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above: Bobby McCulloch/Alestle, left: Steve Berry/Alestle
(above) Michelle Taylor of Dining Services cuts the "e" cake she created for Founders Day. (left) Chancellor emeritus David Werner displays a hardhat and shovel used in groundbreaking ceremonies for the SIUE campus.

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Founders Day official start of anniversary

by Catherine Klene
Alestle A&E Editor

Red and white flowers surrounded the small stage set up in the Vadalabene Center Monday as spotlights lit a podium and a shovel held up by a microphone stand.

The shovel held more than just dirt at one time; it also held a world of memories and history, the theme of SIUE's Founders Day convocation in commemoration of the university's 50th anniversary.

The shovel belongs to Dolores Rohrkaste, president of the Edwardsville Chamber of Commerce in 1953.

Rohrkaste said 55 years ago, the city was

looking for a way to bring some extra income to Edwardsville. They met in a local restaurant, where a central question was raised.

"Why can't we have a university?" Rohrkaste said.

With that ambitious idea, fundraising and petitioning to state governments began, and in 1963, Rohrkaste used that same spotlight shovel to break ground on the Edwardsville campus.

Fifty years after the university's founding, SIUE chancellor emeritus David Werner, shovel in hand, donned Rohrkaste's gold hardhat while he delivered the convocation address as a slideshow of images from the university's past and present was

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Debate ends in OK of socialist, anti-sweatshop organizations

by Sean Jordan
Alestle Correspondent

More than 20 students wearing red shirts packed the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center Friday in support of the approval of two new student organizations, Youth for International Socialism and the United Students Against Sweatshops.

But the debate as to whether the Student Senate should grant the groups student organization status was heated as two students – Ryan Watson and Derek Shashek – addressed the Senate in opposition.

Graduate student Josh Lucker explained the purpose of the group.

"We strive to educate the student body and the community about the evils of capitalism, which include war, racism, sexism, homophobia, unemployment, among many others," Lucker said. "But more than that, we want to provide students with an organization where they can discuss, debate and advocate alternatives to the existing system of inequality."

He said the group supports socialized healthcare – including access to abortion – and free and equal access to education up to the university level. He also said that the group seeks to help the environment and to

end discrimination in the workplace, particularly against women.

"People are looking for an alternative," he said. "YFIS campaigns for a labor-based alternative to existing political campaigns. It should be noted here that since no such party currently exists, we will not be supporting any candidates in the foreseeable future."

Although he understood the controversial nature of the group, he assured the Senate that the group would follow all of the rules placed on student organizations and that its primary purpose was to educate students about alternative forms of government, not to incite violence.

After the speech was a brief question and answer session. Student Body Vice President Dominique Majors allowed Ryan Watson to take a seat next to Lucker and present his opposing statement.

Watson is a member of the Student Government's Student Organization Advisory Board and the Finance Board. He said he was not addressing the Senate as a member of student government, but rather, as a student with concerns about this group operating on campus.

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Secretaries protest for wage increase

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Correspondent

With SIUE celebrating its 50th Anniversary in the Stratton Quadrangle Monday afternoon, members of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2887, a union of SIUE clerical and kindred workers, could be heard voicing their desire for a new contract.

The union has been in negotiations since April, a month before the workers' contract expired in May.

"We have been in six negotiation sessions, two of which were held with a federal mediator," Union President Cindy Korte said. "It hasn't been a fair negotiation, so we are trying to get some

public support and do some more talking and try to get this out."

SIUE Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy declined to comment on the situation, citing the university policy prohibiting him from talking about contracts during negotiations.

The workers demonstrated for a 50 cent minimum pay increase, something that Connie Wayman, an executive board member for the union, does not see as a problem.

"To ask for 50 cents an hour more across the board for 300 people would be like adding one more employee," Wayman said. "That adds up to about \$80 a month more per employee."

"You see some administrators getting a

\$3,000 per month increase," Union Secretary Gay Cummins said. "That is a lot of money and it is in a different court line but still the secretaries are in every office and we help every student."

A union flier stated Chancellor Vandegrift received a 19.5 percent pay increase and Assistant Provost Susan Thomas received a 28 percent increase since negotiations began. These pay raises went into effect the same day as the new minimum wage increase in Illinois.

"The student workers got \$1 across the board," Karen York, secretary for academic accounting, said. "We can't even get half of that in our salary."

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Robert Mullen/Alestle
Union member Karen York protests for increased wages outside the Morris University Center Monday.



Sean J. Jordan/Alestle

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift addresses the audience at Thursday's Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees meeting in Evergreen Hall.

Board of Trustees approves SIUE projects Evergreen Hall officially dedicated

by Sean J. Jordan
Alestle Correspondent

The semester's first meeting of the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees began almost an hour later than planned, but that did not stop attendees from filling the multipurpose room of SIUE's Evergreen Hall and leaving latecomers standing in the back.

Before the meeting officially began, the four BOT committees – Executive, Finance, Architecture & Design and Academic Matters – reviewed several items slated for the main meeting's agenda, including the installation of an automatic sprinkler system and a security camera system on the Carbondale campus, a proposal for a \$16.6 million Student Academic Success Center for the Edwardsville campus, a \$1.6 million proposal to renovate the Morris University Center Bookstore, a \$10.5 million dollar proposal to add on to the Student Fitness Center and a proposal to renovate and improve the Vadalabene Center.

SIUE Student Body President Laurie Estilette and Student Organization Advisory Board Chair Ankur Patel offered the presentation for the Student Academic Success Center, taking the board on a virtual tour of the proposal and showcasing the unique architecture that is intended to match other buildings on campus. The center will be built on the southwest corner of the Morris University Center, next to the visitor's lot, and will house the expansion to the Kimmel Leadership Center, the Offices for Student Services, Disability Services, Career Services and the health and counseling services, among others.

Students Rachael Foltz and Anna McMakin presented the proposed expansion to SIUE's Student Fitness Center, which will add a new machine room, new fitness rooms and a brand new gymnasium that can be locked off from the rest of the building, allowing events to run even after the Student Fitness Center is closed. The gym will also include bleacher seating for around 500 people.

But those who attend events in SIUE's Vadalabene Center may be even more excited as renovations begin on the old fold-out bleacher system which, according to Assistant to the Vice Chancellor of Administrations Rich Walker, breaks down frequently and costs the university heavily in maintenance and repair costs. The new design will place bleachers around the gym in a two-tiered bowl shape, and its design will also allow new rooms to be built underneath the seating, which will be used for classrooms, offices, storage closets

and restroom expansions.

The Academic Matters Committee heard a report from Provost and Dean J. Kevin Dorsey of the SIU School of Medicine as he explained the school's recent maximum accreditation renewal from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education, which he described as the "gold standard" for identifying reputable medical schools. SIU President Glenn Poshard said that the exit interview from the evaluating committee was one of the finest he had ever had.

The committee also listened to a passionate speech from SIUC Interim Provost Don A. Rice as he shared his concerns about student and faculty retention in Carbondale. One chief concern, he said, was that more funds needed to be allocated to retain and train faculty. Another was that new and different steps needed to be taken to prepare students for math and science fields.

"As an internal solution, we need to retain more students," he said. "Our retention rates are terrible. There are those who would like to say, 'Well, we attract students who are unprepared. We attract students who are simply not capable of dealing with courses at the level of the university.' But I don't think that's the case – I don't think that's the case at all. I think we have some ineffective pedagogies – I think we have had multiple efforts to try to deal with retention, but they haven't been coordinated."

Trustee Stephen Wigginton thanked Rice for his candor, and Trustee Ed Hightower praised the speech and called for more discussion on the issue. Poshard said that SIUC has a dual mission to be both a teaching institution and a research institution. Trustee Dr. Samuel Goldman described the conversation as a "rich and forward-thinking dialogue."

When the formal Board of Trustees meeting began just before 11 a.m., Poshard, SIUC Chancellor Fernando Treviño and SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift offered their reports. Around 11:30 a.m., the floor was opened up to anyone who wished to address the Board.

Two SIUE students, Estilette and Ryan Watson, offered statements directed toward Poshard regarding the recent allegations that he committed plagiarism in his 1984 dissertation. While Watson spoke from a personal point of view, Estilette offered a statement from the SIUE Student Senate and said Student Government will continue to monitor this issue in the interests of the student body. Neither student accused Poshard of

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Graduate student Josh Luckner speaks on behalf of Youth for International Socialism at Friday's Student Senate meeting.

Senate OKs requests, takes stand on plagiarism allegations

by Sean J. Jordan
Alestle Correspondent

The Student Senate plans to keep an eye on Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard and the investigation surrounding the plagiarism accusation in his doctoral dissertation and his master's thesis.

At Friday's Student Senate meeting, the assembly heard Student Government's statement regarding the issue.

The same statement was presented by Student Body President Laurie Estilette Thursday at the SIU Board of Trustees meeting. The statement assured students the student government will be monitoring the situation and will release further statements about the investigation as information becomes available, but asked students not to jump to conclusions about the matter.

The Student Senate unanimously approved a travel request from the Student Art Therapy Association, for \$425 to allow a member attend the American Art Therapy Association's 38th Annual Conference in November.

The Senate also approved the constitutions of the Youth for International Socialism and the United Students Against Sweatshops.

Because of the controversial nature of each group, the next hour of the meeting involved debate, but the Senate ultimately approved each constitution on the basis that each organization was entitled to express its views as a student organization under the principles of free speech, provided that each group stayed within the confines of Student Government rules.

Next, the Sexual Orientation Transgender Alliance asked the Senate to allow it to change its

name to the Gay-Straight Alliance to help alleviate confusion about the group's purpose. Jon Hendrickson, president of the organization, said that the name change would make the group more visible to freshmen and new students, many of whom were familiar with gay-straight organizations on other campuses.

Student Organization Advisory Board Chair Ankur Patel noted that this is the third name change for the group in the last several years. The Senate approved the change.

The Senate next considered minor changes to its own policy and procedure manual. It also adopted a similar manual governing the executive board at the request of Estilette. Patel stated that he felt it was "only fair" that the executive board be governed by the same rules as the Senate.

Next, the Senate approved another round of personnel appointments, including an appointment for former student body vice president Andrew Spainhour to become a co-chair of the Textbook Advisory Council.

Then, School Spirit and Pride Chair Amanda Mowen asked the Senate for \$750 for homecoming week so Student Government can participate in the homecoming week events.

Finally, Finance Board Chair Meredith Burkart asked for a revision to the Student Government funding manual to allow the Senate to grant requests up to \$550 for travel requests and to allocate more money for travel, allowing up to 25 organizations to receive travel funds each year instead of the previous quota of 17. Each item was approved unanimously.

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"I am terrified that if the Senate approves this student organization constitution, YFIS members will begin corrupting young students on the SIUE campus," he said. "According to the YFIS constitution, they commit themselves 'to fight against capitalism, and to argue for the formation of a mass party of labor in the US, as an alternative to the Democrats and Republicans.' This sounds like YFIS wants to overthrow our current government and to create a dictatorship under the socialist party."

"This is very serious, and if the Senate approves this constitution, we are giving YFIS the right to go against everything our country was established on."

Watson continued on to say that he was particularly concerned that the group might have a negative influence on the youth of the campus, particularly freshmen.

"Freshmen are new to the college life and they do not know what to believe in. This is the time in their life when they are finding their way and who they are. If YFIS becomes a formally recognized group, they will corrupt freshmen into joining their organization and turn them against the rest of society."

Lucker grinned as Majors allowed him time for a rebuttal.

"The question of overthrowing the United States government is not in the program of YFIS as stated on the Web site, and it's also not in the (organization's) constitution, so I wonder where the gentleman found such a statement," he said. "YFIS is not a conspiracy, and I fear that this gentleman has been watching too many movies from the 1950s."

"There are a lot of groups on campus that I would not personally fund," Lucker added. "That also does not allow me to restrict their freedom of speech. We are in favor of freedom, in terms of the freedom of those to speak. In fact, we would actually like to expand freedom, since freedom is actually limited by access to resources. For instance, Rupert Murdoch, the owner of Fox News, is far more free to have his opinions heard than we are."

The senators began to ask more questions about the organization, and Derek Shashek was invited to present his views. Shashek delivered a brief statement outlining his personal opposition to socialism.

"The first step to establishing socialism is massive theft of private property, because if you own stock in a business, if you own any of that equipment, that's your property," Shashek said. He also explained that workers do have a voice in a system of capitalism, since they can often buy stock in the companies for whom they work and become owners.

Student Organization Advisory Board Chair Ankur Patel also said that the group had met all of the requirements of the student government to be

allowed to form, and that he saw no reason why they should not be allowed to become a student organization.

At the conclusion of the debate, Student Body president Laurie Estilette delivered a brief address urging the senators to put aside their personal beliefs and to remain committed to the ethical statement the Senate presented at its last meeting.

"We cannot be prejudiced towards someone because they think differently than we do," she said. "As much as some of us might not agree with the ideals of these organizations, we are ethically bound to approve their constitutions and allow them to exist."

Senator Darrell Lillard motioned to approve the constitution, with Senator Bryan Kress seconding. Though Senators Jessica Glaspie and Sandy Nicholas voted Nay and Senator Andrew Pike abstained, the constitution for the Youth For International Socialism was approved and the group became a recognized Student Organization.

As for the United Students Against Sweatshops, a sister organization to the Youth For International Socialism with several overlapping members, the Senate had few questions for the group. But Watson had another statement he delivered.

"I am concerned that if the Senate approves this student organization constitution, it will create chaos and problems on the SIUE campus," he said. "When I say chaos, I mean rallying student employees to go on strike from their jobs until they are paid a higher wage. Members of USAS might try to convince students that their jobs are sweatshop jobs and convince them to quit."

United Students Against Sweatshops presenter Amber Robins said the group was not interested in creating chaos. Rather, she said, it was concerned with making students aware about sweatshop labor around the world.

The Senate approved the group's constitution unanimously by acclamation.

Though Shashek and Watson were still concerned after the meeting, they said that they were willing to allow both groups to operate, provided that they stay within the rules. Both students said that they would be fair and objective if presented with funding requests in their roles on the finance board.

"I'm going to wait and see what happens," Watson said.

He said that he felt both groups had heavily amended their constitutions to make themselves seem more reasonable to the Senate, but that he was not sure if either group would stand by the statements they made at the meeting.

But still, he said, "I'm going to give both organizations a chance."

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plagiarism, but Watson did present a petition signed by 75 SIUE students urging the Board to hold Poshard accountable if he is found guilty of plagiarism.

Following the public forum, the BOT moved to vote on the items on the agenda, and approved each of them in a unanimous vote. The board also accepted and approved a resolution allowing the American Red Cross to establish a research center in the University Park portion of the SIUE Campus. According to Vandegrift, the center will relocate around 500 new jobs to the Edwardsville area.

The meeting concluded with a news conference, where the BOT provided reporters from both local and national news sources with a

formal statement concerning the issue of Poshard's alleged plagiarism. BOT Chair Roger Tedrick praised Poshard for his positive contributions to SIU and said "the panel that is now in place to assess these claims will report to this board very soon. Until that time, this board will have no further comment on this matter."

Following the news conference, members of the BOT, along with Poshard, Vandegrift and others participated in a ceremony announcing the grand opening and dedication of Evergreen Hall.

The next public meeting of the BOT will convene Thursday, Nov. 8, at the SIUC campus.

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Jena

Students protest Louisiana controversy

by Sean J. Jordan
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Students across campus wore black Thursday to show their solidarity for a cause – a protest of their feelings for six high school students from Jena, La., known more commonly as the “Jena Six.”

The previous night, the SIUE chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity sponsored a rally in the Morris University Center’s Meridian Ballroom to educate students about the cause and to encourage discussion and debate about the issue.

The room was dimly lit as students began to file in, with an image of a noose projected on the screen at the front of the room. The lyrics “I was born ... down by the river” wafted through the air. By around 7:30 p.m., the room was nearly full as the lights came on and the presentation began.

Carl B. Mitchell, President of the Iota Pi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, welcomed everyone to the event and introduced history professor Stefan Bradley to explain the issue of the Jena Six.

The Jena Six story began with a simple event – six students eating lunch under a tree.

“There was a tree, and it was supposedly an all-white tree,” explained Lamarr Gray, a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. “Some black students decided to sit there over lunch. The next day, they came back and there were a couple of nooses hanging from the tree.”

That incident is alleged to have stoked racial tensions and led to a series of events that culminated in a fight between six black high school students and one white student.

The six black students were arrested and prosecuted, first for assault and later for second-degree murder. The controversy of the case involves the treatment of the six students, as well as the state of Louisiana’s insistence on trying one of the students, Mychal Bell, as an adult. During the rally, the fraternity played a video explaining the details of the case and the reasons that some

people consider the Jena Six controversy to be a case of discrimination.

“Nobody thinks that these kinds of things can happen,” Bradley said before the rally. “It’s really been amazing how badly these young men have been railroaded.”

One of the problems, said Bradley, is that the media is not covering this event very well. He cited recent stories about celebrities like Britney Spears, Lindsay Lohan and Michael Vick and said that while those stories are interesting to some people, the story of the Jena Six is something that more people should be aware of.

“It’s something that a lot of people still don’t know much about – it’s not getting a lot of media attention,” Mitchell said. “But different online sites like Facebook helped bring the issue to the forefront.”

Facebook informed students about the rally, since the fraternity set up an event page with information about the Jena Six. Mitchell said the group’s popularity was one reason they expected a large turnout.

“I got an email about it on Facebook,” Cassaundia Sampson, a student at the event, said, “and the impact of it just got to me, because you think racism is over, but then something like this happens and you’re knocked back into the reality that it exists.”

Though Sampson said she had only been aware of the event for a week, she planned to participate in a social protest the following day to wear all black to show support for the cause.

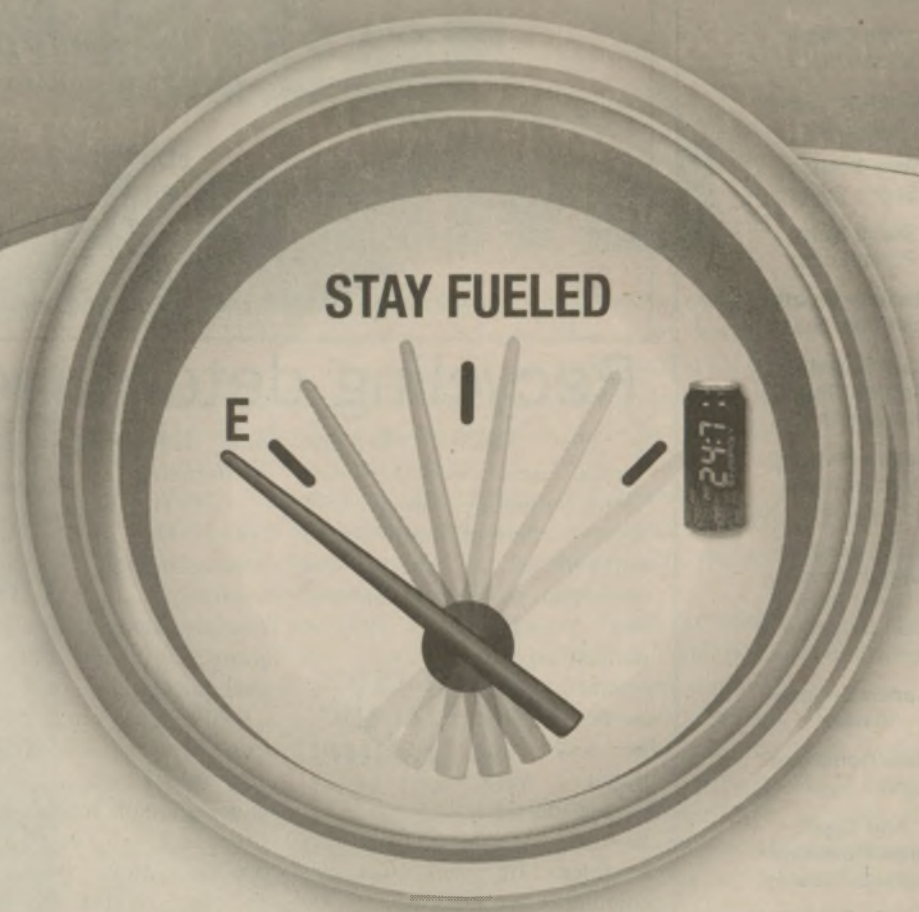
“If we want a change in society, we have to accomplish it together,” she said.

Bradley was proud so many students were participating in the “blackout” event.

“These young people – I have to give it up to them, I have to give them credit, because they’re aware enough to know that when something wrong is happening, you have to stand up for it,” he said.

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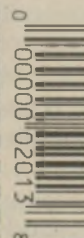
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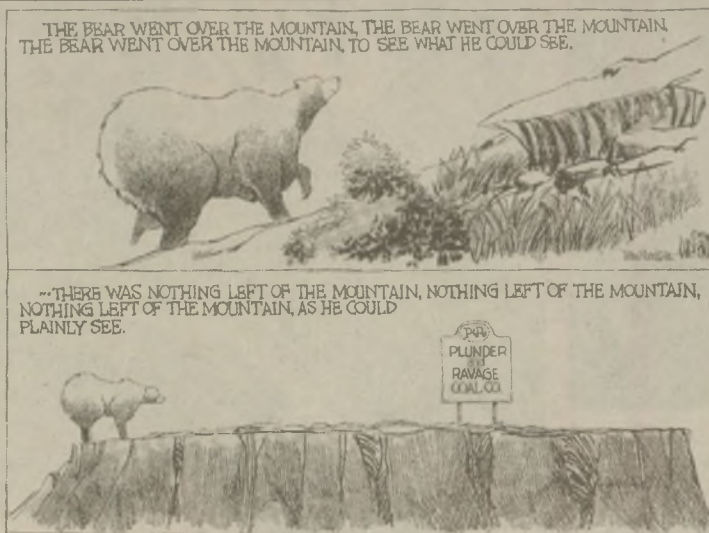
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Recycling determined by quantity

The article "Bye-bye, bottles" was in a week that I have heard someone discuss the negative effect of bottles on our environment. The first occurrence was that the mayor of San Francisco decided to ban plastic water bottles because he saw how much waste they produced. I have to say that I was very troubled by Bill Canney's comments that he doesn't get rid of plastic bottles because of "margin sales."

The reason that I find this comment scary is that a not-for-profit organization has the flexibility of not worrying about profits. Also, these organizations are usually on the leading edge of social and environmental improvement.

It is this disregard of what is right that saddens me. It is not just food service but almost all of management here at SIUE that has to set an example in reducing

our daily impact on the environment.

I went to a community college that stressed recycling, because in being a state-funded organization, they had a quota to meet. At that school there were as many recycling bins as there were trash cans.

While you can find recycling bins scattered around campus and around Cougar Village, this is not enough. In one week, the occupants of one apartment produce more than enough recycling to fill the bins for aluminum, paper and plastic that are provided to us. There are 240 apartments on the 500 side and there are less than 10 recycling locations. How can the school honestly say that they provide adequate recycling opportunities when there are nowhere near enough bins to handle the volume that Cougar Village can produce?

For a school that is so proud of their academic and athletic achievements, I believe it is time for them to be proud of their

environmental achievements too. We live on state protected land; shouldn't the school be doing something more to ensure it thrives?

If Mr. Canney isn't going to reduce how many bottles he is going to sell because of the "margin sales," then please be logical and provide many more recycling bins for bottles.

This school has many aluminum recycling bins, but all of our vending machines dispense plastic bottles.

The situation we are in is because of poor planning by the school and that some people just don't care or are too lazy to make the journey to try to find a bin for plastic. Provide more recycling bins and the volume of recycled material this school produces will increase.

The SIUE community has an opportunity to set an example. Shouldn't we send the right one?

Daniel P. Linkowski
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Letter to the Editor

From the Wire

New numbers from the U.S. Census Bureau say that the nation's median income for households rose in 2006 for the second year in a row. But the median income for individual men and women actually declined, after adjusting for inflation.

That indicates that household income went up because more members of households are taking jobs or taking second jobs or working longer hours.

Adjusted for inflation, median household income rose seven-tenths of a percentage point last year to \$48,201. That's still \$1,043 below its peak in 1999, inflation adjusted.

Median earnings of individual full-time workers, meanwhile, continued to fall last year – by \$482 for men and \$388 for women, inflation adjusted. Compared with the median

figures for 1999, men last year were earning \$2,353 less, women \$1,335 less.

Looking at those numbers, you'd think the nation had gone through a terrible recession. Actually, the economy has seen fairly healthy growth for six years. Gross domestic product is up 14 percent since 2000.

Why isn't the American family doing better? Partly because inflation has kicked up a bit since 2003; partly because gasoline, medical care and health insurance costs have been rising faster than wages.

But other forces are at work as well. There are fewer manufacturing jobs, the result of increased efficiency and competition from overseas. Service jobs tend to pay less, and some of those also are affected by globalization, which has allowed American companies to get computer programming, call-center operations, accounting services and more performed overseas by workers earning a

fraction of American salaries.

Add all the reasons together, and you wind up with greater skewing of income distribution in America toward the top. Since the early 1980s, the paychecks of the richest Americans have been rising much faster than everyone else's, according to federal statistics. The wealthiest 20 percent of Americans now earn as much as everyone else combined.

We can't stop globalization, but we can demand better labor and environmental rules in free trade agreements. We can make it easier to organize unions. And we can improve education, so that coming generations of American are qualified for high-paying knowledge work.

It's time for the balance to swing back in favor of American families.

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Waste not, want not

Has anyone else noticed the chilly temperatures inside many of SIUE's buildings this fall, or the unnecessary packaging of food at Morris University Center? These are among the wasteful reoccurrences happening here at SIUE every day.

Recently, I have sat in classrooms or in the MUC shivering due to the air conditioning being pumped into the buildings on campus.

This is not only wasteful in terms of the environmental concerns that they raise, but are also wasteful to our pocketbooks. How much are these goose bumps costing us financially? Across campus and over the course of a year, the indoor climate control is costing us a fortune. This is not to say that I am for getting rid of AC in summer or heat in winter.

In a separate but related incident, I recently purchased some food from Taco Bell in the basement of the MUC. It was not a "to go order," but they packaged each item individually and then placed it in a bag ... not on a reusable tray. Why can't Taco Bell and Pizza Hut utilize the reusable plates and trays already in use by Dining Services?

Additionally, why doesn't Dining Services use reusable cups? They are already washing plates, silverware and trays, and yet there is somehow a need for disposable paper cups? In a recent article in the Alestle, there was mention of plastic bottle usage and the new reusable plastic cups for people to purchase, take with them and reuse. What about the people who are consuming their beverages in the dining area? These people should not have to buy a "to go" cup or pay for paper cups. This should be a no-brainer.

I've also noticed sprinklers watering the campus' landscaping in the heat of the day. I thought by now that it was common knowledge that watering at nighttime reduces the amount of evaporation and therefore would require less water to gain the same effect.

Making some of these changes both as a campus and as individuals can save us big time. It would reduce the amount of waste, while saving both monetary and ecological capital at the same time. We should demand less waste and more for our money ... not to mention our planet.

Kevin Rohling
Graduate Student

Reliving the Mississippi River Festival

by **Matthew Schroyer**
Alestle Reporter

When Rich Dalton and his band, The Classics, play for a sellout crowd Thursday in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center, they will bring years of experience in the business of rock to the stage.

They will also attempt to recreate the ambiance of the fabled Mississippi River Festival, the historic SIUE outdoor concert series that attracted tens of thousands with rock and classical music. That festival, which ran from 1969 to 1980, entertained concertgoers with music straight from the mouths and instruments of world-famous acts such as Judy Collins, Joan Baez, The Who, Bob Dylan and Jackson Browne.

Following in the historic footsteps to recreate the experience is a tough act to follow. But Dalton isn't sweating it – he lived it.

Dalton, who was an SIUE student from 1969 to 1972, had been to the festival from its beginnings. He was also the first production manager of WSIE, the commercial, student and faculty operated radio station, when the station first powered on in 1969. The job allowed him to interview some of the notable musicians that came to play.

"He is known as a wild and crazy guy," Dalton said of Keith Moon, infamous wildman and drummer for the Brit-rock ensemble, The Who. "But he was very kind, and very nice to me. I was 21, but he sat with me for a while and let me have an interview."

Dalton suspects one of the reasons why Moon was so calm that evening was because he had vented his frustration out on his drum set on stage, but that energy made them one of the best groups of all time. And their style was a perfect marriage for the outdoor MRF.

"They had some of the greatest arena rock songs ever. They are one of the majors," Dalton said.

The Classics will take on songs by The Who and other acts that played at the MRF as part of the SIUE Alumni Association's "Flashback to the MRF," starting 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center. Tickets for Friday sold out within hours after being made available on the Alumni Association Web site.

That's partly due to the popularity

and lasting excitement over the MRF, but also because Rich Dalton mentioned the concert during his "Radio Rich" program on KHITS 96.

"I just mentioned it on the air once," Dalton said. "I'm sure (Friday) will sell out, too."

Part of the attraction was also the \$2 price tag, the same as it was back in the day.

"Concerts were a bacon and eggs expense," Dalton said. "Now it's a champagne expense."

Alumni Affairs Director Steve Jankowski said the most important factor for booking The Classics for Flashback was Rich Dalton's history at SIUE and the MRF. That, and the quality of his band, made The Classics the act to showcase.

"His band has a great history. They are local, plus they can perform the music," Jankowski said. "It was a wonderful connection."

The Classics is a "DJ band," as Dalton puts it, and consists of Frank Palliser, formerly of the Nickels, on keyboard and guitars, Harry Thebeau on lead guitar, bassist Chuck Bonano, drummer Danny Holmes and Dalton on rhythm and vocals.

"We started playing even before it came to be known as 'classic rock,'" Dalton said. "The term wasn't thought of yet."

It all began in 1985, when Dalton called Palliser and suggested they learn songs that nobody played at the time. That same year, the band assembled and played for the KSHE Kite Fly in Forest Park in St. Louis, where they played "Mississippi Queen" by the band Mountain and Ted Nugent's "Stranglehold." The band was promptly booked for more gigs after their initial appearance.

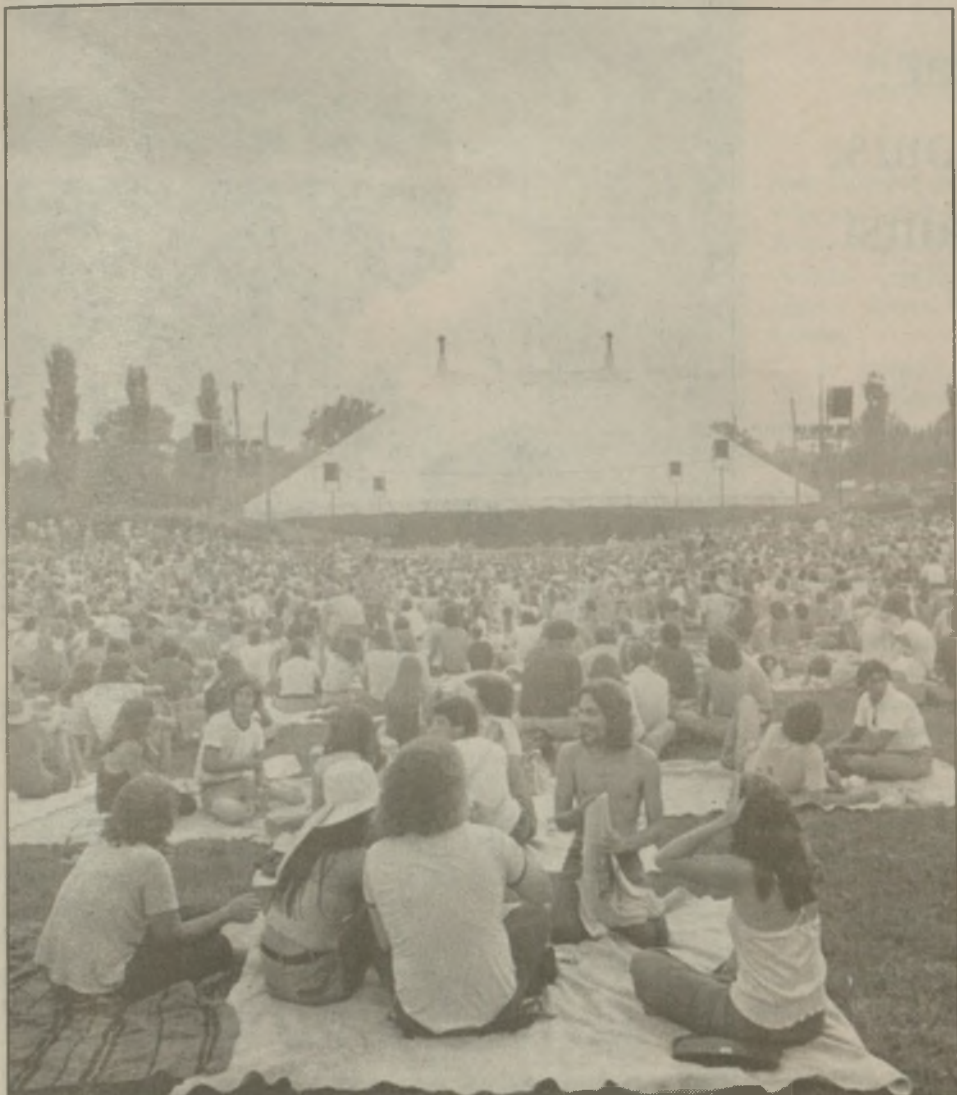
"Now there's a lot of DJ bands. We sort of resurrected that," Dalton said.

The Classics only play occasionally, when it's convenient and fun. Dalton said the band's last gig was during Thanksgiving, and they are very excited to play again, especially for the former MRF crowd.

"A lot of people have never heard us before," Dalton said. "They are going to be pleasantly surprised."

Tickets for MRF Flashback can be purchased on the alumni affairs Web site at siue.edu/alumni.

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Top: Students and area residents in the early 1970s enjoying sounds of rock and folk bands at the Mississippi River Festival.

Middle: Rock band "The Who" performs at the MRF.

Bottom: The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra performs as part of the Mississippi River Festival.



Set, spike, sweep

No. 14 ranked Cougars defeat
University of Missouri-Saint Louis,
Rolla; prepare for road-trip against
GLVC East.

by Zach Groves
Alestle Reporter

SIUE volleyball picked up two more Great Lakes Valley Conference victories at home this weekend, but may need to pick up more than that to prepare for its upcoming road trip against top conference teams.

The Cougars battled inconsistent play and a solid University of Missouri-St. Louis blocking game Saturday to sweep the Tritons 3-0 and took on a young but tough University of Missouri-Rolla group, but pulled off the sweep Friday night.

SIUE played the comeback kid in all three games against UMSL, battling from at least two points down each time to win. The Cougars came within losing game two, but junior middle hitter Kelsey Hubert kept the Vadalabene Center crowd on its feet after she stole the game point from the Tritons twice and helped set up the game winner.

Hubert led the team with 15 kills.

"It's a compliment to the girls that we don't play our best game, and yet we can still find a way to win," SIUE Head Coach Todd Gober said.

The Cougars ran into additional trouble with UMSL's blocks as they were denied eight times.

"We were setting the ball right into them, we had trouble setting the outside ball and our offense became a little more predictable," Gober said. "And when you become predictable, I think you make anybody a better blocking team."

UMSL Head Coach Josh Lauer said the Tritons are built primarily on defense and if there were not a few mistakes late in the games, the result might be different.

"Our game is to try to frustrate the other team by keeping the ball off the floor and I thought they did a good job of that," Lauer said. "Just a couple of balls fell against us, a couple of nice shots late in games ... two and three especially, and that's a difference maker."

The Cougars faced an equally frustrating challenge in UMR, who carried 14 freshmen into Friday's match. On paper, the 1-16 Miners (as of Tuesday) might have been an easy match, but sophomore outside hitter Candice Kummer, a key player in games two and three Friday, disagreed.

"They kept us on our toes, they had a lot of tricky shots," Kummer said. "Their arm swings weren't really conventional, so we had a hard time defending them but we did really well."

Junior setter Mallory Clements came within one dig of a triple-double, a rarity in volleyball. Clements snared 10 kills, 36 assists and nine digs.

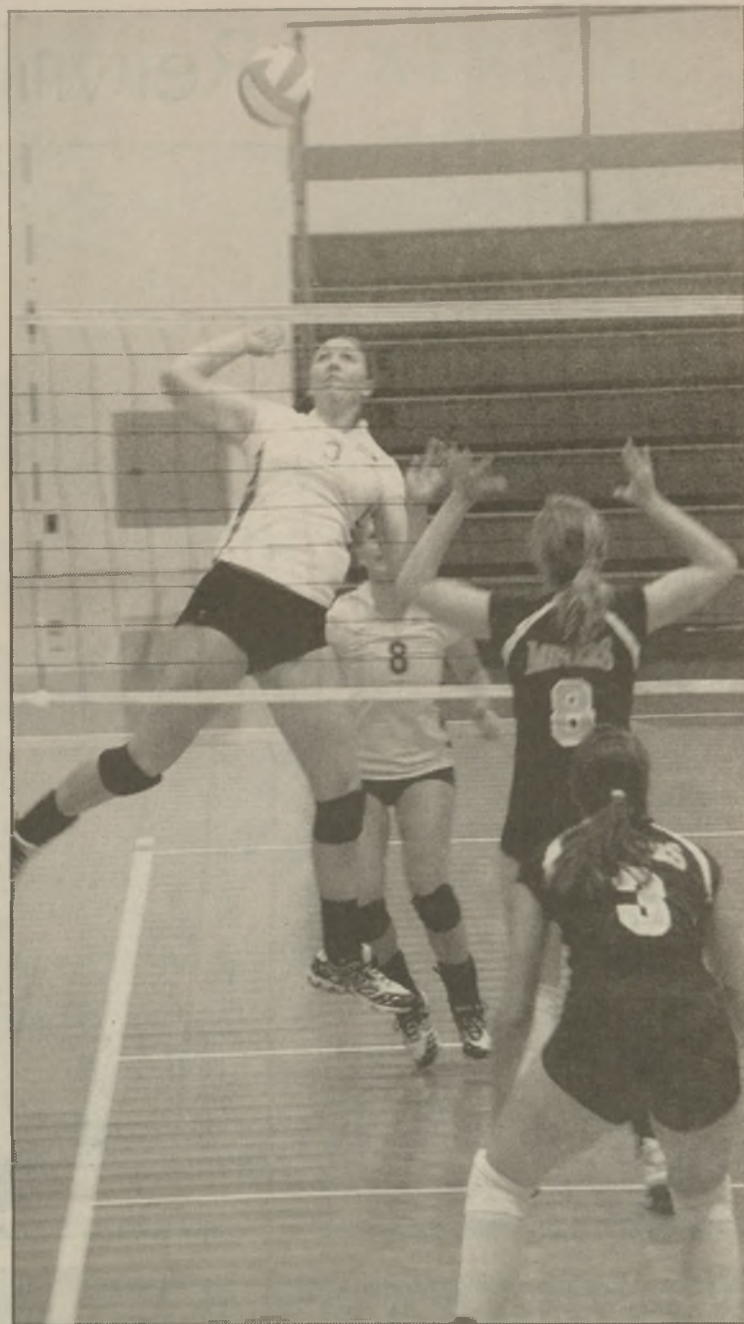
Sophomore libero Tiffany Turner collected 18 digs on the defensive side.

UMR Head Coach Jason Holt said the (16) losses do not determine the team's work ethic or talent.

"We are competitive and we are in matches, we just got to make sure we learn how to reduce errors and close things out and we'll get better at that," Holt said. "I think that we did some good things and we let a really good SIUE team make runs and when you get down by a lot of points its hard to come back against a team like that."

Gober said the 13-3 Cougars are done with their division in the GLVC until at least mid-October, but face East Division powerhouses No. 22 Northern Kentucky University and University of Indianapolis, who battled each other to five games this weekend, back-to-back on the road Friday and Saturday.

The Cougars will start their road trip with a match against Saint Joseph's College Thursday evening in Rensselaer, Ind.



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Sophomore Lisa Heitkamp attempts to spike the ball during Fridays game against the University of Missouri-Rolla. The Cougars will next face Saint Joseph's in Indiana on Sept. 27

"It looks like it's going to be a real showdown," Gober said of the NKU and Indianapolis matches. "Whoever comes out of this weekend unscathed, if any of us do ... they're in the driver's seat for hosting the conference tournament."

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Cougars take two over the weekend

by Kyle Wiese
Alestle Reporter

The SIUE Women's Soccer capped off an impressive weekend with a 4-0 win Sunday against the Lewis University Flyers after beating the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers Friday by the score of 3-1.

In Friday's game, SIUE and Wisconsin-Parkside matched each other shot for shot with nine apiece.

The Cougars were able to get the win due to the play from goalkeeper Kim Roady as well as the collective defensive effort.

"We had a lot of good communication tonight throughout the entire game," Roady said. "We were dropping back together and stepping in together."

Roady had seven saves on the night and helped to lead the Cougar defense by only allowing one goal.

All three Cougar goals came in the first half, but the Rangers were able to adjust in the second half and shut down SIUE.

"They woke us up at halftime, because we came out flat," Wisconsin-Parkside Head Coach Troy Fabiano said. "It's difficult to watch your team wake up after giving up three goals."

According to SIUE Head Coach Lynda Bowers, the strong defensive effort came from having the proper mindset.

"We had some good mental preparation this week, and we had really tenacious play," Bowers said.

The three SIUE goals came from Jenny Kates in the 11th minute assisted by Chelsey Johnston, Jennifer Kratzer in the 23rd minute assisted by Elizabeth Valenti and Katie Yearian in the 43rd minute.



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Jennifer Kates moves the ball down field for the Cougars Friday. Kates scored one of three Cougar goals.

SIUE wins 1, second game abandoned

GLVC to decide the results of the second game

by Kyle Wiese
Alestle Reporter

The SIUE Men's Soccer team defeated the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers Friday 5-0, but Sunday had an unusual conclusion in action against Lewis University on Sunday.

In Friday's game against Wisconsin-Parkside, SIUE was in control.

SIUE scored twice in the first 28 minutes, getting goals from freshmen Dustin Attarian and Matt Harris on assists from sophomore Mike Jones and Attarian, respectively.

Goalkeeper Greg Crook recorded his third shutout of the year and had four saves on the Rangers five shots on goal.

"Greg gives us steadiness and certainty," SIUE Head Coach Ed Huneke said. "Everyone feels good about having Greg back there."

The Cougars had two goals apiece from Attarian and Harris, as well as an assist from Attarian

and two from Harris.

The Rangers were unable to generate much offense in the game due to the fact of the youth of the team.

"We had eight freshmen out there tonight, but I am proud of them because they played hard," Wisconsin-Parkside Head Coach Rick Kilps said.

Despite the fact that the Rangers did not get many shots on goal, they did control the ball throughout a lot of the first half.

Attarian earned his third multi-goal game of the season and has turned into one of SIUE's most formidable scorers.

"Dustin has been on fire because he has great instincts," Huneke said. "He has been excellent at one-on-one battles with defenders."

Harris also was able to lend his talents to the scoring scene by recording his first multi-goal game.

"I got set up perfectly tonight by my teammates and was able to finish," Harris said.

This victory against the

Rangers ensured that Huneke will finish his career undefeated against them.

"Coach has always been undefeated against them, and since this was the last time he coached against them, we wanted to win it for him," Harris said.

In Sunday's game against Lewis University, the game was physical from start to finish with multiple penalties called on both teams.

Lewis had two yellow warning cards given to them in the first half and SIUE had five fouls whistled against them.

SIUE's first goal came in the 43rd minute on a rebound shot from Mike Jones, which was the only goal scored in the first half.

Lewis was able to answer back in the second half on a goal from Kipp Cartwright to even the score 1-1.

As the game wore on, the physical play continued between the two teams all the way until the game was called.

MEN'S SOCCER/pg.10



No. 12, SIUE's Ryan Wilhelm, races University of Wisconsin Parkside players to the ball Friday night. The Cougars defeated UM Parkside 5-0.

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WOMEN SOCCER

from pg. 8

Brittany Kaim scored the only Ranger goal in the 56th minute of the match on an assist from Meredith Novak.

The win moved SIUE to a record of 4-3-1 overall and 3-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. The loss dropped Wisconsin-Parkside to an overall record of 5-2-1 and a 2-2-1 record in the GLVC.

SIUE was able to continue their winning ways Sunday, by posting a 4-0 victory against Lewis University.

The Cougars out shot the Flyers 17-9 and had a combined shut out from goalkeepers Kaci Backs and Kim Rody.

SIUE had two goals from Katie Yearian and an assist as well as a goal and an assist from Elizabeth Valenti.

Backs and Rody recorded a combined seven saves out of the nine Lewis shots on goal.

According to the Lewis University Head Coach Chris Koenig, the Flyers were demoralized after letting in the Cougars' second goal.

"We didn't handle the second goal very well, and they stayed aggressive and continued to push the ball forward," Koenig said.

SIUE went into the half leading 1-0, but received some inspiration in the locker room before coming back out to play the second half.

"We had a good halftime speech, and the girls got revved up and ready to play the second half," Bowers said.

According to Bowers, this weekend was big for the Cougars in order to gain confidence heading further into the GLVC season.

"It was a pivotal weekend, and after putting in seven goals, the girls have confidence that they can score," Bowers said.

The victory moved SIUE's record to 5-3-1 overall and 4-2 in the GLVC.

The Cougars will travel next weekend to take on Northern Kentucky Friday and Bellarmine Sunday.

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MENS SOCCER

from pg. 9

After Attarian scored in the 84th minute to give SIUE a 2-1 lead, Lewis Head Coach Evan Fiffles began arguing with the referee about a missed foul call.

Fiffles walked out onto the field and was given a red card by the referee and ejected from the game.

Following Fiffles' ejection, on the ensuing play, the ball was kicked the length of the field and a Lewis player and SIUE player both went for a header and collided.

After both players were knocked to the ground, a scuffle ensued between the two teams, which escalated into a brawl.

The referees called off the game and the outcome is pending a decision from the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Police restrained the players and both teams were escorted to the locker rooms.

According to the officials of the game Tom Smith, Vern Gano and Jeff Shelton, the game is officially labeled as "abandoned" until the GLVC makes a decision.

"The decision probably will come sometime this week, hopefully before the game against Northern Kentucky," Huneke said.

According to Huneke, SIUE is awaiting word on potential red ejection cards to Zach Bauer and Mike Jones, which could affect their playing status in the Northern Kentucky game.

"I haven't really seen enough yet to make any kind of decision on what happened," Huneke said. "I told the team that I will restrain from making judgments until I see exactly what happened."

After the fight on the field, Jones had to be carted off the field to receive medical attention, but should be able to return to action soon.

"I saw Mike today and physically he is fine," Huneke said.

The win against Wisconsin-Parkside moved SIUE's record to 4-1-1 overall and 4-0-1 in the GLVC.

Officially, the record will remain as such until a decision is made concerning the outcome of the Lewis game.

The Cougars will next travel to Northern Kentucky and play Friday followed by their game Sunday at Bellarmine.

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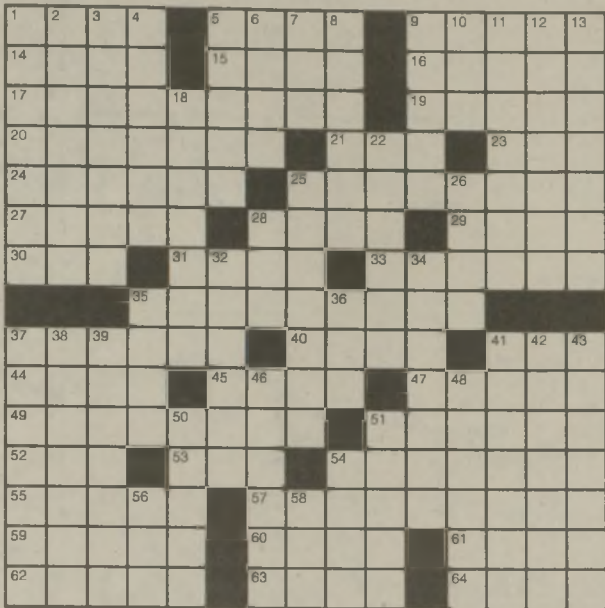
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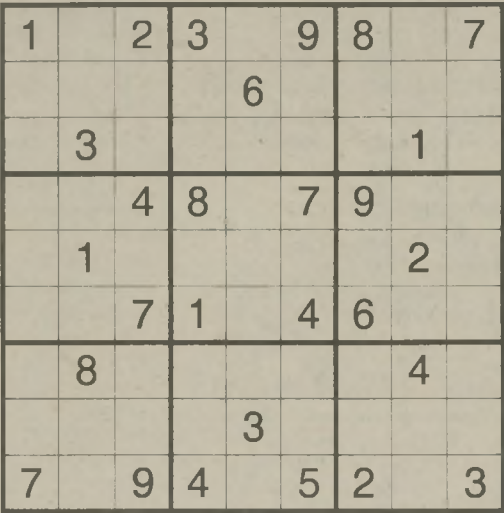
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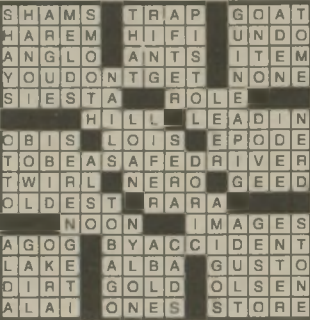


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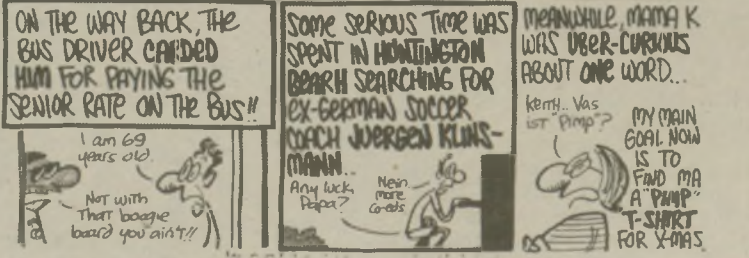
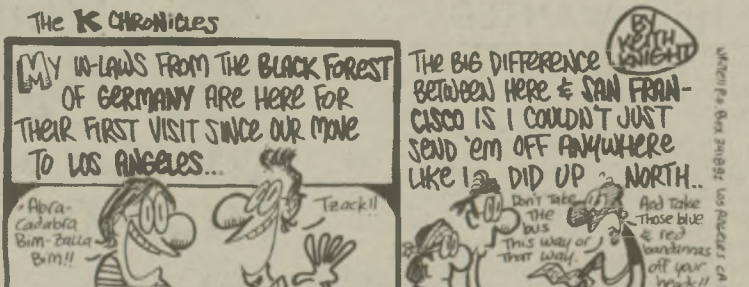
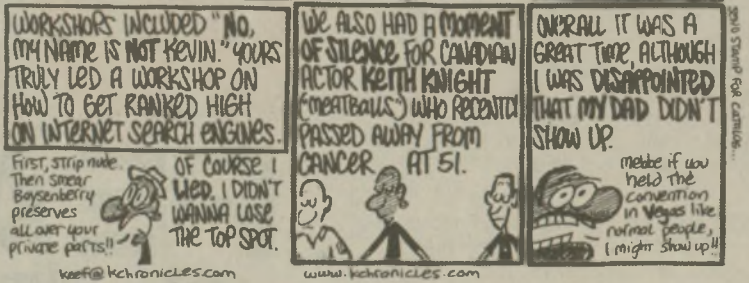
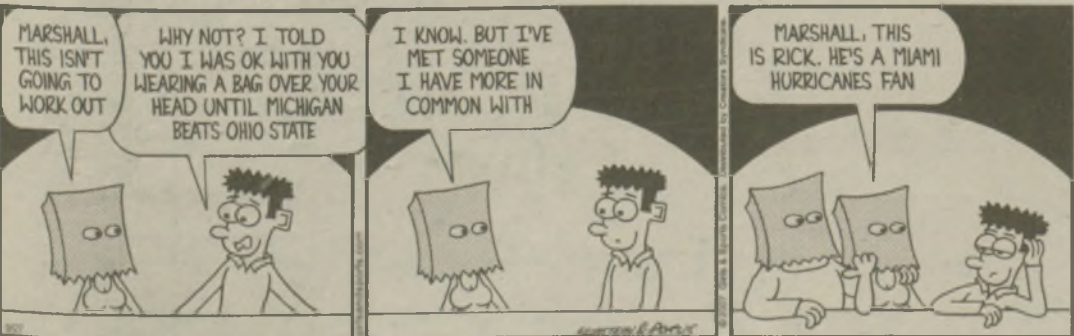
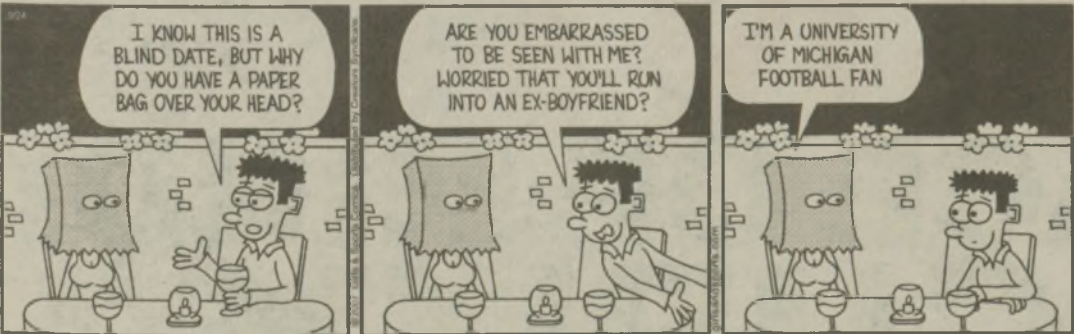


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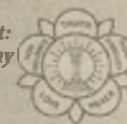
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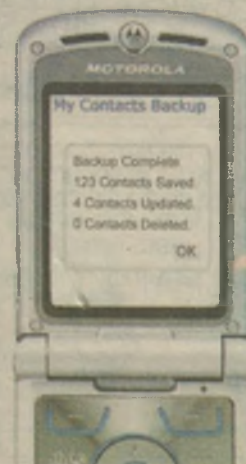
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