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Cougar statue unveiled on Quad



A crowd gathers around the "Taking Stalk" statue outside the Morris University Center as it is unveiled Wednesday.

by **Steve Berry**
Alestle Photo Editor

Outside the lunch rush jungle of the Morris University Center Wednesday, a bronze cougar was revealed. Years of planning and fundraising came to fruition Wednesday afternoon when a life-size cougar statue was unveiled in front of the Morris University Center by Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel, former Chair of the School Spirit and Pride Committee Nikki Grashoff and members of the former

Cougar Guard. The previous Cougar mascots, Chimega and Kyna, lived under a geodesic dome on campus and walked the grounds under the care of students in the Cougar Guard. Chimega died in 1985 and Kyna was taken away in 1987. "Since then our campus has been lacking any form of a physical mascot," Student Body President Laurie Estilette said. The campus currently has a cougar suit students dress up in to become "Cory the Cougar." During the 2003-2004 school year, the Student Government's School Spirit and

Pride Committee started to formulate a project to remember the live cougar mascots and increase school spirit. Hundreds of students surrounded the cougar statue, titled "Taking Stalk," for the unveiling and T-shirt giveaway. Junior Jeremy Wood was in attendance. "We got to see the paper thing fall down and then we saw the actual cougar. It's really nice. It looks like it's just like prowling, trying to hunt for something, which is really kind of cool," Wood said.

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Contract talks continue Clerical worker union rejects offer, second picket possible

by **Allan Lewis**
Alestle Reporter

Negotiations stalled once again Tuesday as members of American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2887, a union of SIUE Clerical and Kindred Workers, work toward a new deal.

The union has been working without a contract since May, and both sides met for three hours Tuesday without reaching a deal.

"We had a very good two-way conversation in the meeting," Union President Cindy Korte said. "We are looking forward to meeting again on Thursday."

A 50 cent minimum increase in hourly wages is desired by the union, which is holding off any lower offers.

"We received an offer, but it still wasn't what we were hoping for," union member Gay Cummins said. "Hopefully Thursday we will have more answers."

SIUE Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy declined to comment on the situation, citing the

University policy prohibiting him from speaking during an ongoing contract discussion.

"We presented everything again and an offer was made, but we are still holding out," Cummins said.

The lowest paid member of the clerical staff at SIUE makes \$9.56 an hour, while the minimum starting salary for a secretary at the University of Illinois is \$10.51 an hour.

"If we do not settle the situation (today), we will be doing another informational picket on Monday," Cummins said.

This is the second time in 10 years SIUE clerical workers have been unhappy about a contract. In 1998, workers demonstrated for a 2 percent equity raise the administration and staff received.

"We are supposed to go back (today)," union member Connie Wayman said. "We are looking forward to our meeting."

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Riding in comfort



Bobby McCulloch/Alestle

Members of Sigma Phi Epsilon push junior Mike Maschhoff in the recliner race Tuesday between Hairpin Drive and the Stratton Quadrangle. The fraternity's entry won first place in the competition.

Homecoming event highlights

Friday, Oct. 5

Sixth Annual Chili Cook-off
5:30 to 7:30 p.m, Korte Stadium

Soccer Game vs. UMSL
5 p.m. Women's
7:30 p.m. Men's
Korte Stadium

Tricycle Races
Between games, Korte Stadium

Homecoming Coronation
Halftime of Men's Game
Korte Stadium

Casino Night

9 p.m., Meridian Ballroom

Saturday, Oct. 6

Campus Rec 5K Poker Run
8:30 a.m., SFC

SIUE Alumni Picnic
"Sh-Boom" Concert
Kid's Corner Inflatables
noon, field west of Morris University Center

SIUE Club Football vs. Marquette
3 p.m., RecPlex

University Housing Trivia Contest

MUC Conference Center

Frederick Winters (Hypnotist)
INPULSE (A cappella group)
8 p.m., Meridian Ballroom

Sunday, Oct. 7

Sunday Brunch
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
University Restaurant

Soccer Game vs. UM-Rolla
Noon Women's
2:30 p.m. Men's

For a full listing of events, visit siue.edu/cab/homecoming.shtml

Police Reports

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Police took a report of a hangtag stolen from the Prairie Hall Parking Lot.

Police issued Kyle J. Freshman a citation for leaving the scene of an accident. He was released with a notice to appear.

Banner to block students without vaccinations

by Matthew Schroyer
Alestle Reporter

Students may run into an unexpected problem when they attempt to register for classes this semester. That is, if they don't have their immunization record in order.

When Banner opens Oct. 15, students will have to be up-to-date with Tetanus and Diphtheria (TD) vaccinations, and have the documentation to prove it. Entering students and transfer students must have received their Mumps, Measles and Rubella shots, also known as MMR.

If not, they cannot register for classes, and may be charged a \$25 fine.

Previously, students received notifications through the mail, warning of the consequences of not being up-to-date. This semester, Health Services has done away with the snail mail and sent e-mails instead, which

were sent to students' SIUE email last week.

Head Nurse Susan Grimes said the switch was made because of the move to the Banner system, which allows students to check if they are in compliance from the computer.

Grimes said noncompliance is a problem that comes up every year. Ten percent of students either do not have proper paperwork, or do not have the shots.

"That's still 1,350," Grimes said. "It's a lot of students, but when you look at it as 10 percent, it doesn't look it."

Despite sending letters and e-mails, Grimes said the efforts of Health Services are not always effective.

We try and try, but we don't know how to do it," Grimes said.

All required immunizations are available at Health Services. Both the TD and the MMR shots cost \$6 for students, which are typically covered by a student's insurance.

If students are up to date with their shots, but are not properly documented, they can call Health Services at 650-2842 to find out what documents are required.

Immunizations are not exclusively a matter of public safety; they are also a matter of state law. Illinois passed the most recent laws on immunizations in 1990 after a measles outbreak, Grimes said.

Dean of Students Jim Klenke urged students to keep up to date on immunizations and stay in line with state law. Klenke warned that students are at high risk because of the close nature of the university environment.

"We're basically asking them to work with us," Klenke said. "It's for the benefit for all."

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HOMECOMING

COUGARS ROARING THROUGH THE DECADES

October 1-7, 2007

Thursday, October 4

Cougar Karaoke (80's Style)

Noon
MUC Goshen Lounge

Early Childhood Reunion Reception

4PM-8:30PM
MUC University Club Restaurant

Pep Rally & Bonfire

6:30PM
Woodland Bowl
MUC Goshen Lounge (rain location)

Homecoming Dance - "Dancin' Through the Decades"

Sponsored by Residence Housing Association
9PM-11:30PM
RHA Homecoming Prince & Princess Coronation - 11PM
MUC Meridian Ballroom

Friday, October 5

6th Annual Chili Cook-Off Sponsored by SIUE Club Sports

5:30PM-7:30PM
Korte Stadium
Winner to be announced between Women's & Men's Soccer Games

Homecoming Soccer Game vs. University of Missouri-St. Louis

5PM Women's
7:30PM Men's

Korte Stadium Tricycle Races
Sponsored by Residence Housing Association
Between Men's and Women's Soccer Games

Homecoming Royalty Coronation

Halftime Men's Soccer Game

Casino Night

9PM
MUC Goshen Lounge & Meridian Ballroom

Saturday, October 6

Campus Recreation 5K

Poker Run
8:30AM
Student Fitness Center
Cougar Parent & Family Association Advisory Council Breakfast
9:30 AM
MUC International Room

Big Red Read with Clifford the Big Red Dog

10AM
MUC Goshen Lounge

Family Weekend at the Rock

Climbing Wall
10AM-2PM
Student Fitness Center
Homecoming Classic and Custom Car Show
11AM-4PM
Parking Lot B

SIUE Alumni Picnic

Noon
Field West of Morris University Center

"Sh-Boom" Concert

Noon-4PM
Field West of Morris University Center

Kid's Corner Inflatables

Noon-4PM
Field West of Morris University Center

Family, Friends, and Fun Bowling Tournament

Noon-5PM
MUC Cougar Lanes

Nursing Simulator Lab Tours

1PM-3PM
Alumni Hall, Second Floor

Student Affairs Alumni and Friends Homecoming Hospitality Tent

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
Recreational Sports Complex

Pom-poms & Popcorn Sponsored by the Cougar Parent & Family Association

2PM - 3PM
Recreational Sports Complex

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Alumni, Friends, & Family Ice Cream Social

2PM-4PM
Religious Center

SIUE Club Football vs. Marquette University

3PM
Recreational Sports Complex

University Housing

Trivia Contest
3PM-6PM
MUC Conference Center

Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet

6:30PM
Vadalabene Center Gymnasium

Club Showcase

Frederick Winters Hypnotist/
IMPULSE - A Capella Group
8PM
MUC Meridian Ballroom

Sunday, October 7

Chancellor's Literary Society Closing Ceremony

10:30 AM
MUC Mississippi/Illinois Room

Sunday Brunch

11AM-1:30PM
MUC Restaurant

SIUE Soccer vs. UM Rolla

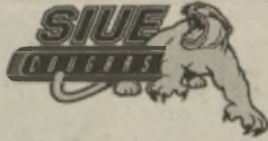
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Men's - 2:30PM
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Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift reveals the new athletics logo during a ceremony in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge Wednesday. Above are former athletics logos, from oldest to most recent.

Extreme makeover: Cougar edition

Updated athletics logo unveiled

by Matthew Schroyer
Alestle Reporter

The cougar is sporting a brand new look, as Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift unveiled a new SIUE sports logo Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

"How cool is that," Vandegrift said as he donned a new Cougar shirt, while simultaneously unfurling a banner from the second story of the MUC as logo shirts were displayed in the University Bookstore.

"It's fierce, just like our Cougars," Vandegrift said. "We're going to continue the march of SIUE."

Vandegrift announced that the new logo was to promote the athletic program's transition to NCAA Division I while softball, basketball, soccer and baseball team members modeled the new logo on T-shirts before the crowd of nearly 100.

After the unveiling of the new logo, Athletic Director Brad Hewitt distributed championship rings to the softball team, which took the NCAA Division II title in the longest recorded championship game in history. The team defeated Lock Haven 3-2 in a game that spanned 12 innings and more than three hours.

Students began filling the Goshen Lounge more than 20

minutes before the logo announcement, congregating around tables stacked with 250 new logo T-shirts.

"I just know it's a new logo," sophomore Allison Lawler said before the T-shirts were unveiled. "I'm kind of excited."

Rachel Williams and Tiffany Coker, two students who had seen the logo previously while working at the University Bookstore, preferred it to the SIUE marketing logo.

"I like the look of the cougar coming at me," Williams said.

Free T-shirts were given away after the speech, and students quickly rushed to grab them up. After two minutes of shouting, some pushing and T-shirts flying through the air, the shirts were gone.

The new logo was designed by 4 Alarm Studio, a St. Louis-based design studio headed by 1992 SIUE alums Dave Scott and Jim Harper. 4 Alarm Studio previously developed ads for Bacardi Global and products including Grey Goose Vodka, Martini & Rossi Asti and Bombay Sapphire.

Harper said he "couldn't stop smiling" after he heard that 4 Alarm would produce the logo for his alma mater.

"When they first asked us, they told us at the same time we're going Division I, that put a whole new pressure on us," Harper said. "That's what made it cooler."

Designers at 4 Alarm Studio produced numerous hand sketches, Harper said, and the final design came from artist Brian Yap.

"He does amazing work, both traditional and digital," Harper said. "He's kind of a rock star."

Yap said he and other designers sifted through other sports team logos to make sure their logo was one-of-a-kind, and would stand out from the other universities with cougar mascots.

"We were looking for something that conveyed the cougar, but stood out in a modern way," Yap said. "It sort of stands above the crowd."

Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said the university looked outside its own graphic design services because the project would have put excessive strain on the workers.

"I think any one of them could have put out a logo, but there was a lot of marketing to be done," Conroy said.

Conroy said the logo suited the move up to Division I.

"It gives out the vibe of a highly competitive team," Conroy said. "We've been very successful with our teams in Division II."

The last Cougar logo update was in 2000.

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10/16/07
Module 7, 2:00 p.m.
Conflict Resolution: Negotiating Differences
Francella Jackson, Office of the Chief of Police
E. St. Louis Police Department
Board Room, MUC
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Module 17, 6:30 p.m.
Leading Your Peers
Billie Turner, Community Liason
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Board Room, MUC

SLDP Reminders....
Volunteer Projects
October 13 - Angel Food, Fairview Heights - Granite City
October 20 - Share Food, Granite City, IL
October 20 - Paint Partners, 2 sites in Madison County
October 27 - The Gardens at SIUE
October 27 - Homeless Project, E. St. Louis, IL
November 3 - St. Vincent de Paul, E. St. Louis, IL
November 10 - Computer Rehab, Washington Park, IL
November 10 - Homeless Project
November 17 - Share Food, Granite City, IL
November 17 - Angel Food, Fairview Heights - Granite City
November 17 - Boy Scout Food Drive, Granite City, IL

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



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October 4 -- Center Court-- Grille Area Special

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University Bookstore, Print&Design,
Cougar Lounge, and
University Restaurant)

Vista not fully compatible with Blackboard

by Sean J. Jordan
Alestle Reporter

Students purchasing a laptop or personal computer this semester may notice that their new machine is equipped with Windows Vista, the latest operating system from Microsoft. And while Vista offers many improvements over its predecessor, Windows XP, SIUE students will notice that it does have a problem.

Vista is not fully compatible with Blackboard, the software utilized by professors on campus to allow students to retrieve course material, view grades, converse with classmates and take tests.

Earlier this year, the SIUE Faculty Technology Center issued a statement indicating that there were "known problems" with Windows Vista and its Internet Explorer Web browser involving the software's ability to access the text editor box used for discussion boards and essay forms. A solution to this problem is to install Mozilla's free Firefox browser and use it with Vista instead.

"These are the same problems that we have with all new Windows releases," Steve Huffstutler, Manager of the Faculty Technology Center, said. "I remember a time when we asked people to hold off on upgrading to Windows XP."

He also said while he does not recommend upgrading to Vista until the issues are

smoothed out, he expects that anyone buying a new computer will want the latest software, and the Faculty Technology Center will continue to offer support for the use of Vista on campus.

With new software always comes new challenges in compatibility, Huffstutler said, noting that even Internet Explorer 7, which is developed by Microsoft, does not work perfectly with Vista. Another Microsoft product, Office 2007, also has issues with other software, including Blackboard.

"The biggest problem we've seen with Office 2007 is that it's not compatible with earlier versions," Huffstutler said.

Another problem comes from the fact that Office 2007 files are saved in four-letter extensions instead of the standard three. But both problems can be remedied, he said, by downloading a program from the Microsoft Office homepage that allows older versions of Office to read the newest software's file formats.

While the current version of Blackboard is said to be about 85 percent compatible with all Windows software, many of the remaining issues will be solved when the current Blackboard system is upgraded in December, Huffstutler said.

"From what I've read, it will clean up a lot of the problems," he said.

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Senate meeting scheduled Friday

Alestle Staff Report

Friday's meeting of the Student Senate may be a relatively brief affair as the senators consider three constitutions and consider two financial requests.

Student Government member Ryan Watson, who addressed both the Senate and the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees two weeks ago on the issues of plagiarism and student socialism, is expected to address the Senate again during the open forum, though this time on a positive issue, Student Government Secretary Bonnie Farrington said.

The Student Organization for Sustainability, a group dedicated to improving recycling

and more energy-efficient buildings on campus, will ask the Senate for an allocation of \$150. The Senate approved the group's constitution at its Aug. 24th meeting.

The Veterans Students Association, a group dedicated to helping student veterans and veterans in the surrounding area, will ask the Senate to approve its constitution, as will the Racquetball Club and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers at SIUE.

The Student Senate meeting will begin at 2 p.m. in the Morris University Center's International Room.

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Romulus Linney's

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Francisco Altamirano, 27, right, of Cliffside Park, lights up a cigarette next to a no smoking sign as Alexandra Budde, 18, of River Edge, holds onto her lit cigarette, September 19, 2007, in Paramus, New Jersey. Ignacio Acosta, elected president of the student body of Bergen Community College, proposed to have smoking banned from the campus.

New Jersey campus adopts smoking ban

by Patricia Alex
The Record (MCT)

Bergen Community College this week is expected to vote to ban smoking on its entire 167-acre campus in Paramus.

The school would join at least 65 others nationwide in a trend that pushes smokers to the periphery of campus life. In New Jersey, community colleges in Morris, Burlington and Somerset counties also have banned smoking campus-wide.

The movement to ban even outdoor smoking has been growing across the country, with colleges, hospitals and even some cities in the vanguard.

"I'm an asthmatic and a former Lung Association president, and I can't wait to ban it," said G. Jeremiah Ryan, Bergen Community's new president. "It's a public-health issue."

It is expected that Bergen Community's board of trustees will approve the ban on Wednesday. It would go into effect in January.

The president of the faculty union, Peter Helff, said he agrees that smokers should be relegated to areas away from the general public. But a total ban is both "a mistake and unenforceable," he said.

"It's an overreaction," said Helff, who is a pipe smoker. "And it will be a severe hardship on some of the people I represent."

Other colleges and universities in New Jersey ban smoking in academic buildings and residence halls, and many require a smoke-free buffer outside buildings. But, so far, campus-wide bans have been limited to the community colleges, which are commuter schools.

The concept of a campus-wide ban began at a community college in Missouri in 2003 and accelerated after the release in 2006 of the latest Surgeon

General's Report detailing the harmful effects of secondhand smoke and the highly addictive nature of tobacco use, said Bronson Frick of the Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights.

"For an educational institution, it's the only sensible policy," Ryan said of Bergen Community. He had no firm estimate of the number of smokers on campus, but nationally about 30 percent of college students smoke.

Bergen Community has more than 15,000 students and about 1,000 staff members. Ryan said the college will offer smoking cessation programs beginning in October. "We're hoping most folks will quit before the ban begins," he said.

Across the country, most of the campus-wide bans are at smaller and commuter schools. Efforts have foundered to enact such policies at some larger schools.

Opponents say smoking bans could create safety issues at residential schools, forcing students off campus.

"It can put the student in a dangerous situation," said Michael McFadden, a regional smokers' rights advocate. He said the bans amount to social engineering that is more Orwellian than American.

But the movement is picking up steam, said Frick, of the national nonsmokers group. The University of Iowa is considering a total ban by 2009. The 39,000-student main campus at Purdue University is now smoke-free, thanks to a ban on all public smoking in West Lafayette, Ind., where it is located.

As at Bergen Community, most of the campus bans are a matter of school policy rather than local law. Under Bergen's plan, violators would be warned to stop and could face "disciplinary action" or removal.

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-Nikki Grashoff, former chair of the
School Spirit and Pride Committee



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Bricks purchased by alumni and other individuals and groups involved with the university will soon cover the base of the "Taking Stalk" cougar statue outside the Morris University Center. The statue was unveiled in a ceremony Wednesday.

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Estilette, Vandegrift and Grashoff spoke in front of the tarp-covered monument before it was unveiled.

Vandegrift and Estilette spoke highly of Grashoff's dedication to bringing this statue to campus.

"While I think all of these students had a lot to do with it, Nikki Grashoff is going to speak probably more than anybody else. On the student side (she) really stuck up for this concept," Vandegrift said.

Vandegrift also said Emmanuel played a significant role in bringing the statue to campus. Emmanuel secured a grant for the "Bring the Cougar Home" campaign.

Other funds for the \$39,000 statue were raised by trivia nights, silent auctions, the sale of Cougar bracelets and the sale of

commemorative bricks.

Steve Jankowski, director of the Alumni Association, said the association publicized the sale of bricks, which will be attached to the base of the statue.

"In essence, we were a support system publicizing the availability of bricks and encouraging people to support bringing the statue here, and we got quite a bit of alumni support in that process," Jankowski said.

Under the giant mass of bronze that is "Taking Stalk," Grashoff said the statue was amazing and the number of students around it was overwhelming.

"It was more than I expected and I love it," Grashoff said.

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SMOKING
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from campus.

Those sanctions are part of the school's current policy, which prohibits smoking inside and within 50 feet of school buildings. That policy is not always enforced, despite prominent signs. On a recent sunny afternoon, a pair of students sat smoking on a bench – right under a "No Smoking" sign.

"A lot of kids go through stress at school; they need to come out and have a smoke," said Rommie Shihaeh, who was sharing a cigarette with a friend, Nazir Uddin. The students, both from Elmwood Park, said smokers at least need a designated area – even if it is far from the buildings.

Ryan vowed "diligent and consistent" enforcement of the new policy, but said there will be some flexibility involved as well. "We don't want to be a police state," he said. The policy would

be enforced "from the front gate to the back gate, but we're not going to harass people smoking in their cars," he said.

At the County College of Morris, the policy calls for a series of fines for violators: \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second and \$75 for the third. President Edward Yaw said some fines have been levied but, for the most part, students and staff have embraced the policy voluntarily. He said the ban was well publicized in the semester prior to its enforcement and that students and staff were offered help in quitting smoking.

"It's been quite successful," he said. "We had special concerns for employees (who smoke) on how to help them get through a seven-hour day."

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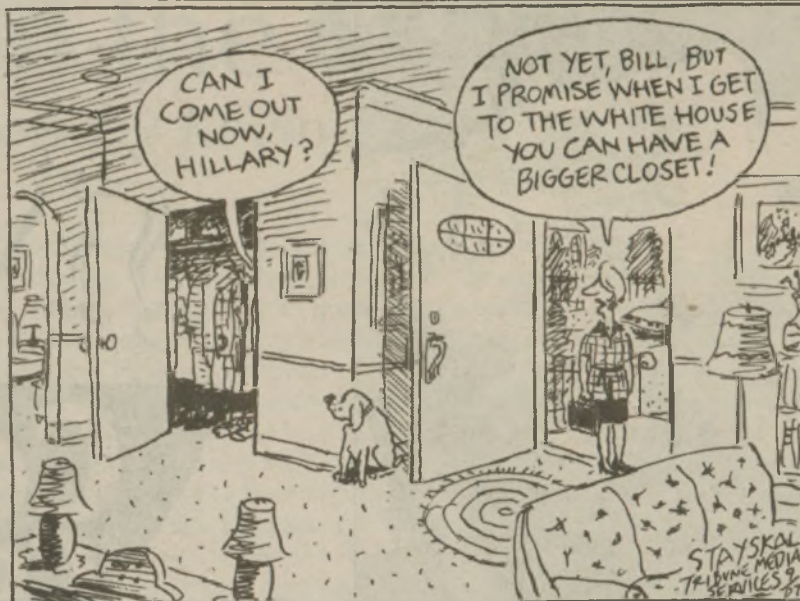
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Duke's mistakes a lesson for SIUE

After reading Duke University President Richard Brodhead's apology online recently for basically turning his back on the lacrosse team when it needed him most, I had to wonder something.

If I were one of the Duke lacrosse players, would I want to go back to a school that went from branding me a criminal to patting me on the back, saying "we knew you were innocent the whole time?"

It is really hard to imagine being one of those players, especially after an incident like the alleged rape of a stripper turning into a national headline. I mean, one day you are squeezing between exam dates and "coffee" dates. The next day, your classmates treat you like you are a registered sex offender, even though you continuously deny you did anything.

One would probably say, "Well, that could happen to

anyone." Sure, it could.

However, I would think a good district attorney would carefully study the DNA test results and actually use them as evidence, which would prove the three players were innocent and that the stripper was crying "wolf."

Unfortunately, former Durham County prosecutor Mike Nifong was not a good legal representative, as he resigned from his post and can no longer practice law because he knowingly kept the results that could have cleared the players several months earlier.

Now, I do not condone the activity the players did. Party strippers are a disgusting example of a "good time" and set our generation several hundred years back for drooling over mostly naked women like dogs.

At the same time, though, what they do privately is their business and within legal boundaries if they were actually safe.

How would SIUE athletics respond to an incident like this? What if, say, a men's basketball player gets caught up in a murder

case just because he was at the wrong place at the wrong time?

Universities work so hard to keep a squeaky-clean image, sometimes dusting bad stuff underneath the rug if necessary. Would the university stand behind the players' back, or only care so much about how good the "e" looks that the player is at the hands of the unruly public?

Duke indirectly forced the lacrosse coach to resign and shut down the program for the entire 2006 season, according to the Associated Press. Does that mean someone with a winning pedigree like Volleyball Head Coach Todd Goyer or Women's Basketball Head Coach Wendy Hedberg becomes a target and should leave?

Just like the lacrosse players must feel, there are several others in addition to them who can no longer show their faces in public for unfair reasons.

SIUE can learn from Duke's example and stand strong behind its athletes, through thick and thin.

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Zach Groves

School spirit to benefit from statue

We are writing in response to Matt Schroyer's article in Tuesday's edition of the Alestle. We feel the Cougar is a good fit and has been long overdue.

From going to sporting events and attending various school functions, it is very evident that SIUE has very little school spirit. What's worse is that there is also very little effort being put forth to change that. This especially needs to change as the university grows into a Division I school.

Look at almost every other D-I school and you will notice one thing: they all have a large amount of school spirit. Whether it's the Orange Krush of Illinois, the Cameron Crazies of Duke or the Rowdy Reptiles of Florida,

they all have an enormous amount of school spirit. While we have the Red Storm, it doesn't even compare to the amount of support received by major programs.

Outside of government funding and donations, major sports programs bring in millions for schools. Sports thrive on school spirit. Inevitably things are going to have to change; having a Cougar mascot on campus is a step in the right direction.

While some believe the money could be better spent, we ask you to look around campus. There are various pieces of artwork all over the SIUE campus. While we don't know where the funding for all of these comes from, we're pretty sure it could put a few students through college. For all we know these

projects could come out of the university budget. The funding for the Cougar was completely fund raised, also known as no cost to the university.

Don't complain about a \$39,000 fundraised statue when the university has spent millions on various other projects. While some, like the sign project (all the direction signs you see around campus), prove to be useful, others like the Spring Green Lodge remain an eyesore on our campus.

Long story short, the Cougar statue is something this campus has needed for years. It's sad that it is just now being erected.

Chris Boucher
Brian Graham
Seniors
Manufacturing Engineering

Carrying extra coins a hassle

I am writing in reference to the increase in price of university Pepsi-brand vending machine drink products.

For the last three years, I have become accustomed to spending \$1 every morning on the way to class to enjoy the sweet "nectar of the gods" (Mountain Dew) and enjoyed the substantial caffeine buzz that ensues.

However, I noticed this semester that the price of Pepsi has gone up and the price was raised 25 cents.

Has the price of water, syrup or sugar gone up? Or are they trying to compensate for the recent articles/exposure of their bottled water products are actually tap water? Or is the university getting a cut in on the flogging of students?

Yes, I can afford an extra 25 cents, but now I have to carry around an extra quarter, or deal with three extra coins in my pocket from the change.

For me, this comes down to convenience. What am I supposed to do with an extra \$.75 in my pocket? It usually falls out my pockets when I ride my motorcycle anyway.

Here is a message to students: boycott Pepsi products on campus until this price is changed back. Bring your own to class and send this message: "Suck it Pepsi."

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Correction: In Tuesday's edition of the Alestle, Lyle Ward was incorrectly listed as director of the Flashback to MRF. Ward is the former MRF Concert manager. The event was acutally put on by Alumni Affairs.

The Alestle regrets the error.



Steve Berry/Alestle

Sophomore Lauren Gerber displays her first novel "Serrated Soul," written under the pen name Desiree Draven. Gerber's novel was published this summer.

Student author pens first novel

by Katie Gregowicz
Alestle Reporter

Ever since she was little, Lauren Gerber knew she wanted to be an author when she grew up.

"All the other little kids wanted to be a ballerina or a fireman, and they always changed their mind every year, but I always told my parents I wanted to be an author," Gerber, a sophomore English student, said.

Gerber's fiction novel, "Serrated Soul," was published earlier this year under her pen name of Desiree Draven.

The main character in the book is Johnny, who is dealing with real life issues such as his cousin dying and his parents' recent divorce. Instead of trying to deal with these things in a positive way, he dwells on them until he begins having terrible nightmares.

To avoid having these dreams, he stops sleeping, and becomes an insomniac.

Then, the demons in his nightmares begin to haunt him while he is awake. He is left with a choice: fall asleep and kill himself or try to wake out of his nightmare.

"It's a pretty intense book," Gerber said.

Gerber said she thought of the idea for the book from observing people and life in general.

"People can think they're helpless, and feel like whatever happened to them can break them. I think that people can break themselves or allow themselves to be broken when they don't have to be," Gerber said.

The novel is based on the philosophical idea that life is influenced more by perspective than reality.

"The world that you create in your mind matters as much as the tangible world that you experience," Gerber said.

These themes are something Gerber said

she has thought about for a couple years. She said she has seen people around her fall into the trap of self-pity and their negative feelings drag them down more than they should.

Sophomore communications major Meaghan Kennedy is about 150 pages into the book. Kennedy knows Gerber from living in Prairie Hall last year.

"When I bought the book, it was more for support, but then it turned out to be actually really good," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said she recommends the book to others and thinks the University Bookstore should carry a copy or two.

"It's such an accomplishment being as young as she is," Kennedy said. "And how often do our students get published? Not very."

Gerber has kept a journal ever since she was a child and has written poems since the third grade. She said her parents did not like her to watch television and encouraged her to read instead.

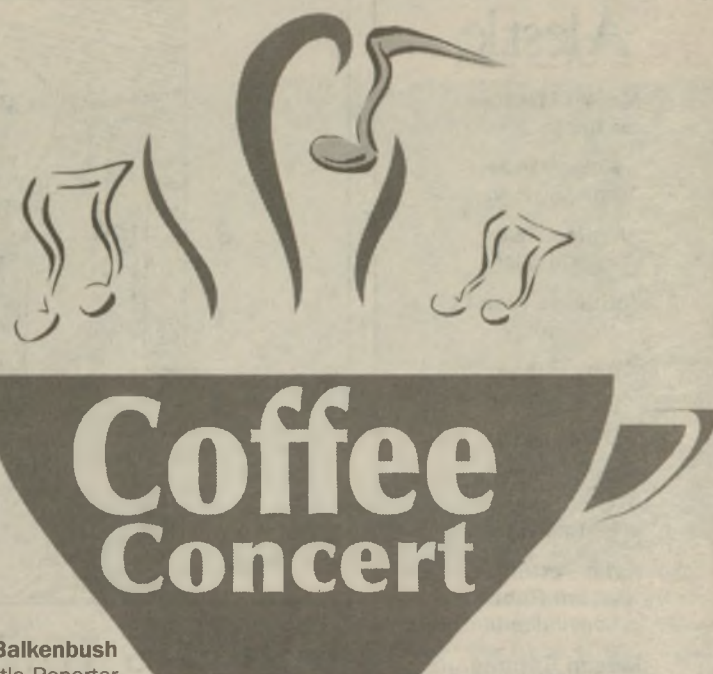
"I grew up reading books and writing. I found some really old, really cheesy bad little kid's poems," Gerber said.

Since then, she has had her poetry published in newspapers and magazines, and has written for two magazines in the past.

"I think it's a really good first book, I think I've learned a lot from it. I know what to do with my next one," Gerber said.

Gerber started writing "Serrated Soul" in her senior year of high school, but had to throw out a lot of her work because her idea changed so much.

"It wasn't even the same plotline. I had to cut huge chunks of my writing out and that is frustrating, but it's better when you've chiseled out the irrelevant parts from it," Gerber said.



by Molly Balkenbush
Alestle Reporter

Hundreds of guests sat around tables in Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom Monday night to sip coffee and enjoy an array of performances. Throughout the entire concert, only the clicks of the photographers' cameras could be heard as the audience listened to music performed by SIUE faculty and alumni.

The music department's 30th annual Coffee Concert began with an introduction and concert history by emeritus music professor Sarah Turner. Retired music professor Marion Lampe and music professor Linda Perry, in charge of the piano program at SIUE, performed first, playing music by Antonin Dvorák. The two played the duet "Three Slavonic Dances for Piano Four Hands."

"It is always a challenge to share an instrument," Perry said to the audience.

Violin professor Lenora-Marya Anop performed "Homage 1976 (Theme and Canon)" by former SIUE professor James Woodard. Prior to coming to the university, Anop performed more than 300 concerts throughout the United States, Europe and Australia.

"The piece played that was written by Woodard really surprised me," said Scott Umbraugh, an electrical engineering professor and former music student. "I had him for a music course about 30 years ago. The piece that he wrote was a really nice change from the older music, like the Mozart."

Perry also played piano with clarinetist George Mellott and violinist Robert Schieber, both of whom have retired from SIUE.

Mellott, who retired in 1994, traveled from Colorado for the Coffee Concert. The three performed Mozart's "Trio in E Flat Major for Clarinet, Viola and Cello, K. 498."

"I loved the piece from the trio," Jeanie Umbaugh, a freshman music

student, said. "I really liked the clarinet in it. I haven't heard the clarinet in years."

The final performance was "Seven Songs of Delight," composed by retired music professor Stephen Brown in honor of SIUE's first president, Delyte W. Morris and the university's 50th anniversary. Unlike the other evening's performances, "Seven Songs of Delight" utilized vocalists.

Vocalists Diane Dietz, Sarah Engelke, Eddie Hitchcock and Shawn Neace, all alumni of SIUE, performed seven songs with a variety of different background instruments including the piano, clarinet, bass and guitar.

"We heard about the Coffee Concert back in March but the (vocalists) only had four practices together," Hitchcock said. "It's always nice to be able to perform original works."

Neace said he thought the show was great, providing "so much fun and a great variety." He said he also enjoyed being able to perform in front of some of his own professors.

Brown, music professors Rick Haydon and James Hinson, alumni Angela Powers Melo and Doug Meyer provided the music for the final performance.

"I think Steve Brown is truly a genius," Dietz said. "He has an amazing mind for performance, and he put together an interesting combination of instruments."

Edwardsville resident Jene Peters called the performances "marvelous." Peters also said the Coffee Concerts are not publicized enough and encouraged more students and area residents to attend.

"More people should really come," Peters said. "It is not only marvelous music, but just a marvelous department."

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"It is not only marvelous music, but just a marvelous department."

-Edwardsville resident Jene Peters

my take on the tune

A music review by Kevin Eagan

Now Rating ...
*"Echos, Silence,
 Patience & Grace"*
Foo Fighters
3 out of 5 stars

It's hard to believe, but Foo Fighters front man and former Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl is 38. When Grohl joined Nirvana as drummer, he was barely 20, and now (in rock and roll terms, at least) he's a dinosaur. But such is the fate of musicians who keep rocking until their teeth fall out. Just look at Keith Richards, for example.

Luckily for Grohl and the Foo Fighters, their music is still as relevant as ever. Six albums into it, the Foo Fighters keep releasing quality music, and "Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace" is certainly a musical step up from 2005's "In Your Honor."

The album begins with the now-radio favorite "The Pretender," which not only has some great guitar riffs, it also balances Grohl's softer vocal styles with his signature scream. "The Pretender" kicks off an album that relies on the tried and true Foo Fighters sound, with a few excellent surprises along the way.

But not every track on "Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace" is pure Foo Fighters gold. On "Erase Replace," the

Foo Fighters rely on the guitar/drum interplay that has established them as a rock and roll powerhouse. The track is not the album's best moment; in fact, the song feels like the Foo Fighters are relying on a cookie-cutter sound that has established their career. In other words, it's a bit stale.

Equally, on "Long Road To Ruin," Grohl and company stick to a formula that we've heard before. In fact, the guitar riffs on this song conjure up the spirit of some old 70s pop band, exactly the type of band Grohl and his counterparts once railed against.

Yet there are moments on this album that are some of the Foo Fighters' career best. The 2005 album, "In Your Honor," saw the beginning of a softer, acoustic-guitar based sound. One of the problems with the double album "In Your Honor" was the second disc, which had a stripped down sound and showcased the band's softer side. But it fell short and was mainly a throwaway. On "Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace," the Foo Fighters seemed to have learned a lesson, and have mixed their slower acoustic songs in with

their faster rock songs.

The result is some of the Foo Fighters' best acoustic guitar work yet, showing the band has perfected and matured their unplugged style. Tracks such as "Stranger Things Have Happened" and "Home" show the band in a more intimate setting, revealing that with age and understanding comes a more diverse sound. Acoustic instrumental track "The Battle of the Beaconsfield Miners" is a nod in the direction of 70s rock legend Led Zeppelin, and is without a doubt the album's strongest song. "The Battle of the Beaconsfield Miners" is not the usual soft-loud-soft style typical of a Foo Fighters song; instead, it is a beautifully orchestrated acoustic guitar jam that is one of the Foo Fighters' most unique songs, one that should have been released years ago.

Another strong point of "Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace" is the quality of the lyrics. Recently, the Foo Fighters have become more politically active, and it's obvious in the lyrics. On the opening track "The Pretender," Grohl sings "Keep you in

the dark / You know they all pretend / Keep you in the dark / And so it all began," suggesting a social commentary on the state of the American political system. On "Long Road to Ruin," Grohl is even more straightforward, singing "Say have you heard the news today? / One flag was taken down / To raise another in its place." The album's ending track, "Home," deals with lost love: "Wish I were with you / I couldn't stay / Every direction / Leads me away ... All I want is to be home." It is a simple song, but a beautiful love song nonetheless.

Despite dragging along in parts, "Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace" is a great album that is worth a listen. The Foo Fighters have finally perfected some of the elements that were previously rough around the edges while still maintaining their signature sound. Whether you are a fan or not, check out "Echoes, Silence, Patience & Grace." After all, it's not just for dinosaurs.

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SERRATED SOUL

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According to Gerber, getting a novel published was a long process. She finished the novel in December and began mailing out query letters to prospective publishers. Query letters are letters explaining a little about the themes in the novel. In addition to the query letters, she also sent out samples of her work.

Three months later, she received a letter saying Publish America liked her work and wanted a copy of the entire manuscript. As soon as she received the letter she started her work on editing the novel.

She found out it was definitely going to be published in May, and she received her two complementary copies in the middle of the summer.

"The most exciting part wasn't getting the letter saying I was accepted, but getting the finished book because that's when you sit back and say here it is, there's nothing more I can do with it," Gerber said.

English Department chair Charles Berger taught Gerber in Introduction to Literary Study and Introduction to Shakespeare. He called her a great writer.

"She is one of the best writers I've ever had, very passionate about literature," Berger said. "As a writer she is very sophisticated and mature. I'm not surprised she's published a book, she's a natural."

Her next novel, "The Chaos Theory," is about the opposite of evolution and how everything kind of goes from bad to worse.

"These books aren't just me preaching philosophy," Gerber said. "I'm trying to demonstrate the philosophy through the character's actions and repercussions of their actions."

Gerber thinks anyone with an open mind will enjoy this book. She calls it a little bit controversial.

She does not want people to see this as a purely dark work. While on a surface level, it may seem dark, it really is not.

"The book is about a dark character and so there are a lot of dark thoughts in it, so the point is, don't think this way. You have to look through the cracks of the words," Gerber said.

An on-campus reading of the book may be

possible in the near future.

"Serrated Soul" is available for purchase for \$25 through amazon.com, publishamerica.com and borders.com.

Readers can also e-mail Gerber at desiree_draven@hotmail.com to buy a book for \$20.

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Gerber's novel is available for \$25 at amazon.com and other book retail Web sites.



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Dr. Gabriel Mazor: "Nysa-Scythopolis: A Greco-Roman city of the Decapolis"

7 p.m. at St. Louis Art Museum

Free, contact Judy Brilliant at (314) 432-3900

Casino Night

9 p.m. to midnight, Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom

Free, contact Rachel Reitz at rlaruss@siue.edu

Saturday

John Pizzarelli

8 p.m. at The Sheldon Concert Hall

\$38, call (314) 534-1111

Hypnotist Frederick Winters and A Capella Group InPulse

7 to 10:30 p.m., Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom

Free, contact Michelle King at mking@siue.edu

Hanson

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\$27.50, call (314) 726-6161

The Loop in Motion Festival

Noon to 9 p.m., The Loop on Delmar Blvd.

Free, contact Debbie Murphy at (314) 727-8000

Sunday

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra Family Concert: The Story of Babar

3 p.m. at Powell Concert Hall

\$8 for adults/ \$5 for children, call (314) 533-2500



The true seasoned veterans

It is said that your mind grows as you get older, but your body slowly starts to shut down. Obviously that statement has not been told to a few athletes who are defying their age limitations by playing the game well past the norm.

Take a look at current Atlanta Braves first baseman Julio Franco. While others are filling out their AARP applications, Franco is finishing up his 25th season in the majors. Twenty-five years at a regular job is odd in recent years, but in a career that requires top physical performance? That's borderline amazing.

Let's put this into perspective. When Franco was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in 1982, the Cardinals won the World Series over the Milwaukee Brewers, who are now in the National League. Two players tied for the lead in the league in homeruns with 39. The first Major League Baseball game to be played in Canada happened at Canada's Olympic Stadium. The American League Rookie of the Year was... Cal Ripken Jr., who retired in 2001, and recently was inducted to the MLB Hall of Fame.

Think baseball is the only professional sport with players defying their ages? Think again. The National Basketball Association has some "veterans" themselves. Dikembe Mutumbo, who is 41, currently plays for the Houston Rockets, will enter his 17th and final season in the NBA.

Basketball requires a bit more continuous and strenuous work on the body in comparison to baseball, and very few players have held a very long career. Clifford Robinson has been in the league one year longer than Mutumbo. Mutumbo is currently on an NBA roster, while Robinson is floating around free agency.

Mutumbo entered the league in 1991 after being drafted by the Denver Nuggets out of the University of Georgetown. Not only is he playing the game past an age anyone would have imagined, he is setting records as well.

In 2007, just as the season was coming to an end, Mutumbo surpassed another NBA great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as the holder of the second most blocks in NBA history. Mutumbo is also the oldest player in NBA history to collect more than 20 rebounds in a game.

What sport could be more physically demanding than the NBA? Well, right under professional football, probably the National Hockey League. The agility and skill a player must possess is key to their success in the league. Not only size and strength, but quickness and agility is a must.

The most seasoned veteran in the NHL is Detroit Red Wings defenseman Chris Chelios. At age 45, Chelios is playing in his 24th year of professional hockey. While playing in 10 international tournaments, Chelios has also played in 11 NHL All-Star games.

When Chelios turned 45 earlier this year, he became the third oldest player in NHL history. Chelios is currently two games away from becoming the league's all-time leader in playoff games played.

While individuals well past the age of 45 can play other sports such as golf and bowling, the sports that the previous three athletes compete in take extreme athletic skill and stress on the body.

Just food for thought, on the reverse side of the spectrum, Sidney Crosby, who plays in the NHL for the Pittsburgh Penguins, enters into his third season on the ice. If he plays until he is 45, he will have played in the league for 26 years.

With the recent technological advances and breakthroughs in modern medicine, players can stay healthier, longer. So, with that in mind, players may play well past their prime. Remember when it happens, I was the first to say Julio Franco, NL Most Valuable Player in 2023.

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Courtesy Sports Information

Sophomore Stephanie Clark serves during the ball during a tennis match last year. The Cougars look to their young talent to lead them this season.

by Zach Groves

Alestle Reporter

Carli Connors may already be channeling her inner tennis champion like a fellow legend, whose name is also Connors.

Jimmy Connors, a local tennis celebrity who won the U.S. Open and Wimbledon championships during his career, also happens to be her uncle.

While her father, John, is her coach and go-to guy for tennis advice, Carli said her uncle gives her tips whenever he is in town. She said the buzz the family tennis lineage creates, to her, is not a big deal.

"It's just like he's just my uncle," she said. "I try to put myself in other people's shoes, but I don't know. I can't make that connection."

Connors, a freshman, leads a relatively young SIUE women's tennis squad, which includes four freshmen and four sophomores. Despite the lack of collegiate experience, Connors reached the quarterfinals of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Great Lakes Championships at the University of Indianapolis in mid-September.

She fell to Drury University's Laure Piquemal in two sets, 6-2 and 6-1. Connors said reaching the championship round would have been great, but for a first-timer, being a quarterfinalist is not too bad.

"I wanted to make it that far, but it's pretty amazing because it's my first college tournament," Connors said. "And I wasn't seeded and I beat some top seeds in the tournament, so that's pretty good, too."

SIUE Head Coach Kyler Updyke said the tournament was the first time the women participated in an ITA-based event since he took over as coach in 2006. The Cougars had not competed through ITA since the 2001-02 season.

"To be quite honest, it's probably (been) 15-20 years that anybody had done this well on the women's side," Updyke said of Connors's performance.

Not only did Connors advance in the singles circuit, but the doubles team of sophomore Kelsey Laird and freshman Laura Horning took to the second round before dropping their match, 8-1, to Northwood University's Ashley Neumann and Julia Goncalves.

The Cougars also pounded Lindenwood University 9-0 in regular season play during the weekend. Connors, Horning, Laird, sophomore Stephanie Clark and freshmen Ali Wulfers and Amanda Niebur, all cruised by their opponents in two sets.

SIUE's doubles teams also swept by LU in two sets.

Showing your Cougar pride

Homecoming gives students chance to support classmates, show school spirit

by **Zach Groves**
Alestle Reporter

Katie Yearian will step into Ralph Korte Stadium for her last homecoming game Friday night, but she is focusing more on the opponent at hand in the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

"They are probably our biggest rival in our conference," Yearian said of the Great Lakes Valley Conference team.

According to Yearian, a senior captain for the SIUE women's soccer team, UMSL and SIUE have played against each other on a St. Louis Cardinals-Chicago Cubs magnitude for several years. For a rivalry match to take place on perhaps the university's most significant time of year, to her, makes the game more enjoyable.

"I think it adds more excitement than pressure," Yearian said.

Yearian had a chance to play UMSL during homecoming her freshman year, when the Cougars defeated the Tritons 1-0. This year, she said she has a chance to pass on the metaphorical torch to players who are now freshmen and sophomores.

"With all teams, you want to kind of instill the team tradition into your younger players," Yearian said. "And you want them to know how much this game means."

While the women's team tries to carry on a winning tradition, the SIUE men's soccer team looks forward to a large and pumped-up crowd. Junior forward Dustin Attarian is playing in his second homecoming game since

transferring from St. Louis Community College at Meramec.

Attarian said the Friday night game against UMSL should generate a loud, yet warm feel on the field.

"It will be a good game to come out and watch," Attarian said.

Attarian looked back on his first homecoming game against GLVC foe, University of Indianapolis, and said the 2-0 win was icing on the cake.

"The atmosphere was great with all those people there, that helped us through the game," Attarian said. "It was a hard game but once we got the (first) goal, we kept playing our game."

Like Yearian, Attarian said UMSL brings a rivalry and the match-up "adds something to the game."

Women's and men's soccer will clash with UMSL starting at 5 p.m. Friday and University of Missouri-Rolla at noon Sunday to round out the homecoming weekend.

In the midst of a chili cook-off, a king and queen homecoming coronation and a casino night there will be helmets crunching and jerseys getting dirty. SIUE Club Football hits the field for a 3 p.m. date with Marquette University's club team Saturday at the University RecPlex behind the Vadalabene Center.

SIUE Club Football President Kevin Nesselhauf said the team drew more than 1,000 fans in the inaugural game last year and, with help from the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and other university organizations, he expects more.

"They sent out a huge mass mailing to alumni,"

Nesselhauf said. "(They) sent out close to 7,000 invitations to the game, so hopefully we'll get a lot of people from that."

Before the game, fans can tailgate with other fans or student organizations. Around 2:30 p.m., a ceremony will be held where the new SIUE Club Sports logo will be unveiled on the jerseys.

As a stronger team, Nesselhauf said the club team will be ready for Marquette and look to collect a win in front of the home crowd.

"We're in a good position to win, we're in a good position to perform well," Nesselhauf said. "I think it's going to become the premier event for this university."

At the same time as the football game, sports fans can venture to Edwardsville High School to catch the SIUE volleyball team in action against Lewis University at 3 p.m.

For every game there is either a story that spells the end of a player's career or a prediction for what a sport will bring for years to come.

In Yearian's case, her story is that she hopes to "go out with a bang."

Regardless of what is benefiting her, Yearian said she hopes the fans come out and benefit from watching the teams play.

"We're just getting bigger and better," Yearian said, "and going to a sporting event is a great, great time."

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-Kevin Nesselhauf, SIUE Club Football President

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Getting to know... Athletic Director Brad Hewitt



by Tony Patrico
Alestle Sports Editor

Did you play any collegiate sports? If so, which ones?

Yes, I was a QB and four year lettermen for University of Central Missouri and also one spring on the baseball team.

What made you want to get into athletics and become an athletic director?

As a junior in high school, I set the professional goals of obtaining a Ph.D., coaching college football and eventually working as an administrator in college or professional sports.

What is your favorite movie of all time?
"Star Wars"

What is your favorite sports movie?

Fiction-based: "The Natural"
Fact-based: "Remember the Titans"

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An engineer, I love to build and design facilities.

Who is your favorite athlete or role model?

Role model: Abraham Lincoln

Favorite Athlete: Bob Gibson

What would you say is the most fun part about your job?

All the athletic competitions. They are great learning environment for the athletes and spectators. About themselves and others.

What are your feelings about the use of steroids in sports, especially in collegiate athletics?

Accountability for proven use should be harsher than currently exists. Until playing and participation opportunities are removed, those few that choose the steroid route will continue.

Are there any particular outings you look forward to this season? Or an opponent that you just can't wait to face?

I always look forward to our student-athlete events: Welcome back picnic, our letter jacket ceremony and spring academic awards recognition.

Northern Kentucky across the board is our GLVC biggest rivalry. I love it when our teams play other Illinois state schools.

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Carole, diagnosed in 2005
Geoffrey, diagnosed in 1987

Sandberg says he likes Cubs' chances

by Mike Downey
Chicago Tribune (MCT)

CHICAGO – A mellow Lou Piniella was the man the Cubs chose to manage them this year.

A fiery Ryno Sandberg could have been the one instead on the hot seat in Arizona, both in spring training and on Wednesday night when the playoffs begin.

He could be someday. After all, when the 64-year-old Piniella inevitably steps aside, Sandberg very easily could become the Cubs' next manager.

"I like their chances," Sandberg said on the phone from Mesa, Ariz., where he is managing young wanna-be Cubs in the instructional league.

"I felt from the beginning when Lou took charge that the Cubs had some of the best talent in the National League on paper. They've lived up to that."

Mr. Fire and Mr. Ice changed identities during the summer.

The notoriously stormy Piniella was a good boy after one early outburst.

The typically stoic Sandberg was ejected four times while managing the Class A Peoria Chiefs and even got slapped with a two-game suspension for bumping an ump.

Upon hearing of Sandberg's first heave-ho, Piniella grinned back in May and said: "Good for him! There'll be more where that came from!"

Who knows what would have gone down had it been a hard-charging Ryno rather than ol' Sweet Lou who ran the Cubs this season?

Sandberg touched base with Jim Hendry on that possibility late last fall, just in case the general manager and new President John McDonough were in a mood to play a hunch and give Dusty Baker's job to a true-blue Cub.

Having no previous managerial experience worked against Sandberg, but keep in mind that Ozzie Guillen had none when the White Sox gave him a chance ... and look how that turned out.

Sandberg is five years Guillen's senior. And much like the manager whom Jerry Reinsdorf and Ken Williams recently granted a long contract extension, Sandberg has an insider's knowledge of – and a special bond with – the team for which he played.

Yet even though McDonough expressed a desire for someone who "gets" what being a Cub is all about, he and Hendry opted for gun-for-hire Piniella, who managed four other teams and didn't have a clue about Wrigley Field's traditions

and lore.

Piniella was picked over another candidate, former Cubs catcher Joe Girardi.

Coming off a last-place finish and with the franchise about to be put up for sale, Cubs management couldn't afford too great a risk.

Fans won't ever know if the Cubs would have missed the playoffs under Girardi or Sandberg. Or could they have won a lot more than 85 games and not been stuck in October with home-field disadvantage?

Sandberg plans to attend Games 1 and 2. His homes are in Phoenix and Chicago, but you know where his head and heart are.

"It's a powerful lineup that they have, one that could carry them a long way," Sandberg said of the Cubs. "Maybe all the way. If they can get on a roll, they'll have a shot because the National League doesn't appear to have a dominant team."

Sandberg played in two division series. Each went the full five games, and in both the home team took Game 5.

He isn't the one filling out the lineup card. But he can tell that Piniella's is pretty well set.

"Alfonso Soriano is an explosive-type player," Sandberg said. "He can put up a number in a second."

"I think Jacque Jones really stepped up in center and gave this team a big lift. He's earned the right to play every day, against a lefty or a righty."

Is a late-inning defensive replacement necessary?

"Not in center. You could have an opportunity with a Sam Fuld in right field late in the game. It depends on the situation and how much you need Cliff Floyd's or Matt Murton's bat."

Third base is a lock, which wasn't the case back when Sandberg was a Cub.

"Aramis Ramirez has become one of the better third basemen in the league, offensively and defensively," Sandberg said. "He's come a long way defensively since he first came to the team."

"At short, Ryan Theriot earned his spurs. I've been surprised because he'd been a second baseman primarily. He's been a good fielder and a scrappy hitter who makes things happen, kind of a David Eckstein."

"Mark DeRosa is not a secret weapon. He's just a guy who quietly gets things done. He comes from a background of winning teams, and he brings class and an attitude to that Cubs clubhouse."

"Derrek Lee is solid. He's quality. He's another guy who just carries the team on his back

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"We came out really strong and finished strong," Horning said.

Updyke said Lindenwood hardly put up much of a fight as the matches came to a close.

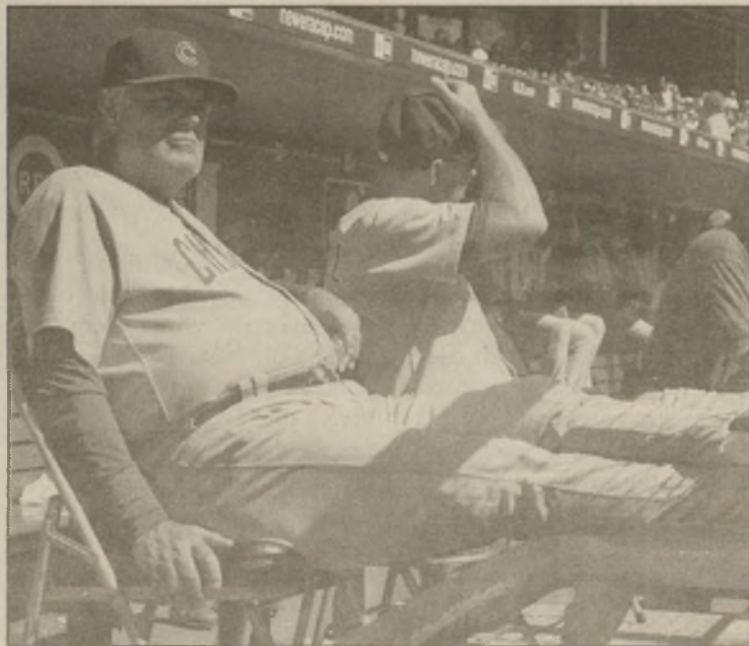
"Overpowered is a good word," Updyke said in describing the opponent's situation.

The Cougars wrap up their fall portion of the season Friday and Saturday at the Western Illinois University Invitational in

Macomb and will not compete again until March. Horning said with the program going Division I after this year, her teammates will get a decent look at who they might face down the road.

"It's good to see what kind of competition we're facing next year and what we're going to be put up against," Horning said.

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Phil Velasquez/Chicago Tribune/MCT)
Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella takes in the scenery on the final regular season game against the Cincinnati Reds.

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at times."

And behind the plate?

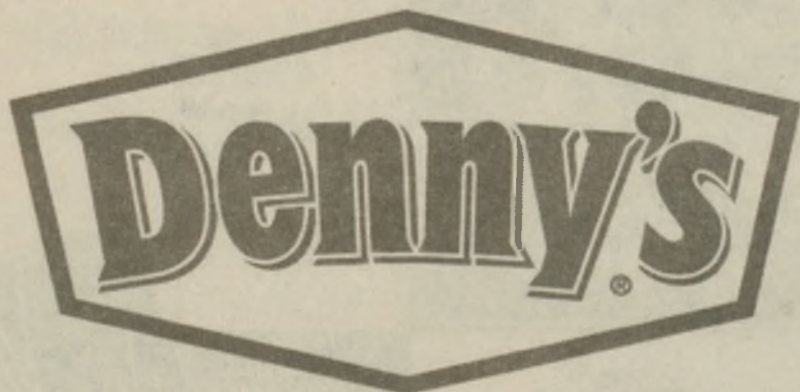
You've got Jason Kendall, the seasoned vet, or you've got Geovany Soto, the novice who might come through if given a shot.

"That could be the one place where you'll need to play your

hunches," Sandberg said.

Go with the experienced guy or with the face of the future. Same decision the Cubs had when they chose a manager.

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SUDOKU

By Michael Mepham

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THE Daily Crossword

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Mystic Stars: weekly horoscope

By Lasha Seniuk

Week of Oct. 8 - Oct. 14, 2007

ARIES (March 21-April 20)
Before mid-week, new exercise and improved health regimes are highly favored: this is a strong time for increased physical energy and new daily routines. For some Aries natives, this sudden increase in vitality may also apply to romantic relationships and long-term friendships. If so, expect dramatic proposals to arrive later this week. Friday through Sunday, remain determined to initiate delicate family discussions: loved ones will appreciate your candor and social awareness.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20)
Complex business messages and new workplace policies will now provide unique opportunities. Renegotiated contracts and revised job roles, although controversial, will soon work to your advantage. After Thursday, older officials will be silent but privately supportive: ask for special favors and wait for obvious signals. Late Sunday, some Taureans may experience a profound glimpse of future events. Family planning or property decisions may be accented: stay alert.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Loved ones may now feel mildly threatened by new friendships and workplace alliances. Remain quietly detached, however, and expect optimism to return after mid-week. Minor disagreements will be easily resolved: your social choices, romantic wisdom or business timing will soon be proven accurate. Late this week, a business or financial opportunity from the past may reappear. If so, study legal documents and make quick decisions: obvious rewards will arrive within seven weeks.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Public disclosure and sincere discussion may now be highly important to loved ones. Before Thursday, all social promises will be carefully scrutinized: find positive ways to involve friends or relatives in event planning and all will be well. Later this week, ask detailed business questions and expect

authority figures to provide meaningful direction. Concrete guidelines will now help finalize difficult projects: don't wait for partners or co-workers to offer creative ideas or new leadership.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Old memories and past promises may now captivate your time and attention. Over the next few days, many Leos will privately evaluate yesterday's romantic decisions or forgotten home aspirations. If possible, avoid group discussion: this is not the right time to search publicly for answers. Tuesday through Friday, loved ones, although dedicated, will not understand detailed ideas or complex explanations. Rest and pamper the body: social and physical vitality may be low.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Financial management, long-term job planning and family responsibilities will soon demand a clear statement of intentions. Over the next six days, expect close friends or relatives to push for bold promises and concrete numbers. Minor home problems or new debts will not escalate: remain attentive to ongoing obligations and openly discuss all future aspirations. Later this week, powerful childhood memories are accented. Go slow and ask loved ones for sincere advice.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
After several weeks of private politics and misinformation, employment relations now become predictable. Previously despondent colleagues will soon reveal their private feelings or expectations. Listen, offer support and move on: this is not the right time to linger on past events or outdated business tactics. Tuesday through Friday accents bold romantic discussions and quickly revised social plans. Friends and lovers may compete for your time: avoid hesitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Ownership, rental agreements or property investments will require public debate before mid-week. Long-term friends or

relatives may now present complex ideas for expansion. Daily requirements and deadlines will be a strong concern. Don't ignore small facts. After Thursday, some Scorpios may be asked to decide between a long-term commitment and a sultry attraction. If present relations have been strained for longer than 19 weeks, choose new love and expect fast changes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Workplace diplomacy is now essential to lasting success. Over the next two days, older colleagues will ask for completed projects, confront new ideas or expose ongoing mistakes. Refuse to be derailed: in the coming weeks your efforts will provide worthwhile results. Wednesday through Saturday, loved ones may be uncharacteristically moody or withdrawn. Private moments and gentle discussions will bring clarity to social or romantic tensions: stay open to new proposals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
Family members may soon ask for special understanding and support. Key issues involve financial mismanagement, business setbacks or long-term debt. Offer realistic suggestions: before next week, your observations will be seriously evaluated and accepted. Later this week, many Capricorns will experience a sudden increase in social and romantic invitations. Remain cautious, however: potential friends and lovers may expect fast or unrealistic commitments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Group events and new celebrations may this week present an unusual social dilemma or romantic option. Monday through Wednesday, watch for a friend or work mate to offer rare compliments or gently seductive proposals. Quiet reflection will bring valuable insight: carefully consider the past emotional patterns of potential lovers. After Thursday, financial and business documents are easily misplaced. Stay receptive to special requests and expect key officials to demand an extra effort.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Close friends or colleagues may offer unexpected advice this week. At present, loved ones may hope to change your social outlook and improve your emotional options in life. Consider all comments and suggestions to be gestures of love: your patience will be rewarded. After Wednesday, some Pisceans will encounter a minor disagreement with a younger sibling or less experienced co-worker. Avoid criticism: in the coming weeks your expertise will be proven.

If your birthday is this week: Creativity and social acceptance will play a major role in the coming weeks. After mid-October, plan new group events, leisure activities and family expansion. You won't be disappointed. Almost eight months of low self-esteem and lagging confidence are now ending. Early in December, business negotiations or career productivity may briefly stall. Later in the month, however, a new job offer may arrive without warning. Difficult partnerships or assignments may also be on the agenda: carefully consider long-term risk but opt for new challenges. Much of the 2008 highlights complex financial decisions and rewarding career advancement. After May 16, expect a new era of emotional wealth and financial abundance to arrive in your life. Stay alert: much is changing.

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