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photo courtesy William Retzlaff
Biology professor William Retzlaff's work as the research coordinator of the Green Roof Environmental Evaluation Network was featured on ABC's "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" Sunday.

Extreme green

Professor's work featured on 'Extreme Makeover'

by Katie Gregowicz
Alestle Reporter

Biology chair and professor William Retzlaff represented SIUE on Sunday's episode of ABC's "Extreme Makeover Home Edition."

Sunday's episode featured an Arizona family of six living in a trailer in the desert.

The Extreme Makeover team decided to build the family a green home, complete with solar panels, a wind turbine and a green roof. That is where Retzlaff comes in.

Retzlaff said by default he became the research coordinator of the Green Roof Environmental Evaluation Network (G.R.E.E.N.). A green roof is a roof that is partially or completely covered with some sort of plant life and soil.

The G.R.E.E.N. group researches the benefits of green

roofs on buildings. Retzlaff said there are four main benefits.

First, a green roof reduces storm water flow off of the roof. When it rains all of the water that falls on flat surfaces like parking lots and roofs has to go somewhere like a storm water system.

A green roof intercepts that water and reduces it. Retzlaff's data says that 50 percent or more of the rainfall that falls on the roof is retained and does not go into a storm system.

Second, is what Retzlaff calls the "heat island effect." He said the reason that downtown St. Louis is hotter than surrounding areas is because of all the concrete and black roofs that absorb ultraviolet light and radiate that heat during the day.

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Alestle wins award in national competition

Alestle Staff Report

On Sunday, an Alestle publication was named among the top three special edition newspapers in the country.

The Alestle's 50th anniversary edition, published Oct. 11, earned a third place award from the Associated Collegiate Press. The edition was published to commemorate the anniversary of the founding of the university and the student newspaper.

"The anniversary was a great opportunity to put together a commemorative edition," Alestle Editor in Chief Megan McClure said. "It was a lot of fun to put together and we're honored to be recognized for it."

The competition was open to newspapers of all four-year colleges and universities in the nation, both public and private.

The UTD Mercury, from the University of Texas at Dallas, came in first place for special supplement, followed by the Collegiate Times of Virginia Tech in second place.

Honorable mentions were awarded to the BG News of Bowling Green State University and the Indiana Daily Student of Indiana University.

The Best of Show competition was held in conjunction with the National College Media Convention, Oct. 24-28 in Washington, D.C. This event, sponsored by the Associated Collegiate Press and College Media Advisers, is the largest student media event in the nation, hosting more than 2,500 students and advisers.

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Spray chalk blog advertisement removed

by Steve Berry
Alestle Photo Editor

Two employees from Facilities Management worked on hands and knees Wednesday afternoon to remove spray chalk from the Stratton Quadrangle.

The spray chalk advertised a student-run blog.

Earlier at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, SIUE police met with a painter from Facilities Management who reported seeing graffiti on the quad sidewalks.

SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said police determined the reported graffiti was spray chalk

and the chalking had been approved by Kimmel Leadership Center. He said the police took no further action.

Around an hour later SIUE facilities management scrubbed the spray chalk away.

"Spray chalk is not chalk," Director of Facilities Management Bob Washburn said. "It was removed because of the media, not the message."

The message, submitted in writing to the Kimmel Leadership Center and approved, advertised a student run blog called "Plagiarism Scandal at SIU." The ads, written on the pavement in the middle of

campus, were phrases like, "Can I plagiarize too?" and "Academic dishonesty? Academic terrorism."

Kimmel Leadership Center Director Steve Sperotto said when freshman Sara Hribik picked up her chalking and staking form, Kimmel Leadership Center staff members failed to tell her spray chalk is not allowed.

Students are required to get approval through Kimmel Leadership Center's chalking and staking form before writing on campus sidewalks with chalk. The form asks for contact information



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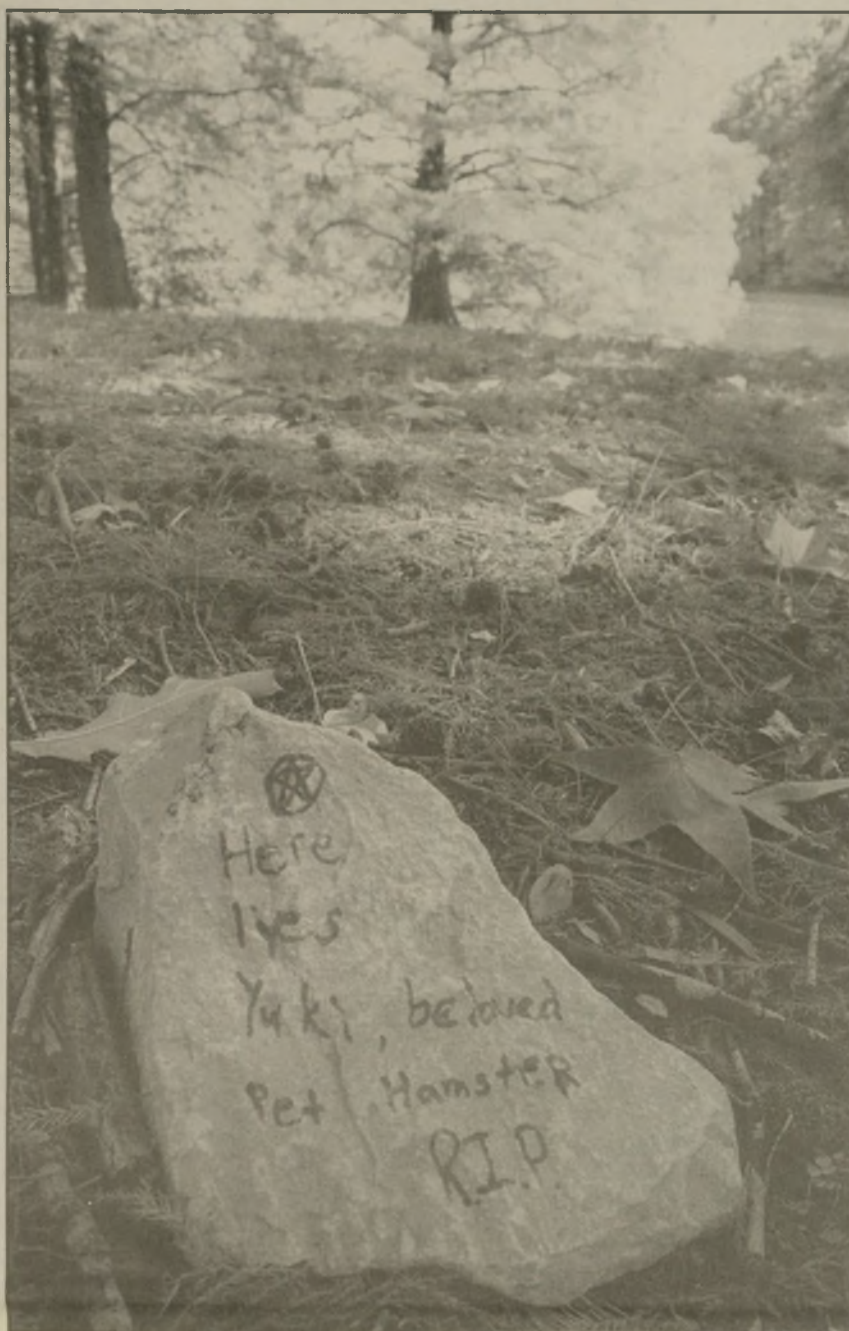
Facilities Management employees scrub spray chalk from the blacktop Wednesday in front of the Morris University Center.

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Tribute to a pet

Steve Berry/Alestle

A rock marks the grave of "Yuki, beloved pet hamster," on the 400-side of Cougar Village apartments near Cougar Lake.



Police Reports

10-23

Police took a report of a robbery that occurred at the East St. Louis campus. A small amount of cash was taken from the victim and the case is under investigation.

Police issued Carolyn K. Karasek-Needles a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Carolyn R. Atchley a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

Police issued Michelle A. Kehder a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Gabriel Cranston a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

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Police issued John E. Ernst a citation for disobeying a stop sign on Circle Drive.

Police took a report of a stolen hangtag from a vehicle parked in the Evergreen Hall lot.

Police met with a painter reporting three locations of graffiti on the sidewalks around the quad area.

Police took a report of a stolen hangtag. The tag was taken while the vehicle was parked in the Cougar Village area.

Police issued Matthew Furfaro citations for speeding on North University Drive and for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

Police issued Daisy G. Cassiliy a citation for speeding on North University Drive.



MODULES

Student Leadership
Development Program &
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Modules

10/30/07

Module 19, 2:00 p.m.
Understanding the Organizational Climate
Matt Feldmann Ph.D., Director
Institutional Research, Blackburn College
Board Room, MUC

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Module 9, 6:30 p.m.
Cross Cultural Awareness
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SLDP Reminders....

Volunteer Projects

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
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SIU faculty, review panel discuss plagiarism decision

by **Matthew Schroyer**
Alestle Reporter

The panel that reviewed Southern Illinois University President Glenn Poshard's 1984 doctoral dissertation held their ground noon Wednesday in Carbondale, addressing faculty from Edwardsville and Carbondale campuses.

The panel defended their decision of categorizing instances of plagiarism in Poshard's dissertation as "inadvertent," and described the issue of plagiarism as not "black and white."

"We chose the category 'inadvertent plagiarism' because that appears to be through all the information we have collected and discerned, the best way to categorize what we saw in that particular document," Peggy Stockdale, panelist and director of the applied psychology program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, said. "This is the same kind of concept that we believe every student should be afforded, if they are charged with a similar allegation."

The panel urged that punishments for plagiarism should be seen on a continuum, and that the exact punishment should be determined on a case-by-case basis.

The debate was a departure from the originally scheduled fall faculty meeting in Carbondale. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee scrapped the regularly scheduled meeting in favor for a town hall meeting format. SIUE Faculty Senate members were invited, and live video of the meeting was transmitted to the third-floor conference room in Lovejoy Library

and to SIU's Springfield campus.

One SIUC faculty member welcomed others to join her in signing a petition for Poshard's resignation. Mary Lamb, an SIUC English professor, said she stood in "very respectful, but absolute opposition" to the findings of the panel.

"I would invite any of you to join me in signing a petition or standing with my colleagues in the Faculty Senate in Edwardsville to ask for the president's stepping down," Lamb said.

SIUE's Faculty Senate voted 45-5 in favor of Poshard's resignation Oct. 18, seven days after the panel found instances of "inadvertent plagiarism" in Poshard's dissertation.

Lamb said she opposed the findings because intent cannot be determined, and because of Poshard's level of education at the time he wrote the dissertation.

"I think we have to be much, much stronger, and much more disciplinary when it comes to advanced degrees," Lamb said.

While some faculty members have questioned the panel's rulings and others have embraced it, there was unanimous agreement that students need to be taught better how to avoid plagiarism.

"We have failed to help our colleagues develop (methods) that are appropriate to helping our students avoid plagiarism," Jim Allen, director of SIUC's core curriculum said. "I think we need to do more as an institution."

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Robbery suspects sought

by **Matthew Schroyer**
Alestle Reporter

Police are looking for two men who allegedly assaulted and robbed a construction worker Tuesday, Oct. 23, at SIUE's East St. Louis Higher Education Center.

The men knocked the worker to the ground and stole a small sum of money.

The construction foreman reported that at approximately 7:10 a.m., two men approached him between a construction trailer and a dumpster. The two men stole a sum of money and fled on foot. The victim could not describe the assailants to SIUE Police.

SIUE Police sent out a crime alert,

asking ESL students and faculty to report any unusual behavior or information about the robbery.

ESL Public Relations Director Patricia Merritt said in her six years working at the ESL center, there has never been a robbery. Merritt said the campus is still secure, despite the event.

"It was an unfortunate incident," Merritt said. "The police do an excellent job patrolling the campus."

Anyone with information regarding the incident should contact the SIUE Police at 650-3324.

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and an example of the message to be written on the pavement. Students are also to indicate on a map of the campus core where they will the writing.

Hribik said student organizations were e-mailed about the spray chalk rule.

"Since we are not a club, we didn't get the memo," Hribik said.

Current chalking and staking forms indicate in bold all-caps type, "If chalking, you may only use sidewalk chalk. Spray/paint chalk is not allowed."

The form, filled out by Hribik and approved by Kimmel Oct. 22, did not have that message.

Sperotto said spray chalk is not allowed because it is too permanent.

"It takes several rains before it

finally washes off, and then it leaves a ghost effect," Sperotto said.

Washburn classified the spray on chalk as graffiti and said it was removed the same day it was noticed, which is in line with the campus policy to remove graffiti.

Hribik said she is not the first person to spray chalk on the pavement of the quad. She was surprised how quickly her message was washed away.

"I think it is weird how fast they did it," Hribik said.

Hribik rewrote her messages over the weekend, this time with traditional sidewalk chalk.

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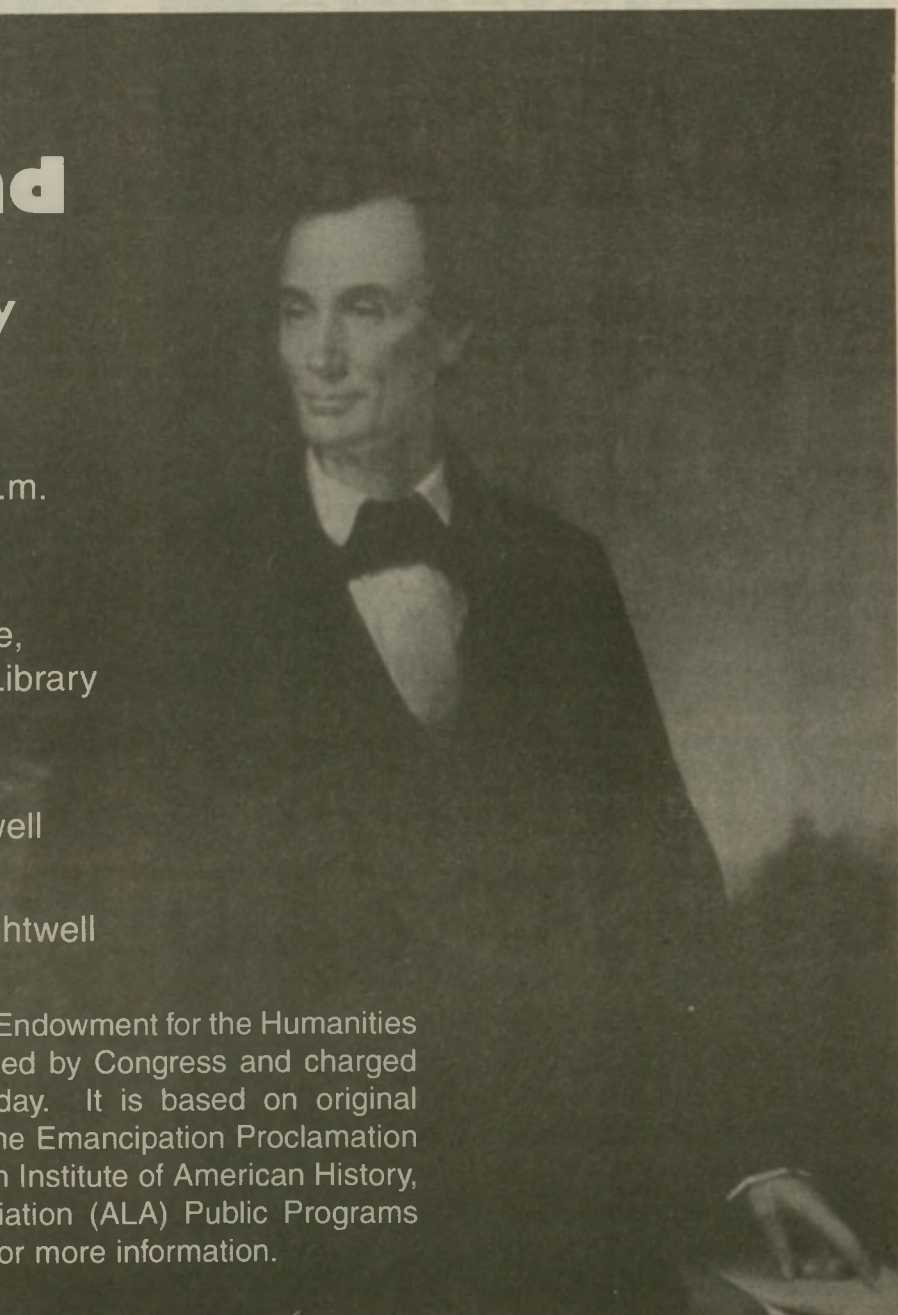
11/4 "Whitman on Lincoln and Emancipation," lecture by SIUE Assistant Professor Jason Stacy – 3-4 p.m. in Abbott Auditorium, Lovejoy Library

11/9 "The Massachusetts 54th" lecture by SIUE Assistant Professor Stefan Bradley, followed by the movie, "Glory" 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. in Abbott Auditorium, Lovejoy Library

11/11 "Music in the Time of the Civil War" by SIUE Associate Professor Joel Knapp & 4 Choral Singers – 3-4 p.m. in the Lovejoy Library Lightwell

11/18 "Dance in the Time of the Civil War," by Dance Discovery – 3-4 p.m. in the Lovejoy Library Lightwell

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Firefighters look over the scene of a house fire on Sunday in Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. The fire swept through the beach house that was occupied by college students, killing seven.

Seven killed in blaze

by Jessica Rocha
and Jerry Allegood

McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

OCEAN ISLE BEACH, N.C. — It had been a beach weekend for the South Carolina college students, filled with football, cookouts, late nights and new friends.

Now seven of them are dead, victims of a Sunday morning fire that engulfed a two-story house and allowed just six to escape. The fire, which erupted before 7 a.m., left the house a charred, roofless skeleton.

"There was no part of the house that was not covered with flames," said Stephanie Wilkins, a University of North Carolina junior staying at the house next door. "It was completely, it was just completely covered and engulfed in flames."

The State Bureau of Investigation continued to look into the cause and origin of the fire as of Sunday night.

Officials had not released victims' names, pending notification of relatives. University of South Carolina officials said six students who died were from the school in Columbia, the Associated Press reported; the seventh attended Clemson University. The six who survived were also from USC. The owner's daughter and a group of friends were using the home, Mayor Debbie Smith said.

Newspaper carrier Tim Burns, who said he called 911 after seeing a column of smoke on his route, discovered the fire.

"I don't think I've ever felt so helpless because I knew there were people in there," Burns said.

Raleigh, N.C., resident Jeff Newsome, who had been staying at his family's place about a block away, joined Burns at the scene. He said they saw one person stranded in the flaming house.

"Both of us were screaming for the guy to go ahead and jump," he said.

The man did, and Newsome said he saw him land on a car. He

said he didn't know the condition of the man.

The intense heat kept Burns from attempting a rescue, although he said he had to fight to keep several of those who escaped from trying.

Investigators were looking into how many people jumped from the house, said Ocean Isle board member C.D. Blythe. He said one person went into a canal not far from the burning house. Both were among the six that were treated and released from the hospital.

Rick Wylie of Greenville, S.C., said his son Tripp jumped from the burning home.

"He's in shock," Wylie told the AP. "It's just an incomprehensible thing for these parents."

Some of the people in the house had been friends since high school, he said.

Staying on the same street were more than 30 UNC students who were members of the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, including Wilkins and Rebecca Wood, chapter president. They had rented two homes in order to hold a traditional pledge weekend.

The North Carolina group met the South Carolina students, who school officials said were members of the Delta Delta Delta sorority and Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Members of the two groups bonded, watching football, grilling out and joking.

UNC sophomore Alex Koonce said they joked about the rivalry between the two Carolina schools and how both had lost their football games that day. Koonce stayed at the Gamecocks' house dancing, talking and listening to music until around 4:30 a.m., when he walked back to one of the houses rented by the UNC students.

About 7 a.m., Wilkins and Wood were awakened by yells and knocking after some students noticed the intense glow of the burning Scotland Street house.

"I was still in bed. I thought it was raining outside," Wilkins, a junior, said.

A friend opened a door.

"And right as he opened the door, ash and smoke and embers started pouring in," Wilkins said. "The fire alarms went off in our house."

"You could feel the heat," Wood said. "The embers were flowing onto our porches."

Firefighters arrived within four minutes of receiving the call, and quickly had the fire under control. Perched on stilts, the home sits about two blocks from the beach on one of a series of peninsulas, each tightly packed with houses and connected by canals. Winds blowing flames over the water, and not toward other homes, kept the fire from spreading.

Later Sunday in Columbia, grief counselors and a university chaplain were dispatched to the USC campus' Delta Delta Delta sorority. A minister at the sorority house declined to comment, as did someone who answered the door at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house.

"These are young people in the prime of their life. They had so much to look forward to, and it's just profoundly tragic," Andrew Sorensen, president of the University of South Carolina, said Sunday night.

Around sundown Sunday, police cars and yellow tape still blocked streets near the burned house. Neighbors ambled by on foot and on bicycle, took in the scene and walked off. A fire truck was still at the scene, and had just finished spraying the house.

Koonce, the UNC student, said the events left him stunned.

"It's shocking, really," he said. "Just to meet some people and hang out with them all night. Then the next morning they are gone."

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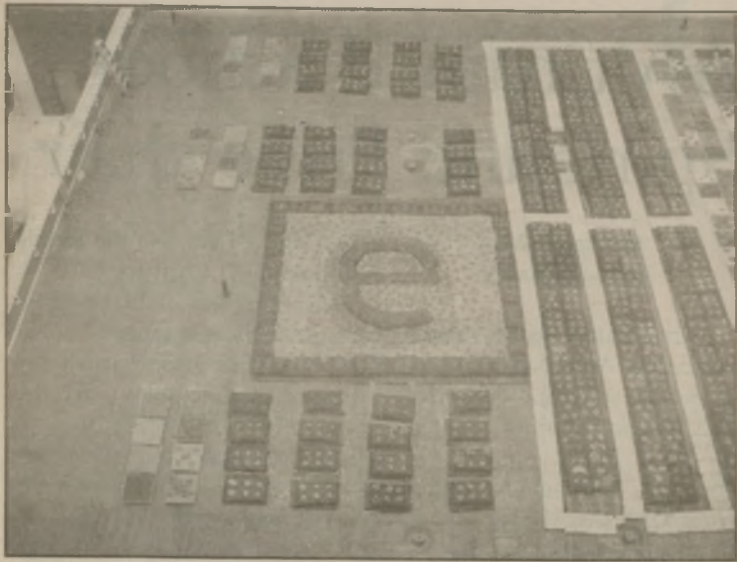


photo courtesy William Retzlaff

The SIUE campus features 10 green roof research plots, including this "e"-shaped project.

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"In fact, in Chicago, the mayor has been told that if he greens 65 percent of the downtown area with green roofs he will lower the air temperature by 10 degrees in the summer time," Retzlaff said.

Third, Retzlaff said, green roofs reduce the energy cost to heat a building in the winter and cool it in the summer.

He said he has begun working with Ameren to build 27 scale model buildings on campus, some with and some without green roofs to evaluate the energy cost of heating and cooling the buildings.

Last, and most importantly, Retzlaff said that green roofs last much longer than regular roofs, which have to be replaced about every 20 years. Ultraviolet light and the heating and cooling of the building break down roofs. Green roofs in Germany have lasted almost 100 years.

Retzlaff said more than 50 square miles in Germany right now are covered in green roofs. The reason that Germany is ahead of the U.S. in this area is because they began before the U.S. did and they do not have much green space to begin with, Retzlaff said.

There are 10 green roof research projects on campus; six are on the Engineering Building, three are at a field site by the service center and the newest is a green wall by Bluff Hall.

"The green roof project started in 2004 when the St. Louis based company Green Roof Blocks came to SIUE and asked for scientists that would be interested in evaluating products and technologies," Retzlaff said.

Kelly Luckett, president of the company, said the idea was to give back some of the green space that was being sacrificed for buildings.

Retzlaff said that in February of 2007 he was standing at the field site with Luckett, Ameren workers and other companies when he received the phone call from ABC asking him to do the green roof. On April 15 he flew to Arizona to help with the installation.

On Sunday's episode,

"Extreme Makeover" host Ty Pennington describes the house as having "plants on the roof" that keep it warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

Luckett said that the green roof was the "cherry on top" of the new house. It was the last thing completed on the house before the family moved in. After the shingles were installed, Retzlaff and other volunteers installed the roof.

The St. Louis area saw a drought this summer with 32 days of no rain, causing many lawns turned brown. Arizona is a fairly dry place and that raises the question of whether the roof will 'die.'

Retzlaff said during the month-long drought this summer he said the plants at the field site on campus were never watered and they were fine.

"These are specialized plants, a ground cover that was able to withstand 32 days of drought," Retzlaff said.

"Thing whole thing has been a great learning experience for students. It's rare in education that you get to talk about cutting edge technology in the classroom," Retzlaff said. "Our students here at SIUE are learning about a new technology, stuff that's not even in the textbooks yet."

Retzlaff said that he hopes that more buildings on campus will get green roofs as well.

"I've seen the plans for the new science building and there's part of it that's green roof," Retzlaff said. "I'd like to see it on the Student Academic Success Center and if they build a new dormitory."

Retzlaff said he thinks it is exciting for a green roof to be on a weekly television series.

"Green is going to be mainstream. I would like to see SIUE become a leader in this," Retzlaff said.

A copy of Sunday's "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" will be available at Lovejoy Library for 45 days.

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Aydt named School Spirit and Pride chair

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

The Student Senate voted in sophomore Ashley Aydt to serve as School Spirit and Pride chair at their most recent meeting Oct. 19.

Aydt, a sophomore nursing major, takes over the role vacated by Amanda Mowen last week.

"I got involved in Student Government after going to Kimmel to see what activities I could get involved with this year," Aydt said. "I saw the School Spirit and Pride Committee and it seemed interesting to me, so I decided to give it a try."

All of the Executive Board members in Student Government are paid minimum wage, including the School Spirit and Pride Committee chair position, which is in its first year of existence.

According to Student Body President Laurie Estilette, former chair Nikki Grashoff proposed the decision last year to make School Spirit and Pride a paid Executive Board position.

"There is a need to build and foster school spirit on campus," Estilette said. "It is a full-time commitment to run the chair position."

Estilette expresses confidence in Aydt as the new chair.

"Ashley has been serving on this committee since the year began, and has quite a bit of experience in government from high school, so it will be interesting to see what the committee will accomplish during the year."

Aydt feels she has the necessary experience to run the position.

"In high school I was on student council all four years,"

Aydt said. "I am also the Family Programming Chair for CAB, so I have previous skills being in charge over a committee."

The chair is responsible for overseeing members of the committee and finding ways to help build spirit and pride on campus as well as work with the Senate and attend meetings.

"The Committee is in charge of planning events that get students involved on campus," Aydt said. "We are also trying to create more school spirit on campus since we are in the process of going Division I."

One of the most notable tasks the School Spirit and Pride Committee have taken on during their existence has been raising nearly \$40,000 to bring a nine-foot-tall cougar statue to campus.

According to Estilette, Mowen, who is also a sophomore in the nursing program, left due to scheduling conflicts.

"Nursing majors have a very demanding schedule overload," Estilette said. "It just wasn't working out for her."

Mowen was unavailable for comment.

Throughout the year, School Spirit and Pride will sponsor numerous events on campus to get students actively involved in school spirit. The Senate approved a budget request from the committee Friday to purchase Frisbees, ink pens and water bottles to be given away at various events on campus.

"We are in the process of planning different activities to get students involved with school spirit," Aydt said. "We will also have giveaways at various athletic events throughout the year."

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More thoughts on Poshard arise

At the beginning of this school year, I wrote a letter to the editor expressing my disgust at the way that SIU was handling what has now been determined to be the "inadvertent plagiarism" of Dr. Poshard. As I stated in my earlier article, I have never met this man. What I do know is that he should be held to the same standards as any other faculty or student at this university.

To quote my grandpa, "It seems to me that Dr. Poshard is saying that he is 'kind of' pregnant."

My grandpa's reasoning for this is there is no way that you can be kind of pregnant. You either are pregnant or you are not pregnant. The school has defined plagiarism in the student handbook so clearly that there is no way that you can "kind of" plagiarize. However, SIU had written a new definition for "kind

of" plagiarizing, now defined as inadvertent plagiarism, or the "Poshard loop-hole" as some fellow students are calling it.

At the date of writing this article, I have 54 days until I walk down the aisle at graduation, and now I can tell all my potential employers that I went to the university that can redefine words.

If you feel so inclined, Google "inadvertent plagiarism" and you will quickly find 81,800 Web sites that deal with this phrase. Even our own Alestle articles make it in the top ten articles in the entire World Wide Web. Many of these Web sites are from other schools detailing their policies or views on inadvertent plagiarism. It appears they all come to the same conclusion; inadvertent plagiarism is still viewed as plagiarism, regardless of intent.

Dr. Poshard's e-mail to the entire university on the evening his plagiarism was deemed inadvertent talked about how he wishes to uphold this university to the highest standards and continue growing in excellence. While this is a condensed version

of what the e-mail stated, it was spoken like a true politician. The acceptance of responsibility for this situation is minimal and for some odd reason he never seems to touch on why he is classified under different standards than the rest of the academic community.

I am not saying by any means that my act of plagiarism should be handled differently. I would just like a logical, non-fluffed political statement on why Dr. Poshard is allowed to be held to different standards than I am. Is that so much to ask? Apparently, the question is difficult to answer.

The Faculty Senate has recently called for the resignation of Dr. Poshard and postponed the proposal to split from the SIU system. Can I get an answer before we change our entire system? If we are going to change our system, then can we not have a university president judged by a panel of his peers, and did anybody think to include a single SIUE professor in that panel, or does SIUE really not matter that much?

Stop thinking about just yourself

I am appalled by what I have observed in people on and off campus.

The height of their self-interest - thanks, Facebook and Myspace - has reached the point where they fail to show concern for issues bigger than them. There was a recent report released by the San Diego State University about a study (titled: Egos Inflating over Time) conducted by five researchers for 25 years. Over 16,000 students were interviewed from 1982 to 2006, and based on their responses to survey questions, the Generation Y (sometimes known as Generation Me) is the most narcissistic and selfish - yep, that's our generation they're talking about!

Sad, ain't it?

We have the power to do good and tackle crises head-on. AIDS, racism, bigotry, corruption in governments and abused puppies ... the list goes on.

Yet, when I look around, I see people who give those issues very little regard because it has nothing to do with them, and also, some of them are just downright callous. I definitely agree with that "crazy liberal," David Whitacre, when he said the apathy of our fellow human beings is sickening!

While I am on the subject, I would like to use this chance to ask Mr. Brian Rocca just how is David Whitacre's flamboyance relevant to the issue of apathy? Also, I would love to see how Brian plans to dismiss the desire to think about something bigger on oneself for the good of the world as "liberal propaganda."

Moving on, as a member of a

student organization, I was able to firsthand see the extent of apathy's poison. The simplest task of getting people motivated is no different from pushing a boulder uphill.

I know that the aforementioned issues are so negative and depressing to dwell on, but they are not going to go away if we ignore them. It will not help either if we just polish the surface to distract ourselves - a rotten apple with a gorgeous skin is still a rotten apple.

Fortunately, apathy is easily cured. All it requires is some time out of your life. Just put down that cell phone or stop blogging about what you had for lunch and go out and learn about something that is most dear to you ... and then take action!

Garrett Noble
Studio Art
Sophomore

'Threat' on campus handled well

This letter is regarding Maggie Willis' column in last Thursday's edition of the Alestle titled "Overreacting to 'threat' a problem."

When I was finished reading the column I was shocked and disgusted. Who are you to say that he was no threat to any of the student body?

Do you, Maggie, know what was going through his mind at the time? No, you do not. You even said that you did understand the situation.

I was happy that I got e-mails telling me someone quite possibly could have had a gun on campus. I would rather be too safe than end up like the people who died at Virginia Tech.

Maggie Willis should be ashamed of herself for thinking that, we, as a school, did not need to know about a possible threat on or around this campus. I think that the students and faculty at Virginia Tech would have wanted to know about the killer ahead of time if they had a choice. What about you? Maybe you should send this article to some of the family members of the students or faculty who died at Virginia Tech and see what they say, see what kind of response you get from them.

I hope that the school continues to be very cautious with their students' and faculty's lives. I hope that someone like you is not running a school and making the decision to not tell us about a possible threat. I would never want my life put in your hands, because according to you there was no threat.

You are disrespecting the people who died at Virginia Tech by not learning from that situation and trying to prevent it at another school.

Ashly Chitty
Education
Senior

Corrections: In the article "Student files lawsuit against local tavern," Jenna Gordillo was identified as a senior in mass communications. Gordillo is actually a senior in speech communication.

In the article "Logo questions arise," professor Kimberly Voss was identified as the instructor for the "Issues in Feminism" course. Though she has taught the course in the past, she is no longer the instructor. She currently teaches "Women and Mass Communications."

The Alestle regrets these errors.

DESIGNING FEAR

Meet a man whose job is making you scream with fear

by Maggie Rhynes
Alestle Reporter

When he was a child, Larry Kirchner and his cousin stuffed Barbie dolls and GI Joes into bottles. They made a werewolf mask out of an old, furry purse. Then the pair charged 25 cents for people to view their makeshift haunted house.

Fast forward to 2007, and Kirchner owns and operates The Darkness, the biggest haunted house in St. Louis. He also owns Creepyworld, a haunted attraction in Fenton, Mo., that combines indoor and outdoor features including a haunted cornfield. As president of Halloween Productions, a company that designs and builds black light mini-golf courses and assorted other black light and haunted attractions, Kirchner's livelihood relies on his creativity.

Growing up, Kirchner recalled a love for scary movies, haunted houses and Halloween

in general.

It is no surprise that the boy who loved Halloween and all things scary grew up to make a living by causing other people to shake in their boots. Of course, he has had to raise his admission fee; a quarter will no longer get you a view of Kirchner's creations, but \$15 will do the trick.

The Darkness is full of creepy scenes Kirchner and his team spend nearly all year designing. With Hollywood special effects and a team of 50 actors, The Darkness brings mummies, zombies and vampires to life. There is the 40-foot long spinning tunnel to pass through, a ten-foot deep body of water to walk over and the rest of the 100-plus animations. The features in the haunted house change yearly and the plans for next year are already underway.

"We are already planning two big changes to The Darkness. One will be a



photo courtesy of The Darkness

An interior scene from The Darkness, one of the top rated haunted houses in the country. The Darkness is located in the Soulard neighborhood of St. Louis.

werewolf floor and the other, well, it is hard to explain," Kirchner said.

While guests are waiting in line to tour the attraction, Kirchner is envisioning how to scare them again next year.

"When you see the same thing over and over again, you notice things you didn't before. You think, 'wouldn't it be cool to make this into that,'" he said.

And he will waste no time transforming "this into that." Work starts at the beginning of November, as soon as the haunted house is closed for the season. Kirchner predicted his team will be busy this winter as his plans include adding another 6,000-sq.-ft. to the already 25,000-sq.-ft. haunted house.

Once the unending brainstorming phase is complete, the process of making ideas into a reality can begin.

"In the old days we would just wing it," Kirchner said about designing the attractions. "These days, whenever we are going to build a feature we do drawings, full blown designs, before we build anything."

Then Kirchner and his team, which can range from two to 10 workers, start making things happen. They work within a yearly budget, though Kirchner admits it often is ignored.

"We may spend more than we make," Kirchner said. "I'm a perfectionist, and I want things to be the best they can be. So, sometimes, money is not the

issue. It's about just doing it right."

Each year, between \$80,000 and \$100,000 are dedicated to making improvements at The Darkness. The figure, according to Kirchner, is more than what most people spend to open a haunted house for the first time.

His dedication to constant improvement has won Kirchner and The Darkness praise.

One article at www.inventorspot.com rates The Darkness third on their list of "13 Haunted Houses That Will Make You Wet Your Pants." The list includes haunted houses from across the country and credits The Darkness with having "unrivaled scenic design." The Darkness also makes Hauntworld Magazine's top 13 list. It also appears annually on AOL's list of best haunted attractions. Kirchner knows creativity is an important factor in being one of the best.

"Just like in the movie industry, there are directors who are always looking to go to the next level," he said. "Then there are people who are just trying to make a buck. In the haunted house industry, there are a lot of people who run good houses and they scare people, but they aren't the most creative people in the world. So, they just follow suit or do what they think is cool."

This is the reason Kirchner no longer visits other haunted houses. He would rather focus on his own ideas and on

"pushing the envelope" than risk mimicking someone else.

However, thanks to new technology like YouTube, if Kirchner does want to see someone else's work, he can view online videos of other haunted houses.

Also, The Darkness is also getting onboard with online technology. This year, The Darkness was chosen to be one of four haunted houses nation wide to feature a live Fear Cam. Located within the haunted house, the Fear Cam captures footage of guests screaming, ducking and trying to escape and then broadcasts it over the Internet at www.fearnet.com.

It is the very sight of frightened guests that Kirchner said keeps him in the business.

"I love it when people walk out and they are huffing and puffing and screaming," Kirchner said.

It is this same terrified reaction that keeps the lines outside The Darkness growing longer each year. SIUE psychology professor Paul Rose explained why people line up and pay money to be frightened.

"When you enter a haunted house, your body responds by becoming more physiologically aroused," Rose said. "We all know when we get very afraid our hearts beat fast, some people notice the hair on their arms and neck rising, these are the signs



photo courtesy of Creepyworld

A live actor helps create a frightening scene at Creepyworld, a haunted attraction in Fenton, Mo., owned by Larry Kirchner of St. Louis.

Military legend offers insight, advice

Arts & Issues speaker Gen. Barry McCaffrey discusses War on Terror

by Maggie Willis
Alestle Reporter

Behind the thick maroon velvet curtain flanking the stage, 12 Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from SIUE gathered in the Meridian Ballroom's Green Room Saturday to talk with the most highly decorated four-star general at the time of his retirement.

Gen. Barry McCaffrey, who is now an adjunct professor of International Affairs at West Point, set aside half an hour before his presentation on the Iraq War to answer any questions the SIUE cadets had.

Despite having been warned about the "intellectual vigor" he would encounter, McCaffrey, who also serves as a national security and terrorism analyst for NBC News and writes a column on national security issues for the Armed Forces Journal, expressed his surprise at the questions the SIUE cadets asked.

"They had a pretty elevated tone of questioning," McCaffrey

said. "Normally, the questions are very practical, like 'Should I buy my own boots?'" but they wanted to talk about the world they would encounter."

For instance, Ryan Bull, a senior political science major who hopes to join the infantry upon completing the ROTC program, asked the general's opinion on the Iraq War.

"Do you believe we were right or wrong to go into the Iraq War?" Bull asked.

The general's response was emphatic.

"Right," McCaffrey said. "My logic was Saddam was about to beat the oil embargo ... five years down the road, we would have had to take him on, and then he might have had a nuke, which would have complicated things."

Although he agrees the war was necessary, McCaffrey said he did not agree with the way it was handled.

"We screwed it up," McCaffrey said. "The execution was just horrible. There was too

much arrogance, misjudgment."

The cadets asked the general several other questions about changes he expected to see in the world, his opinion on how long the United Nations would last and even his opinion on the presidential campaign.

Bull said he appreciated how the general answered frankly and honestly.

"I think he was not really formal, and he really tried to keep everything off the record, pretty unbiased," Bull said.

Master Sgt. Lawrence Ellison, SIUE's senior military science instructor, said he thought the general gave the cadets useful information.

"I think one of the best things he told them was the fact that they were about to become leaders and be responsible for lives from day one," Ellison said. "We've told them that since the beginning. You're walking in the door with leadership, and the room for error is very, very small."

McCaffrey said he was

impressed by the cadets.

"They were wonderful," McCaffrey said. "They're American patriots, and I'm so proud of them I can't believe it."

After the cadets finished meeting with the general, they headed upstairs to the Maple-Dogwood Room for a reception.

"I was pretty blown away," Bull said. "The reception was a lot fancier than I thought it would be. I thought it was pretty neat how General McCaffrey was there and open to anyone coming up and talking to him. I thought it was really nice."

Around 8 p.m., many of the cadets headed downstairs to the Meridian Ballroom to attend McCaffrey's presentation, titled "Global War on Terrorism."

"My main goal with the presentation is to educate," McCaffrey said.

McCaffrey presented six specific insights on the Iraq War in his presentation, including his opinion that "homeland security is grossly under-resourced, lacks congressional support and

remains incoherent."

He also spoke about his observations on the countries of Iraq and Afghanistan and even addressed what he foresees in America's future.

"I would argue that we have not yet thought through the new security threats to the American people," McCaffrey said. "I hope it doesn't take another huge, bloody attack to underscore that."

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift said he enjoyed the chance to hear the general's insights and perspectives, since they are not available to the majority of the population.

"I had a few moments to talk to him. He's extremely personable, exceptionally cordial, and a very bright man," Vandegrift said. "You can well imagine the quality of our military if people like him rose to four-star general."

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Gen. Barry McCaffrey speaks with a group of SIUE ROTC cadets Saturday night in the green room prior to his Arts and Issues speech.

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that you are physiologically aroused."

Rose noted the key to this concept is that this same arousal can be confused with reactions to other situations.

"Men may become confused between their feelings of fear or their feelings of attractions towards a woman," Rose said.

Rose explained the feelings of fear invoked by a haunted house are confused with feelings of excitement or pleasure. This confusion then is what draws crowds to haunted houses each year.

"You usually go to a haunted house with your friends, so you are in a pleasant mood," Rose said. "The haunted house scares you and your body gets pumped up, but since you are with your friends and you know you are ultimately safe, that feeling of being pumped up translates into fun instead of an 'I'm about to die' feeling."

For some haunt seekers, that physiological reaction is worth every buck they pay for it.

"I love haunted houses," sophomore nursing major Katie Lange said. "I have no idea why. I don't like to be scared."

Lange guessed it is the thrill that keeps her going back.

"I think it is the unexpected, not knowing what's going to happen. Plus it something that only comes around once a year," Lange said.

Once a year is enough for sophomore nursing major Tanner Robberstad.

"I hate them. I hate being scared," he said.

Robberstad admits though, that if a group of friends is heading to a haunted house, he is likely to go anyway.

Kirchner is just glad people find enjoyment in the job he is doing, although he admitted that for him, the fun is fading.

"Once you make a job out of something you love, it's not as fun," Kirchner said. "Whenever you are doing something and there is no money on the line, it is fun. If you set

up a haunted house in your home, you are probably having a ball. But when you're running a haunted house, you can't wait until the first week of November."

Despite the stress of running a business, Kirchner takes pride in his creation.

"Our haunted houses are world class. They are not your average haunted house," he said.

The Darkness is located at 1525 South 8th St., St. Louis, next to the historic Souldard Farmer's Market. The Darkness will operate through Wednesday and again Friday and Saturday.

For more information on The Darkness and Creepyworld, visit www.scarefest.com.

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Playoff run continues for Cougars

Women's soccer takes down St. Joseph's, now look toward GLVC rival UMSL in semi-finals

by Tony Patrico
Alestle Sports Editor

The SIUE women's soccer team is two wins away from becoming champions of the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

With a 3-1 victory over St. Joseph's University on Sunday afternoon the Cougars advanced into the semi-final round of the GLVC tournament where they will face an equally red-hot University of Missouri-St. Louis team.

The Cougars took control of the game early and kept the pressure strong throughout the entire first half. While SIUE had four shots on goal, the Pumas from SJU managed only one shot on net.

"We came out hard and pretty much kept that momentum up the entire time," senior captain Katie Yearian said. "Our hard work in practice definitely showed on Sunday."

The first real chance for the Cougars came on a blast from 15 yards out from sophomore Coreen Roark. After a great save from the Puma goaltender, a continuous attack from the Cougars led to three consecutive chances from the Cougars.

On a quick counter, SJU has its first chance only to be trumped three minutes later. Cougar forward freshmen, Chelsey Johnston scored on what seemed to be a cross attempt from 20-yards out just as time expired in the first half.

Senior goalkeeper Kim Roady saved the only shot SJU managed to put on net. The Cougars were well in control of the match.

"Sunday was one of the first games that we came out fired up and ready to go," junior Elizabeth Valenti said. "We played a full 90 minutes and it paid off."

As the second half got underway, a new goalkeeper, junior Kaci Backs defended the net for the Cougars.

Just three minutes into the half, a defensive miscommunication led to a goal by SJU's junior Ashley



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Freshman Kiara Akpore steals the ball from a St. Joseph's defender during the first round of the GLVC tournament, Oct. 28. The Cougars will next play UMSL at 7 p.m., Nov. 2, at Ralph Korte Stadium.

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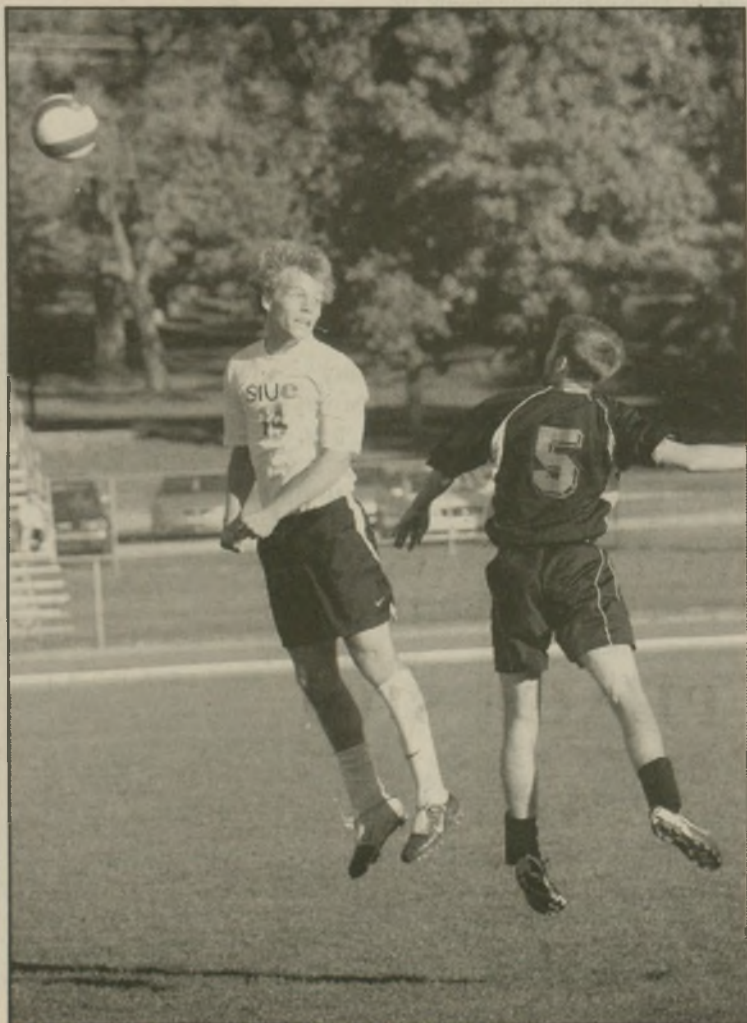
But the Cougars didn't wait long to be on top of the leader board. Just twenty seconds later, Yearian scored off a cross from the sidelines from senior Jen Kratzer.

"Jen battled so hard on the side to win that ball," Yearian said. "I just happened to be the person to put it in."

The goal was the ninth of the year for Yearian, who was selected to the first team All-GLVC.

The Cougars continued to dominate the pace of play until freshman Sade Akpore scored inside the box after a shot by her twin sister, freshman Kiara Akpore.

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Junior Matt Harris, in white, heads the ball past a University of Indiana defender. The Cougars fell to Indy after eleven rounds of penalty kicks.

Cougars working overtime

Men's soccer drop first-round game in GLVC tournament in eleventh round of penalty kicks

by Tony Patrico
Alestle Sports Editor

It took 110 minutes, and eleven rounds of penalty kicks to decide a winner during what may turn out to be Ed Huneke's last home game Sunday against Indianapolis University in the first round of the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

"I thought about it during the national anthem, and then again when I was walking over to the Eastsiderz after the game," Head Coach Ed Huneke said. "But, during the game my total focus was in the moment."

At the end of regulation, SIUE and Indy were tied 0-0 with shutout defense from both the Cougars and the Greyhounds. Senior SIUE goalkeeper Greg Crook, who collected five saves, and the Indy goalkeeper, who posted six saves, stopped all shots faced.

The Cougars and Greyhounds continuously traded attacks, as the game was close to evenly possessed. As the two teams would be unable to score after the final seconds of regulation passed, one team needed to be declared the winner.

"Honestly, I thought we were going to be able to pull it off," sophomore Kevin Bielicki said. "We created a lot of chances and shots and I thought that one was eventually going to go."

During the two periods of overtime, the Cougars had two promising chances to put the ball

in the net. After both of the chances failed, the Cougars prepared themselves for the shoot-outs that would follow.

The two squads were at a tie at 4-4 after five rounds when kickers from both teams missed their attempts.

After seven consecutive scores by the Greyhounds, an eventual eighth consecutive score came from Indy goalkeeper Michael Crane.

"I was more nervous watching everyone else take one than when I took one myself," Bielicki said. "It's so hard to watch because it is totally out of your control."

Bielicki said he cleared his mind, focused and picked his spot before he even approached the ball.

The Cougars had a chance to tie the game when their final kicker, sophomore Tim Weir, who was the only remaining non-bench player to take the kick, hit the cross bar ending the game with Indy winning in penalty kicks 10-9.

"We practiced penalty kicks the day before and I felt confident with my top five," Huneke said. "I didn't expect to end up using 11 players, that was amazing drama."

With SIUE now out of the GLVC tournament, they must now wait to see if they receive a bid to the NCAA National Tournament.

"I feel good about us receiving a bid," Huneke

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Volleyball victorious, continues success at home

Cougars extend winning streak to eight consecutive games

by Jacob Boone
Alestle Reporter

The SIUE Volleyball team extended its winning streak to eight games by defeating the University of Southern Indiana 3-0 Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.

The No. 16 ranked Cougars winning streak started Oct. 5 against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. With the win Saturday, SIUE improved to 14-2 in Great Lakes Valley Conference play and 22-5 overall.

"I think our team is playing with a pretty high level of confidence right now," SIUE Head Coach Todd Gober said.

The Cougars took the first game of the afternoon Saturday 30-24, in part to keeping USI off balance around the net, a key to success throughout the match.

"We were knocking them out of system a little bit," Gober said.

Freshman Sydney Winslow said the first victory of the day is always big in a match.

"Once we get up, it's like they can't come back and get us," Winslow said. "We try to carry that over to the next games too."

USI took an early lead in the second game and lead at 17-15 until SIUE took the lead at 18-17 and lead the remainder of the game, winning 30-26. The Cougars completed the sweep in the third game with

a 30-19 win.

Gober said the team is going to try and improve on getting out of the gate faster in games.

"We've been getting down a lot early," Gober said. "We're going to try and fix that this week in practice."

Senior Sadie Zurliene said the team is trying to speed up the offense.

"Hopefully when the playoffs come, we'll be where we need to be," she said.

Zurliene said the win in the second game shook up USI and that close games are fun to be a part of.

"After we took the lead, I think their confidence just dropped," Zurliene said. "It makes the game more intense and gets us more excited to win it."

Winslow said the comeback victory in the second game was a boost to the Cougars' confidence and that the win against Truman State University was also a confidence booster.

"We know how we can play now when we come out to any game," Winslow said.

The 3-0 win was the ninth 3-0 win of the season for the Cougars.

Gober was happy to see his team put together a strong match.

"I felt like we were pretty consistent today," Gober said.



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Senior Mallory Clements, on ground, sets the ball during a game against Southern Indiana. The Cougars will look to close their season with games against Quincy, and Rockhurst before the GLVC tournament begins.

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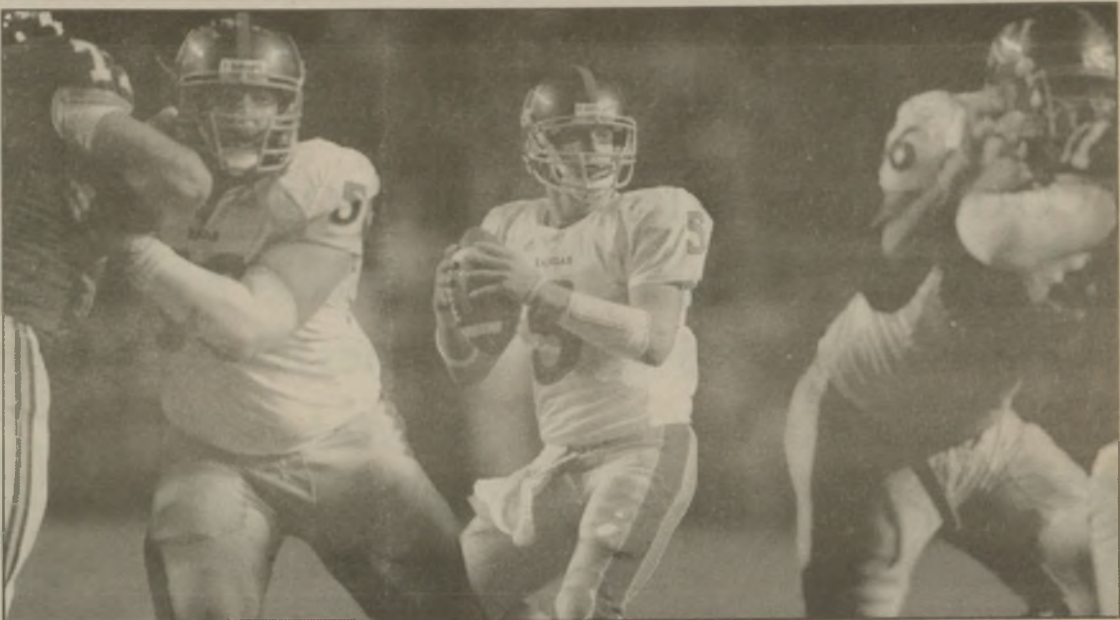
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University of Kansas quarterback Todd Ressing ooks downfield for an open receiver in a game against the University of Texas A&M. Kansas is currently ranked No. 8 in the nation.

Jayhawks' No. 8 BCS ranking might seem low, but it can improve

by Brian Davis
The Dallas Morning News (MCT)

The Kansas fans tucked into the southeast corner of Kyle Field were rocking and rolling, strutting and strolling through the aisles Saturday night after the Jayhawks leveled Texas A&M, 19-11.

But they probably weren't doing much dancing Sunday, when the new Bowl Championship Series standings were released.

Undefeated Kansas (8-0, 4-0 Big 12) moved up just one spot to No. 8 in this week's BCS standings. That's not even within shouting distance of other undefeated teams such as No. 1 Ohio State, No. 2 Boston College and No. 4 Arizona State.

How can the Jayhawks become part of the

national title argument if they can't crack the top five, much less get close to the top two? BCS analyst Jerry Palm has a message for any hyperventilating Kansas fans out there: Relax.

Oh, one more thing. Just keep winning.

"If you're a Kansas fan, just go out and win your games and let everyone else sort it out," Palm said. "If you're one of only two undefeated teams at the end, you've got a real good chance of playing for the title."

Kansas can look at Oklahoma, third in the BCS standings, and cry foul. Some may ask how the Sooners (7-1) can be ranked ahead of the Jayhawks. Blame the preseason rankings, for one. OU started

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Also assisting on the play was junior Kelly Limpert. With the assist, Limpert became the team-leader in assists with seven on the year.

"Sunday the girls were simply motivated to come out and play," SIUE Head Coach Lynda Bowers said. "We have very inspirational play from our two defensive midfielders and all-GLVC selections."

Bowers was honored this

week with the GLVC Coach of the Year. Members of her team also receiving GLVC honors were, Valenti, Limpert, Roark and sophomore Kelly Humphrey.

The Cougars will now switch their focus to their game against UMSL 7 p.m. Friday at Ralph Korte Stadium. If the Cougars advance farther in the tournament, home-field advantage will be in their favor for the remainder of the

tournament.

"Hosting the tournaments we get to surround ourselves with family, friends and the support of the SIUE community," Bowers said. "There is no better feeling than playing in front of your home crowd."

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said. "We will prepare accordingly."

As for the players, the focus must remain on preparing for the NCAA tournament.

"I think our chances are pretty good that we will receive a bid," Bielicki said. "Until then, we have to get focused and realize that we have a bigger task ahead."

This may come as a blessing to the Cougars. With many of the players injured, the break could

give these players the opportunity to heal and become totally healthy.

SIUE leading goal scorer, junior Dustin Attarian, and freshman standout Ryan Wilhelm, both sat out of the game Sunday because of injuries. Junior Zach Bauer had to sit out on Sunday's game because of receiving a red card in a game last weekend.

Six Cougars received GLVC honors, including All-GLVC first

team selections from Attarian, sophomore Randy Roy, Bauer, and Crook. Receiving All-GLVC third team selections are sophomore Mike Jones and Bielicki.

The Cougars will now play the waiting game as they await the decision of the NCAA on their bid for the Regional tournament.

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Junior Emily Rahn lead the Cougars in kills with 17. Junior Kelsey Hubert also reached double figures in kills with 10 on the day, while junior Samantha Schulte had nine kills and junior Kate Hofeldt had seven. Other Cougars with kills were Winslow

with four, sophomore Candice Kummer with three and sophomore Lisa Heitkamp had one. Junior Mallory Clements also had four kills and 40 assists.

The Cougars travel to Quincy University Tuesday. SIUE defeated Quincy 3-0 earlier

this season.

"Hopefully we can do it again Tuesday night," Winslow said.

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A hail mary pass by Texas A&M's Stephen McGee falls incomplete in the last few seconds of the game against Kansas. Kansas defeated Texas A&M, 19-11, Saturday, October 27, 2007 at College Station, Texas.

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high, and KU is just now hitting the national radar.

We can argue over the validity of KU's nonconference schedule. But the fact remains that few took the Jayhawks' perfect record seriously until this month. That's why coach Mark Mangino's club is just now settling into the top 10 in the Harris and USA Today coaches polls, which make up two-thirds of the BCS formula.

"When you're a no-name and let's face it, they're a no-name in football - there are no expectations for you," Palm said. "It's going to take awhile for people to figure you out."

"And in this case, it's going to take a whole season for people to figure them out."

But now, the Jayhawks' schedule is in their favor. Let's assume for a moment that KU beats Nebraska, Oklahoma State and Iowa State, thereby going into the Missouri game with an 11-0 record. The Tigers should still be a top-10 team, provided they keep winning.

If KU beats Mizzou and wins the Big 12 North in undefeated fashion, that's a big help.

Quick aside: Somebody tell me again why KU officials moved the Border Showdown

game off campus to Arrowhead Stadium?

Then, Kansas could face Oklahoma in the Big 12 championship game. Another win over a top-five team probably gives KU enough momentum to climb into the top two spots and reach the BCS title game in New Orleans.

Say what you want about the Big 12 being down this season, but going undefeated in a major conference still counts for something.

Kansas' only problem is that Ohio State (Big Ten), Boston College (ACC) and Arizona State (Pac-10) have the same claim. So the Jayhawks could use a few upsets to help clear the road.

History tells us that it's unlikely we'll end up with multiple undefeated teams. The question becomes whether Kansas will be one of those unbeaten or one of many with one loss?

So keep winning, Kansas. Maybe you'll be Rocking and Chalking all the way to New Orleans.

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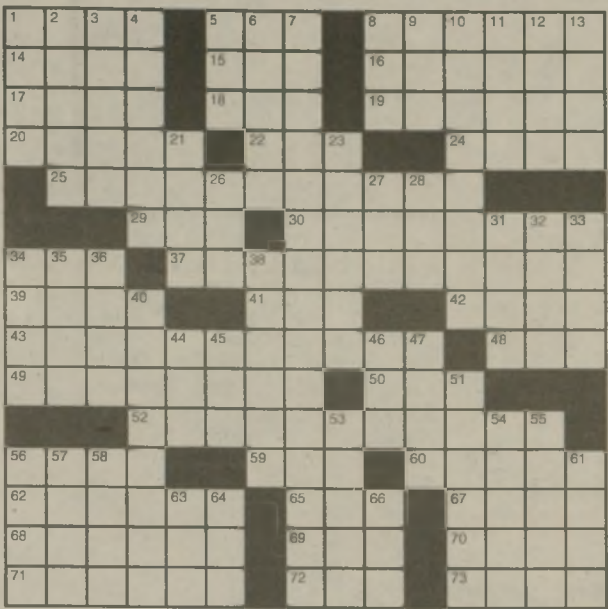
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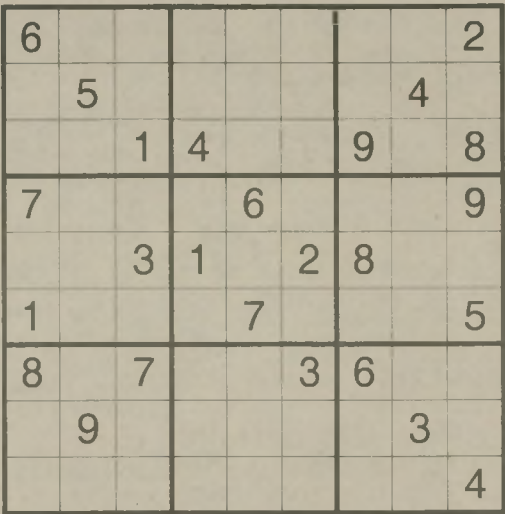
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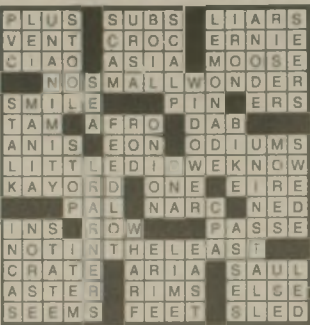
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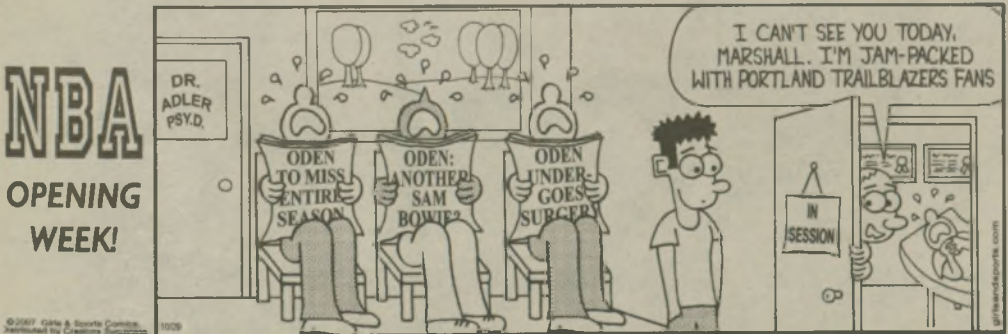


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