree in aviation management through the SIU School of Aviation program in the Walnut, Calif. school.

"By the time he came to SIU he already had his ANP, (Airframe and Powerplant) plus his private pilot's license," Scott said Friday of Stanger, who she claimed was also an experienced aircraft mechanic. "He also had a desire at that time to open up his own flight school. Upon graduation he was able to achieve all of his goals. He graduated on time, he was able to open up his business and he wanted to get married and start a family. And all of that happened."

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Annie Tritt/Newsday/MCT

Fire trucks block traffic in New York City because of a small fixed-wing aircraft that slammed into a Manhattan residential skyscraper Wednesday leaving at least two people dead, New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle and flight instructor Tyler Stanger. Stanger, 26, completed his aviation management degree through Southern Illinois University.

Students write for donations

by Laura Cooper

Alestle News Reporter

This year, SIUE will help save children with cancer.

This is the first year for SIUE to participate in Up Til' Dawn, a collegiate fundraiser to benefit children with cancer at St. Jude Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. Up Til' Dawn is a Greek Council-sponsored event that is student-led and student-run with the leadership of a campus executive board.

"Stay awake for the kids' sake" is the fundraiser's motto and the entire campus works for one cause: to support research and treatment of childhood cancer at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A college can do a variety of fundraising activities for Up Til' Dawn, but SIUE did a letter writing campaign, asking for donations. SIUE signed up for the event last spring, and is



Andy Rathnow/Alestle

Freshman secondary education major Nick Rathmann writes letters to friends and family asking for cancer research donations during a campaign for Up Til' Dawn Wednesday at the Morris University Center's University Restaurant.

planning to make the event an annual tradition.

The first task, which was devoted to gathering teams of at least six people to mail letters to friends or relatives for the Up Til' Dawn fundraiser, took place Wednesday in the University Restaurant.

The goal was to have each team member complete 50 letters, asking family and friends to donate to the charitable

cause. At least 26 teams were present, and so far, 3,724 letters have been successfully mailed.

Students completed letters with their teammates, while having the chance to win attendance prizes provided by Edwardsville restaurants and St. Jude's Hospital.

Food, beverages and candy were provided for the participating students. Because

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Board OKs funds for student facility

by Kevin Eagan

Alestle News Stringer

With enrollment steadily increasing, the Student Fitness Center plans to expand to meet students' needs.

The SIU Board of Trustees approved Phase I of a \$1.6 million expansion of the Student Fitness Center at Thursday's meeting. The addition will include a 4,000 square foot multi-purpose room that will

house student activities and a 1,030 square foot office addition.

Administration Vice Chancellor Rich Walker said the expansion is needed because of growth in student enrollment.

"It's starting to get crowded here, and we need the space to keep our staff in one place," Walker said.

Construction for the project is slated to begin October 2007, with a proposed completion date

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Chancellor to speak

Alestle News Staff Report

SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift will speak to students, faculty and guests in his Report to the University.

According to a press release, the address, "Increasing the Momentum for National Recognition," will concentrate on the university's drive into the future.

The speech is designed to outline the chancellor's goals for SIUE and the university's future plans.

This is the third year the Report to the University was held.

The presentation will take place at 2 p.m. today in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

School of Business earns kudos

by Catherine Klene
Alestle News Reporter

SIUE's School of Business recently received high praise from the "Princeton Review."

The School of Business has been declared one of the 282 best Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business-accredited business schools in the world.

"We are very pleased to be included in the 'Princeton Review,'" School of Business Dean Gary Giamartino said.

Schools that make the list must first be accredited by the AACSB. According to Giamartino, only 25 to 30 percent of universities achieve the "gold standard" of AACSB accreditation.

"The best business schools are accredited by AACSB," Giamartino said.

The Princeton Review evaluates universities based on surveys given to the MBA students. Questions range from accessibility of faculty to how challenging the programs are. The surveys are anonymous, and the schools do not see the data prior to the release of the review.

The SIUE School of Business review was recently published in the "Princeton Review's" 2007 edition of the "Best 282 Business Schools" with mostly positive results. The review spoke highly of the faculty,

saying "professors are very knowledgeable and well-prepared for classes." They also mentioned the many different scheduling options in the School of Business and the affordability of SIUE.

A few negative comments were mentioned as well. Some students responded that "the physical classroom environment needs an overhaul for the MBA

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-Gary Giamartino,
School of Business
Dean

student." These students were referring to the "kindergarten" rows of desks, saying that they did not contribute to the creation of a businesslike atmosphere.

Josh Smucker, Emerging Leaders Influencing Things Everywhere President, a student organization sponsored by the School of Business, agreed with much of the review.

"I'm a big fan of the faculty," Smucker said.

Smucker believes the faculty

members are very accessible and friendly. He added that they are also people whose opinions are sought and valued by the surrounding communities.

In addition to faculty, Smucker also enjoys being a part of business-related student organizations.

Giamartino attributed the largely positive response to enhanced communication between students and faculty.

"We work very hard to get student input to get ideas as to how to improve the school," Giamartino said.

According to Giamartino, recent changes made in the undergraduate programming were "a direct result of paying attention to how well-prepared students were to be successful in school." For example, the department now offers new courses designed to help students with quantitative skills, an area that students had expressed difficulty in.

"We try to keep real close contact with how students are learning," Giamartino said.

Despite the positive feedback from students and national acclaim, the School of Business had the greatest drop in graduate enrollment numbers this year. The program's enrollment decreased by 44

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Police Reports

Traffic

10-12

Police issued Stephen Huff citations for speeding, having expired registration and the operation an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Alison Steppig a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

10-13

Police issued Melodi Williams a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Trevor Beal a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Alexander Schillinger a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Other

10-11

Police arrested Justin Brunaugh for theft of labor and services after discovering a fake hangtag in his vehicle parked in Lot 4C.

Police arrested Vitaliy Semenov in Cougar Village for criminal damage to state-supported property.

10-12

Police arrested Deaundrea D. Liddell for criminal trespass to state supported property after he was discovered sleeping in the Bluff Hall Multifunction Room. Liddell was identified as a persona non grata, or person not welcome, to SIUE property.

Police arrested Deaundrea D. Liddell again for criminal trespass to state-supported property after he was found in the Cougar Village Commons area later that day.

Alcohol

10-12

Police arrested Kyle Piraino in Bluff Hall for disorderly conduct and the illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.

10-13

Police arrested Nathan Fuller in Hairpin Drive for the illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and possessing fraudulent identification.

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Shortly after his graduation in 2004, Stanger started Stang-AIR, a flight school in La Verne, Calif. According to the New York Times, he met Lidle last year, who took interest in flying.

Scott said Stanger was "more entrepreneurial than the average student." She added that he accomplished and exceeded all of his goals in such a short time prior to his death.

SIU Carbondale aviation management professor Jose Ruiz said he could not explain what might have played a role in the accident, but just seeing a graduate of his die, though he only met him at graduation, is still shocking.

"At this point, it is still really unknown as to what really happened," Ruiz said Friday. "I am just terribly upset about what happened."

Stang-AIR did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment.

Stanger was not certified, however, for piloting the Cirrus plane he was in, according to Cnn.com. The Duluth, Minn. company's spokesman Bill King said the course is highly recommended and pilots have to take it every year to be re-certified.

Ruiz said since nobody knows what role Stanger played before the accident, people should not assume that the lack of certification on the plane had an impact.

"What role did he play? Was he actually serving as a flight instructor or merely serving as a passenger?" Ruiz said. "I don't think that has been determined yet."

National Transportation Safety Board member Debbie Hersman said in the New York Times that Lidle and Stanger were flying at 112 mph at 700 feet and ready to make a U-turn to head south along the East River in New York. The plane was last detected on the radar at 500 feet and a quarter mile north of the building it crashed into. The



Robert Mecea/Newsday/MCT

Smoke emerges from the spot where a small aircraft, reportedly carrying New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle and flight instructor Tyler Stanger, crashed into a Manhattan condominium in New York City Wednesday. Stanger was a Southern Illinois University graduate in aviation management.

supposed plan was to sightsee the city and then fly back to California.

Reports indicate that it is unknown if a mayday was called before the crash or if hazy skies and the tight airspace between buildings in the city were the cause.

Scott said while the accident was tragic, it is also a significant mistake authorities can learn from and make rules to prevent such incidents.

"I think every accident the NTSB has pointed out, they learn from everything that happens," Scott said, "and you pass on that knowledge to the next future generation of pilots."

Scott adds that she expects improvements since New York is looking into more safety measures for flying around the metropolitan areas.

As of Sunday, Cnn.com and the New York Times reported that the NTSB determined that the plane's Global Positioning System device, a memory chip

and parachute were found, as well as the wings and other major parts. King said it could give them information regarding what happened as the accident occurred.

Scott said that Wednesday's accident will not discourage aspiring pilots from pursuing their dreams.

"It was very set in his mind and like every student who walks through this door ..." Scott said. "Even with that tragedy (Sept. 11), students were coming in to still (check out) this program. And it does not deter them because they understand that anomalies happen, accidents happen and you just do the best you can to avoid that."

"Be as trained as possible and to proceed as safely as possible," she said.

Msnbc.com reported that Stanger is survived by his wife, Stephanie who is pregnant, and a daughter.

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students from the 2005 fall semester.

Giamartino believes that fewer graduate students does not necessarily contradict the review. In fact, he said, graduate enrollment in business programs has decreased nationwide.

Giamartino also noted that undergraduate enrollment has actually increased at SIUE, specifically in the Business Department. The School of

Business had to deliberately stifle the number of incoming students in order to maintain its reputed programming.

"Demand was growing faster than our ability to provide quality education," Giamartino said.

Overall, Giamartino is proud of the School of Business's reputation and the recognition from the "Princeton Review."

"We believe that we are one of the best," Giamartino said.

"We have been a well-kept secret for a long time."

Giamartino believes the time has come to share that secret with the academic community.

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of July 2008, according to Walker. "That time is normal for a design project, but we hope to finish sooner than that," said Walker.

Phase I of the project to expand the Student Fitness Center will be beneficial to students because it will provide more room for student activities.

"This expansion will provide additional court space for club sports and intramural sports," Director of Campus Recreation Mick Ostrander said.

Ostrander also said that the new office space will include a conference room for student

organizations, which will benefit the Kimmel Leadership Center and their activities.

Phase II of the project will include a 30,500 square foot gymnasium with two new courts, a food and juice bar and a parking lot expansion. Work on Phase II is still preliminary and will be proposed to the BOT at a later date.

The BOT also approved the development of a wrestling and volleyball center to be located along Stadium Drive. The center is part of a larger project known as the Varsity Athletic Complex and will host intramural and

community based sports programs.

"At this point (the BOT) has just approved a feasibility study for the project," Walker said, meaning that the board has approved plans to develop what is needed for the building and the estimated cost of construction.

Funding for the wrestling and volleyball center is coming from a \$2 million dollar donation that committed to the project. "Our plans for this project will come from those funds only," Walker said.

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it is SIUE's first year to do the event, the philanthropy goal has changed to \$10,000, and hopefully this goal will be surpassed. Roz Smith, marketing representative for St. Jude's explained the goal of donating to childhood cancer at the fundraiser.

All children are accepted for treatment at St. Jude's Hospital.

"No child is turned down, regardless of insurance," Smith said.

The hospital also has an outpatient program to make life as normal as possible for each child as they are going through cancer treatment.

"This is one of the things that makes St. Jude's unique," Smith said.

Many of SIUE's Greek students participated in the event.

Sophomore biology major Ryan Scott said he volunteered because "it's a good thing to help out with."

Scott is a member of Sigma Pi and others from his fraternity volunteered as well.

"We've got a team of eight people," Scott said. "We decided it was something we could help

out with."

There was also a Greek Town Hall meeting, where students were previously informed. Nicole Scott, a senior in social work, worked for the event with several friends.

"I think it's a good idea to get other people involved," Scott said.

Christina Tremain, a sophomore in nursing, heard about the fundraiser at the Greek Town Hall meeting with Scott. "I think the big event will be a lot of fun," Tremain said.

The final event of Up Til' Dawn will be on Feb. 3, 2007. This event is a celebration of the college's fundraising success. It is a night to honor the patients and families of St. Jude. The Up Til' Dawn Grand Finale will have music, games and food for those who participated in the fundraising event, but everyone is still welcome to come.

"If you didn't participate in the first event, you can pay five dollars at the door for the grand finale event," Up Til' Dawn Director Kelli Brunk said.

The \$5 paid at the door will be donated to St. Jude for cancer

research.

St. Jude has approximately 4,700 patients in active status and is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never have to pay for treatments if they are not covered by insurance, or if they have no insurance whatsoever.

Because of St. Jude, the survival rate of acute lymphoblastic leukemia, the most common form of childhood cancer, is 90 percent. In 1962, it was only four percent. It takes more than one million dollars to operate the hospital daily, and the expenses are primarily covered by contributions. Last Wednesday was the first event to contribute, but it doesn't mean that it's the last chance for contributing to Up Til' Dawn.

Contact Kelli Brunk at kbrunk@siue.edu to make a contribution. More information can be found at www.stjude.org/utd.

"For a first year, it's great to see so many students involved," Smith said.

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Correction

In the article "Local venues accept Cougar Cards as discount" published in the Oct. 12 edition of the Alestle, it was incorrectly stated that any establishments displaying "Welcome SIUE Students" signs offer student discounts. Rather, the program applies to businesses displaying signs specifically stating that discounts are offered. Additionally, Student Government External Affairs Committee Chair Sarah Brillhart's e-mail address was published incorrectly. The correct address is sbrillh@siue.edu. The Alestle regrets these errors.

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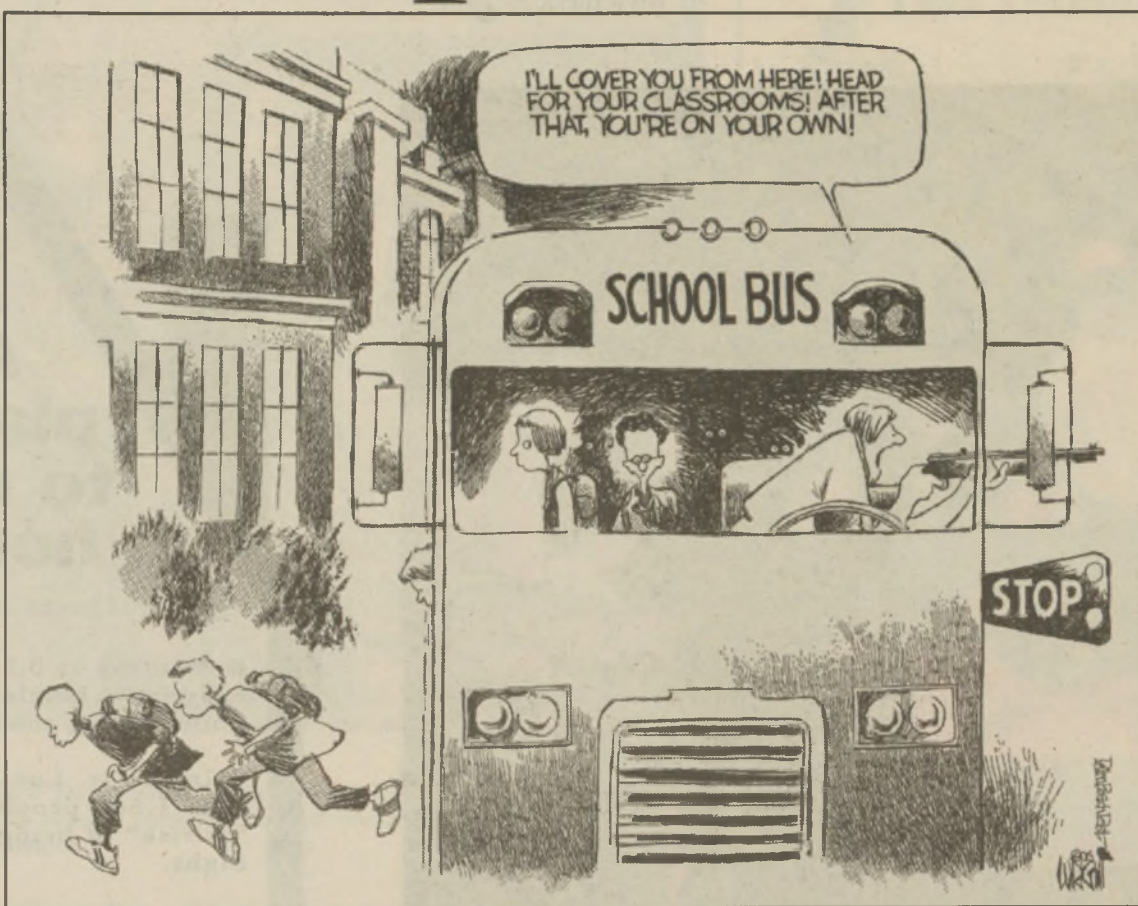
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A living wage for Wal-Mart workers

by John Cavanagh
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McClatchy-Tribune

It is a core American value that if someone works hard, he or she deserves to live in dignity, and yet the \$7.50 hourly wage that Wal-Mart CEO Lee Scott pays thousands of his workers does not meet that basic standard.

These workers often must choose between paying the rent or bringing their child to the doctor. To force workers to make such choices does not reflect good family values on Wal-Mart's part.

Scott recently announced he will be capping wages and using more lower-paid part-timers. Easy for him. He made \$10 million last year.

Defenders of the company will tell you Wal-Mart saves poor Americans billions of dollars with its low prices. They claim raising wages would make Wal-Mart uncompetitive.

Wrong.

Wal-Mart could lift the average salary of its 1.3 million U.S. workers by a hefty \$4,000 a year without raising the price of its pickles or Pampers even one penny.

How? In 2005, Wal-Mart cleared profits of \$11.2 billion. It would take less than half of that to cover the cost of these raises

for its workers, leaving profits that would still dwarf all but a handful of giant firms.

The descendants of Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton could also help spread the wealth. According to Forbes magazine, seven of them have combined fortunes of \$82.5 billion. They could contribute a little of the fruits of the company to help Wal-Mart workers live with more dignity while still keeping their billionaire status.

Henry Ford's old adage that it's good for business to pay workers enough to buy the products they make still holds true. When Ford hiked his workers' pay to \$5 a day in 1914, he sold more cars. Similarly, a living wage for Wal-Mart workers would likely boost the company's bottom line.

Still, there will be those who say that sharing some of Wal-Mart's profits this way would unfairly burden shareholders. But should public policy cater exclusively to their narrow interests? In the Wal-Mart case, this means catering to a large extent to the Walton heirs, who own 40 percent of the company's stock.

Sure, some ordinary folks also own Wal-Mart stock. But corporations, particularly mega-firms like Wal-Mart, have impacts that go far beyond shareholders. Alas, their corporate charters tell such firms to maximize profits no matter whether that means paying poverty wages, shifting

health care costs to taxpayers or polluting the environment. Those charters should be revised.

In addition, it is appropriate that government at all levels should set rules that encourage firms to do the right thing.

New data underscore the need for this. The ratio of corporate profits to workers' wages has never been greater in the post-World War II period. And CEOs now bring in more than 400 times what the average worker makes.

Fortunately, there are practical tools for narrowing the gaps. A good start would be to raise the wage floor so that all Americans – whether they stock shelves at Wal-Mart or flip burgers at McDonald's – can live in dignity. We should strengthen protections for workers who want to form unions to negotiate for better pay. And we should attach strings to government contracts to make sure our tax dollars support good jobs.

Without new incentives, the Wal-Marts of the world are unlikely to change. And in the richest nation in the world, there is just no excuse for staying the course when it comes to the blatant gap between those at the top and the working poor.

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Do us all a favor: Get a shot

(MCT) – Fall is upon us, so the flu can't be far behind.

Each year, influenza kills 36,000 to 40,000 Americans, hospitalizes more than 200,000 and costs more than \$10 billion in lost productivity and medical expenses.

The best way to avoid its debilitating symptoms – fever, headache, sore throat, muscle ache, exhaustion and runny nose – is with an annual flu shot.

Public health officials predict an abundant vaccine supply for the first time in four years – about 100 million doses.

People with high risk of flu complications should be sure to be vaccinated. They include children ages 6 months to 5 years, pregnant women, people over 50, nursing home residents, people with chronic illnesses and health-care workers.

But healthy adults should line up this year, too. Beyond the protection shots affords individuals, widespread participation would shore up the U.S. public health system.

The Bush administration has encouraged drug manufacturers to increase their capacity to produce vaccine to prepare for a possible flu pandemic – a far more lethal virus that could kill 500,000 Americans, hospitalize more than 2 million, and cost the economy billions. The world is warily watching the virulent Asian avian flu, H5N1, for signs that it's mutating into a virus that passes easily from human to human. If it does, the world will need a vaccine quickly.

The plentiful supply of flu vaccine this year, ironically, could actually discourage future production if people don't take advantage. Drug companies that do not sell the bulk of their seasonal flu supply may be reluctant to keep producing it.

Seasonal immunization also may help public health officials devise distribution strategies in the event of large-scale immunizations.

Take a break from raking leaves during October or November. Flu shots will be available in shot and nasal mist forms in multiple locations. They're smart medicine. A dose of prevention now could stave off misery later this winter.

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Pete Ridens/Alestle

Box City inhabitants gather around the fire. Around 150 participants filled the Stratton Quadrangle for the event.

Think outside the box

by Jesse Bookwalter

Alestle News Reporter

by Kristen Reber

Alestle Assistant Managing Editor

More than 100 people inhabited the Stratton Quadrangle's Box City Thursday in an effort to promote awareness of homelessness.

Students, faculty, family and friends huddled together to stay warm overnight during Box City 2006. Throughout the night, 150 people showed up for the event overall, with 40 people staying in the cold between the hours of 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday.

Bluff Hall Council sponsored the event, which raised \$600 with pledges continuously coming in. The council was hoping to raise \$2,006. In addition, three boxes of nonperishable food, just enough to fill a small truck, was collected.

Campus Recreation Secretary Kelly Rapp, a Box City resident, was one of many people spending the entire night outside.

"I wanted to do this," Rapp said. "It is a wonderful opportunity."

Rapp, a first year participant, believes the activity was a good opportunity to get away from the luxuries of life.

"It is really important to step out of your comfort zones, to step away from your comforts of life," Rapp said. "It gives you a perspective of everyone that is not as fortunate."

After the first hour, all the big boxes were already taken or saved for other people. However, few people had to sleep without a box; most people were sharing boxes.

Volunteers served homemade stew, soup and sloppy Joe and more to all the participants, along with hot chocolate, coffee, water and soda.

In addition, karaoke was set up to help participants stay warm, as it was approximately 32 degrees outside. Associate Housing Director Kathleen Gardner and company sang the opening song "I Will Survive" for karaoke.

Freshman Nathan Ball was one participant who was fortunate to get a box for himself. Ball stayed the whole night, despite having a 9 a.m. class.

"I wanted to get involved in SIUE," Ball said. "The way they even thought of this event and the way they publicized it was great."

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, over a five-year period, about three percent of the U.S. population over the age of 12, five to eight million people, will experience at least one night of homelessness.

SAMHSA is an organization that helps many people like drug

addicts, alcoholics and the mentally ill.

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"It is really important to step out of your comfort zones to step away from your comforts of life."

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A look at homelessness in America

■ As many as 3.5 million people experience homelessness at some point during the year.

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Senior early childhood education major Andrea Fox attempts to rest in the 32 degree temperatures during Thursday's Box City 2006.



Senior Economics major Andrew Shayne poses with a "Braveheart" inspired character outside of Edinburgh Castle in Edinburgh, Scotland. Shayne studied abroad at the University of Wales, Swansea during the spring semester and early summer.

Photo Courtesy of Andrew Shayne

Study abroad fair helps students get in the right direction

by Jessie Miller

Alestle Lifestyles Stringer

Walking on campus day after day can become boring for students. Some crave excitement, adventure and something different. Studying abroad is one alternative to the everyday, allowing for new experiences while still receiving credit hours.

Andrew Shayne, a senior economics major, is one student who has taken advantage of studying abroad. He spent the 2006 spring semester and half of his summer studying abroad at the University of Wales Swansea, receiving 15 credit hours for five courses.

"The reason I wanted to go was to experience something new. I was bored with my current situation and thought I'd try something new," he said. "Transferring credits went very smoothly, especially compared to other Americans from other universities."

Like many study abroad students do, Shayne stayed in student housing through the university, living with nine other students.

Shayne said a typical day in Wales is not too different from one spent by many SIUE students.

"I would wake up and go to class. Depending on the day, classes would last anywhere from 50 minutes to four hours," Shayne said. "After class I would cook lunch. The rest of the afternoon was spent hanging out with my housemates. At night I would go out to one of the many clubs, come home late, and start the day all over again."

However, there were certain days spent that were unlike anything he could have witnessed in the U.S. On his spring break, he visited more than five different countries in Europe.

"My favorite place was Split, Croatia. I spent 4 days there," he said. "It was one of the most beautiful places on earth. There was an amazing ocean and beautiful mountains. It was so different than any other place I've seen."

While studying abroad is rewarding, the experience is not cheap. In order to do all of that traveling, Shayne spent quite a bit of money.

"It was not cheap. Part of the reason is that the pound is so much stronger than the dollar. I think tuition was \$8,000 to \$10,000," he said. "As far as spending money, I spent around \$8,000. I used a lot of loan money but every penny was worth it. It is possible to spend less but I spent a lot of money on going out and traveling."

Shayne had an easier time than some who study abroad. Homesickness and strange food was not something he worried about.

"Honestly, I was probably homesick for one night and after that I was okay. Every day was so exciting and I was having so much fun that I didn't have time to think about home," he said. "I did not have any trouble adjusting at all. The only thing that threw me off was the six-hour time difference. After a week, I was fine. (And) the food was very similar to American food. But, fries were served with almost every meal no matter what. This included fries with pizza and spaghetti. I

learned to cook since there was no cafeteria."

The experience was not without challenges.

"My most difficult experience was finals month," he said. "All my classes did not have any homework in them so there wasn't much motivation to study. By the end of the semester, I had to do a lot of cramming. It was a stressful time but everything wound up being fine."

Students interested in studying abroad in Wales or elsewhere should check out Wednesday's Study Abroad Fair.

Students can speak to volunteers to get help deciding where they may want to go and for how long. All programs vary in time spent abroad and cost. The fair also includes tables for scholarship benefits and financial aid benefits.

"Travel as much as you can," he said. "Don't worry about going to a country whose primary language isn't English. English is spoken in countries all over Europe. Also, take advantage of every moment. Have as much fun as you can. Try to make friends with as many natives as possible. If anyone has the opportunity to do this, I highly recommend it. It is a life-changing experience."

The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

For more information, visit the Study Abroad Web site at siue.edu/studyabroad.

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SIUE kicker breaks all-time dish record

by Nicholas Johnson
Alestle Sports Reporter

A long-standing SIUE record fell Wednesday as the SIUE men's soccer team shut out the University of Missouri-Rolla 5-0 in Rolla, Mo.

SIUE senior midfielder Victor Pacheco broke the all-time SIUE career record for assists, a mark that had stood for more than 30 years.

"It's something that once you come here, you don't think about," Pacheco said. "My coach told me at the beginning of the season that I was seven assists away, and it was one of my goals to break the record this season. It feels great."

Pacheco snagged the record from former Cougar John Carezza, SIUE's all-time leading scorer, who dished out 29 assists from 1970-1974.

"John Carezza was inducted to the Hall of Fame and I think it is a big honor to break a record of such a big-time player like he was," Pacheco said.

Pacheco has been involved in soccer since he was 5 years old. His skills set him apart in 1998 when he captured high school Player of the Year as a part of the Maresta High School championship soccer team in Napal, Brazil.

In 2003, the native of Brazil went back to his hometown and played in the Sao Paulo Cup.

That same year Pacheco ventured to SIUE and had an immediate impact on the Cougars.

He was the first freshman in nearly a decade to lead the team in shots with 94, ranking seventh in SIUE history.

Pacheco finished third in points in the Great Lakes Valley Conference in 2003 with 32. Three of his 12 goals were

game-winning shots.

Junior midfielder Mike Banner, who has played with Pacheco for three years, credited Pacheco's success to his ardent approach toward the game of soccer.

"He's really passionate about the game," Banner said. "He's from Brazil and they love soccer down there. And he brings an unbelievable passion to the game."

As a sophomore, Pacheco established himself as a team player, finishing second in assists in the GLVC. Pacheco amassed seven goals, 10 assists, and 24 total points, all of which led the team. He ranked third in points and assists per game in the conference.

"It's great to have somebody that can put the ball where you want it, when you want it so you can score," Banner said. "He's been doing that year in and year out and he continues to do it."

Pacheco won his first GLVC Player of the Week award in September 2004 with a dominating performance down the stretch when he scored a trio of goals against Gannon University.

Pacheco faced the pressure head-on and delivered a goal in SIUE's trip to the NCAA Division II national championship against Seattle University.

"It was a great experience," Pacheco said. "When I first came here, it was my goal to make it to the Final Four and win a national title. I got my first goal accomplished, and I'm thankful we made it to the national championship."

In 2005, Pacheco was named to the all-GLVC team and All-Great Lakes Region second-team.

He led the team once again with seven goals and six assists, including three



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SIUE senior midfielder Victor Pacheco kicks a pass during a 2-0 victory over Drury University Friday, Sept. 24 at Korte Stadium.

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Women tie No. 8 GVSU, men win eighth straight game

by Mallory Hensley
Alestle Sports Reporter

The SIUE women's soccer team rough-and-tumbled its way to a 0-0 tie to finish out the regular season Sunday at Korte Stadium.

A combination of excellent back-play and an impressive performance by

sophomore goalkeeper Kaci Backs contributed to the shutout against the Grand Valley State University Lakers.

GVSU is currently ranked No. 8 in the NCAA Division II polls. Going into the match against SIUE, the Lakers were 13-1.

The Cougars put the first dash in Grand Valley State's tie column since 2003.

SIUE remains steady at 11-4-3 and boasts a GLVC record of 8-3-2. The Cougars are ranked third in the GLVC Tournament, scheduled to begin this weekend. First up for SIUE is the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Game time and date had not been set at time of press.

GVSU proved to be an ungracious house guest, as it committed 17 fouls against the Cougars. SIUE added eight of its own for good measure.

Four of the eight fouls committed by

by Marty Jenkins
Alestle Sports Reporter

The No. 8 SIUE men's soccer team closed out the regular season on Sunday by winning its eighth match in a row and posting its fifth consecutive shutout.

SIUE edged Truman State University 1-0 to move to 10-2-1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

The win propelled SIUE to an 11-3-3 finish for the regular season. With the postseason approaching in less than a week, the Cougars have the No. 1 seed in the GLVC Tournament for the fourth straight season.

The team has been red hot since losing two consecutive games earlier in the season to Lewis University and Rockhurst University.

"We played a tough and physical game today," SIUE sophomore forward Ross Beveridge said. "We have to expect to play those types of games in the playoffs and continue to fight hard for each other as we get set for the rest of the season."

The match, which was played in Kirksville, Mo., was a defensive battle all the way through.

The teams entered the locker room at halftime knotted up at zero.

The Cougars broke the 0-0 tie in the 73rd minute with an unassisted goal by Beveridge. The 22-yard free kick beat the goalie in the upper left-hand corner and it proved to be the game winner.

"Our defense helped us out a lot today," SIUE Head Coach Ed Huneke said. "It was an ugly game at times but the important thing is that we got a win."

The Cougars outshot Truman State 14 to six in the game. Sophomore goalkeeper Nicholas Frasca had one save on the day for SIUE.

Earlier in the week, the Cougars blanked the University of Missouri-Rolla 5-0 in Rolla, Mo.

Sophomore forward Bob Ridder had two goals for SIUE on the afternoon. Junior midfielder John Matthews and senior midfielder Mike Zaegel had one goal each for the Cougars.

Junior forward Mike Banner chimed in with an assist on the day. Senior defenseman Kevin Thibodeau also got in the mix with an assist and Beveridge provided two assists for the team.

"This team is really starting to gel right now," Thibodeau said. "We are getting better acquainted with each other on and off of the field and that is helping



Pete Ridens/Alestle

SIUE junior Katie Yearian takes it to No. 6 Grand Valley State's Emily Berner during a 0-0 tie at Korte Stadium Sunday.

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SIUE trounces Lewis, opens up space in GLVC

by Matthew Bruce
Alestle Sports Editor

The No. 17 SIUE volleyball team made a statement in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Saturday as it romped past conference nemesis Lewis University 3-1 at the Vadalabene Center.

The two teams came into the showdown separated by a half game atop the GLVC, with SIUE wielding a perfect 11-0 record in the conference and Lewis following closely behind at 11-1.

When the smoke cleared, SIUE remained undefeated, battling to a 30-28, 30-22, 22-30, 30-21 victory to drop the Flyers to third place in the GLVC behind Rockhurst University. The win was the Cougars' fourth in a row.

"I think it's a great win for us," SIUE Head Coach Todd Gober said. "It gives us a little more breathing room in the conference standings."

The Cougars got a pair of triple-doubles in the victory, one from sophomore setter Mallory Clements and the other by sophomore middle hitter Kelsey Hubert.

"We came out and we were just clicking, all the girls," Hubert said. "Our defense was awesome and Mallory just put the ball in my hand. I didn't have to do a whole lot. She did a lot of the work."

Clements finished with 10 kills, 48 assists and 13 digs. Hubert hit .296 on the day and turned in 12 kills, 14 digs and 10 blocks in limited playing time.

"Hubert had a great match," Gober said. "One of the few triple-doubles I've seen from a middle hitter in my career. I don't think we've ever had a middle hitter hit a triple-double."

SIUE grabbed the first two games before the Flyers made a switch in their lineup, bringing in a new setter to speed up the pace of the game.

"We changed our rotation a little bit," Lewis University Head Coach Dan Friend said. "It forced the middle quite a bit and it kind of opened some things up for us."

That change allowed Lewis to rattle off a 30-22 win in the third game and close the deficit to 2-1.

"They mixed it up a little bit," Gober said. "They brought in different setters and they ran a higher tempo offense than what we're used to seeing. So that threw us off a little bit."

Clements said, "That kind of made us switch our defense a little bit. But we just lost our focus for a couple of points."

SIUE regained its focus as it came out and won the first six points of the fourth set en route to putting the match away easily with a 30-21 victory.

The win moved SIUE to 20-

4 on the season. Lewis fell to 17-5 overall.

"We were coming in with momentum so it was huge," Clements said. "I think we played really solid. We limited our mistakes and we really executed the game."

The Flyers were without 5-foot-8-inch junior setter and GLVC assist leader Andrea Morrone, who was out for personal reasons.

"She does lead the conference in assists and she leads our offense, but we have to win with or without her," Friend said. "It's a team concept."

Gober reiterated the sentiments.

"I don't care who they have on the other court. Same thing would be with us," he said. "Nobody cares who we have on the court. A win's a win and we beat their team."

The Cougars held Lewis senior Charisse Steckling down, limiting the 6-foot middle hitter to just five kills. Steckling, who entered the game leading the Flyers in kills, was saddled by SIUE double teams all day and finished with a .069 hitting percentage, well below her season average of .335.

"We knew that they had good middles and their middles had been hitting very well lately," Gober said. "So we made a conscious effort to attack their middles. We really did a good job



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SIUE sophomore outside hitter Emily Rahn bumps a ball during a 3-1 win over the University of Wisconsin-Parkside during Friday's match at the Vadalabene Center.

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game winning goals against conference foes.

So far his senior year, Pacheco has accumulated one goal and seven assists.

After college, Pacheco hopes to build a successful career in the sport.

"I hope to get a tryout at the end of the season and make it onto one of those teams and get started on a good career," Pacheco said. "The average age for a soccer player is 34-35 when they retire from playing. I'd like

to make it all the way there."

Whatever the case, Pacheco said the passion and drive to play the sport will remain with him.

"It's in my family," Pacheco said. "My dad was a professional, it's something that he always talked to me about, his knowledge. It's part of my life. I live for it. It's something you're involved in and you can't stop doing it."

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the team out a lot."

On Saturday, the action will really start to heat up when the GLVC Quarterfinals begin.

SIUE is where the Cougars' quest will begin in search of the NCAA Division II national championship.

The Cougars will be playing the No. 8-seeded University of Missouri-St. Louis in their

opening-round single-elimination game.

"Our primary focus right now is on UMSL," Huncke said. "They are a well coached team and both teams' players are familiar with each other and it is important for us to take it one game at a time."

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SIUE were in the first period, when Great Valley State's offense was tearing in. The Lakers blasted nine shots in the first half, but Backs remained cool and fended off everything that came her way. She finished with seven saves on the day.

"Kaci came up with a couple of really huge saves today," SIUE Head Coach Lynda Bowers said. "Normally, we split our goalkeepers' playing time amongst the halves, but she was playing really well, so we kept her in. She played equally well in the second half and overtime period. She was very composed."

The Lakers continued to be the more aggressive offenders until over time, when the Cougars outshot them by three. In the second half, SIUE managed just one shot, which sailed wide for a miss.

"We played a lot of defense today, and our back line was absolutely solid, thanks to Padra Bencini, Whitney Hanson, Kelly Limpert, and Elizabeth Ball. They deserve a lot of credit," Bowers said.

The Cougars attempted to turn up the intensity when they

received a corner kick at 92 minutes, 15 seconds.

Freshman midfielder Elizabeth Valenti attempted the last goal with less than a minute left in the second overtime. Luck was not in her favor as Lakers' goalkeeper Kristina Nasturzio rejected the shot.

"Elizabeth was almost a hero today," Bowers said. "She was a key member of our attack. Their goalie made an unbelievable one-handed save."

Because of their No. 3 position, the Cougars have the honor of hosting the first round of GLVC Tournament play. Coming off of an especially strong second-half of the season is encouraging for SIUE. Prior to the tie, the Cougars were riding seven consecutive victories.

"Grand Valley State was a very good opponent," Bowers said. "We battled it out with a lot of midfield play. There were a few opportunities for both teams, but both goalies played very well. We did have some good scoring chances, but I'm still happy at the way we played."

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on their big hitter Charisse Kling so I was very happy with that."

SIUE's outside hitters came up big as junior Kim Porthast finished with a game-high 17 kills and sophomore Kate Hofeldt added 13.

Lewis freshman Stephanie Sagat finished with 13 kills, but had 11 errors. Senior Theresa Nugent also had 13 kills for the Flyers.

The Cougars hit the road for a three-game road swing before coming home to face Kentucky Wesleyan College Friday, Oct. 27 to end the regular season.

SIUE takes on the

University of Southern Indiana at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Evansville, Ind.

The Cougars' road trip includes a big match Thursday at 21-2 Rockhurst University, which sits a game and a half out in the GLVC.

"It's setting that table and building that drama for those games. And that's fun," Gober said of Saturday's victory. "That's what this time of year is about. You want to have this kind of excitement and pressure. I think it increases the fun when you're playing for something this late."

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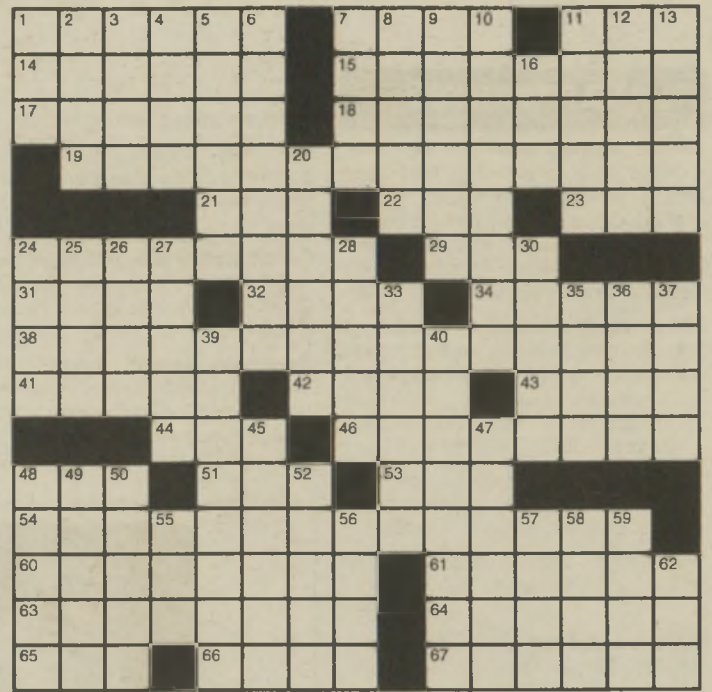
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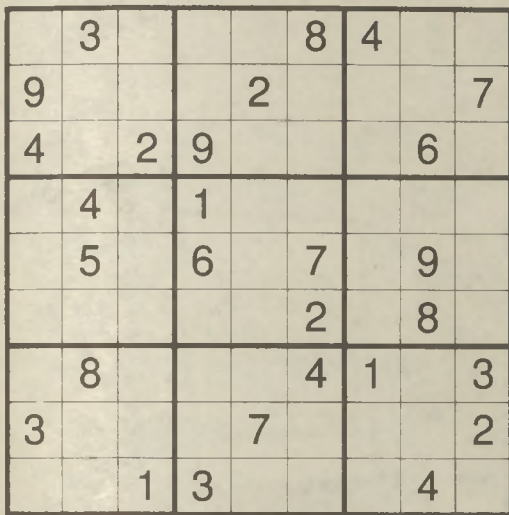
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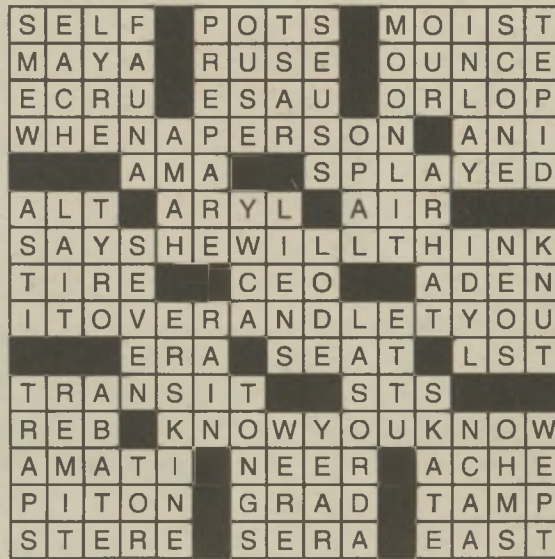


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