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SIU accused of plagiarizing plagiarism policy

by Rachel Carlson
Alestle Correspondent

The Southern Illinois University Plagiarism Committee has been accused of copying the definition of plagiarism in the university's new plagiarism policy from Indiana University without citing IU, according to a January article in the Chronicle of Higher Education.

SIU's draft policy defines plagiarism as "presenting another person's work, original ideas or

creative expressions as one's own without proper attribution. Any ideas or materials taken from another source, including one's own work, must be fully acknowledged unless the information is common knowledge."

According to IU's Web site, "plagiarism is defined as presenting someone else's work, including the work of other students, as one's own. Any ideas or materials taken from another source for either written or oral

use must be fully acknowledged, unless the information is common."

According to Dave Gross, Southern Illinois University Carbondale's executive director of Government and Public Affairs, the SIU Plagiarism Committee is made up of 10 members, five from the Carbondale campus and five from the Edwardsville campus. Their job was to review the current plagiarism policy and rework it after the incidents of

plagiarism occurred at both campuses, including SIU President Glenn Poshard's incident of inadvertent plagiarism of his doctoral dissertation in 2007.

In response to the plagiarism claims, Gross said the committee chair, Lain Adkins, will call the committee together to look at the section under question and discuss where SIU's definition originated.

"If a mistake was made, it'll be noted," Gross said.

The SIU policy is not at this time in its final form, Gross said. It is in the draft stage in front of constituency groups who will be asked for their comments after reviewing the policy. After that there will be another draft process.

"This is a policy that won't go before the board (of trustees) for awhile," Gross said.

Pamela Freeman, IU's Associate Dean of Students and

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Student Senate
appoints final
two Senators
Travel allocation
limits expanded

by Rosie Githinji
Alestle Correspondent

The Student Senate filled the last two Senate seats vacated at the end of the fall semester.

Business graduate student Raju Gottumukkala and sophomore business major Dometi Pongo were unanimously approved as the newest additions to Student Government. Student Senate Vice President Bryan Kress said they will be a welcome addition to the Student Government.

"The senators that were appointed are some of the brightest young men, not only in the Senate, but on this campus as a whole," Kress said. "They have already reached numerous goals in their tenure at SIUE which makes them a huge asset to Student Government."

Gottumukkala and Pongo are the final additions to the Senate after the resignation of three Senators last fall, citing personal reasons.

Another issue discussed was the resolution for an increase in student travel requests. The increase will allow students to request \$675, up from \$550. The Finance Board decided the budget could support the increase because of rising travel

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-Bryan Kress,
Student Senate Vice President



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Sophomore early childhood major Lexi Riutzel of Quincy shops for valentine gifts with senior special education major Sammi Nelson of Danville at the Union Station.

Students, businesses offer
mixed expectations
for Valentine's Day spending

by Megan McClure
Alestle Senior Editor

Seniors Amanda McAllister and Russell Parke are looking to cut back on their Valentine's Day spending this year.

"I don't feel like I have as much money as last year and that I can't spend as much as last year," McAllister, a psychology major from Belleville, said.

McAllister and Parke, a speech communications major from Smithton, are about to celebrate their second Valentine's Day as a couple. Last Valentine's Day, Parke said, "We both spent quite a bit of money."

Like some other students, the couple's decision coincides with a downturn in the economy. However, the reasons are not purely financial.

McAllister said the changes come for a variety of reasons. Although she works part-time at a tanning salon, her 18-hour course load has limited her working availability. She will also be out of town at a conference during Valentine's weekend, meaning she and Parke won't be celebrating on the official holiday.

Parke is employed as a fill-in janitor at a local elementary school, but he describes the job as "hit and miss."

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Police issued Weston T.S. Holt a citation for theft of lost property after police found a lost hangtag in his car. Holt was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

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Police issued Michelle R. Melching a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Clifford A. Montgomery a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police took a report of slashed tires on a vehicle in the Woodland Hall lot.

Police took a report of a chair stolen from outside Cougar Village Apartment 521.

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Director of Student Ethics and Anti-Harassment Programs, said it was not unusual for universities to have similarities in administrative documents because they are mostly based on universal templates. IU was unaware of the possible plagiarism until the Chronicle's article.

"I'm not aware of anyone at IU being a complainant," Freeman said.

According to Freeman, if SIU had called IU they would have talked to their provost for permission and there would not have been a problem.

"In administrative documents, universities normally don't object much if colleagues want to use (broad definitions)," Freeman said.

Senior criminal justice major Bridgette Carter said she found it ironic and almost pointless that SIU was blamed for plagiarizing the definition of plagiarism.

"Aren't there other issues to focus on like putting money into different departments?" Carter said.

Sophomore speech pathology major Katie Spenner said she understood why SIU had to take note of the possible plagiarism.

"It's important to say where the information came from," Spenner said. "However, it's all been done and said before."

According to Gross, SIU has not heard from IU in response to the possible plagiarism.

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Senior health education major Megan Rowe asks for funds for a trip to a national convention for Eta Sigma Gamma Friday. The Senate also voted to increase request limits for travel allocations.

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costs and the current economy.

Senator Gameli Kumasi was among the senators to approve the increase.

"This increase will enable more organizations to attend conferences that will help their members to develop academically and professionally," Kumasi said.

The Senate also voted on personnel appointments with one addition to the agenda. Freshman Natalie Patton was appointed to the School Spirit and Pride Committee and

freshman Brentney Hutchinson was appointed to the External Affairs Committee. The addition to the agenda was for the appointment of senior Lukus Keeling to the Teaching Excellence Award Committee and was voted in the affirmative.

Travel request from the SIUE Women's Club, Gamma Theta Upsilon, Eta Sigma Gamma and Formula SIUE were all approved by acclamation. The Senate approved the request submitted by the Muslim

Student Association program request for Islamic Awareness Week, as well as the constitution review of the Geography Club.

The request for the name change of the Organization of College Conservatives was not decided due to lack of representation.

The next Senate meeting will take place at 2 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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"I still have money saved up, but it still makes sense to not spend as much money," he said.

The couple said they had larger celebrations for Christmas and McAllister's recent birthday. So, Parke said, they plan to "calm it down" this Valentine's Day.

In spite of the uncertain economy, some local merchants remain optimistic. Some businesses, like Sweeties Fine Chocolates and Confections in Glen Carbon, experienced strong sales in the Christmas season.

"I expect Valentine's Day to be a good holiday for us," owner Gina Wilkinson said.

Though Wilkinson said her average customer spending may be down, her three-year-old business continues to experience a growth in customers, which evens out the numbers. She also noted that, for people experiencing financial troubles, her industry offers an alternative to pricey gifts.

"Candy is one of those things people buy instead of high-end or expensive things," she said.

Of the local business owners interviewed, many were unable to make sales predictions, noting the "last-minute" nature of the holiday.

"Our last few days will actually be the tell-tale signs of what Valentine's Day will be," Jay Blanquart, owner of the Edwardsville location Blanquart Jewelers, said.

Blanquart, who is also the second vice-president of the Edwardsville-Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce, said his overall sales remain stable, but

expectations for Valentine's Day consistently rank below other major holidays.

"It's normally a holiday that's less spent on than Christmas and so on," Blanquart said.

In an Alestle survey of 250 students, 30 percent said they were spending less this Valentine's Day than in years past. However, less than half of students spending less said their decision was made for financial reasons.

The unscientific survey indicated that although 20 percent of students responding plan to spend more this year, nearly all had experienced a change in relationship status.

Local florist Lee Russo said although overall customer spending has been "definitely affected" in recent months, she expects positive results.

"It's kind of a sentimental holiday," Russo, owner of Lee Russo Designs in Edwardsville, said.

Bill Braundmeier, owner of Bill's Montclair Floral in Edwardsville, described his change in business as "minimal," but also said he has made subtle changes in ordering to accommodate any impact from the economy.

"I expect it to be down a little bit," he said. "I've cut down a bit, but not a lot."

Though Braundmeier stressed that any predictions about the Valentine's Day holiday were purely speculation, he said people experiencing budgetary strains might be able to adjust their purchasing habits instead of

Alestle survey How much do you plan to spend on Valentine's Day?

20% Planning to spend less this year

31% Planning to spend more this year

26% Planning to spend the same this year

23% Never spend anything on Valentine's Day

Unscientific survey; 250 students interviewed at random Feb. 5-6

Megan McClure/Alestle

eliminating flowers entirely.

"Most people would appreciate a half-dozen roses or a rose in a bud vase rather than a dozen just because you thought of them," he said.

Blanquart said the local economy seems to be fine, despite bleak reports in the national media.

"I just think this area is still thriving," he said.

Peoples' spending habits vary on a case-by-case basis. For some, this holiday will be no different. For other students, like McAllister, changes are in store.

"My parents don't go out as much either," McAllister said. "We've been cutting back on a lot of stuff."

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Board to discuss expansion of ethanol center

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As SIUE continues to grow, the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees has a number of construction and expansion projects to consider on its agenda for Thursday.

The board will seek approval to investigate costs and planning to expand the National Corn to Ethanol Resource Center through grant funds. If approved, the project must go back to the board for budget approval and again to approve contracts.

Distillation and dehydration systems within the center are also set to undergo a facelift, as a grant is in place to fund \$1.5 million in enhancements.

The resurfacing of South University Drive will be paid through an internal loan if it gains approval

of the board.

Under the proposed contract, Morrissey Construction Co. in Godfrey will head the \$1.1 million renovation of the SIUE School of Dental Medicine's Oral Surgery Unit on the Alton campus, slated for a summer completion. The BOT will look to approve \$350,128 in construction contracts for the project.

GRS Construction Company will lead an \$800,000 renovation to the School of Pharmacy, if approved.

The BOT is scheduled to meet at approximately 10 a.m. Thursday in Carbondale.

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Olympic swimming hero smoked by his 'Green Goblin'

Every Peter Parker has his Mary Jane.

Unfortunately, Michael Phelps is the most recent sacrificial lamb of America's anti-marijuana pedestal.

After a British tabloid published pictures of Phelps smoking from a bong, he was both dropped from his Kellogg's sponsorship for good and suspended from competitive swimming for three months.

Fourteen gold medals can't shield you from the wrath of an angry sponsorship and the world of competitive swimming.

While a food company and a fairly minor sports association aren't big proponents of pot, they shouldn't be so harsh.

Since marijuana is an illegal substance, it shouldn't be encouraged by any means. When Phelps publicly apologized, he said himself that it was "regrettable behavior." Nearly anyone who went to college would admit to "regrettable behavior," most involving something illegal like pot, underage drinking or one of a plethora of college

mistakes.

Isn't that enough?

Once a hero isn't the knight in shining armor he appeared to be, it's the common custom to defame him and kick him where it hurts.

Defining someone a hero doesn't mean they are flawless. If a hero was flawless, plots for Hollywood blockbusters would become stale and boring. Michael Phelps is still a hero. He just had a flaw in his past. Even Spiderman let the thief into the elevator.

Even though he had problems, he didn't let pot take over his life. He made the mistake and got past it. By trying to accentuate a minor mistake like this, the only people trying to

kill this hero are the ones suspending him, punishing him and trying to improve their own image. It's understandable for them not to appear to be pro-pot themselves, but by punishing Phelps for past actions that only had consequences for himself, they're just making

the situation worse.

The suspension is also a fallacy. If everyone in competitive sports who smoked pot in their past received a three month suspension, ESPN wouldn't have that much to cover. Besides, he didn't do anything as serious as steroids.

The ends of Kellogg's and USA swimming don't justify the means. As Uncle Ben said to Peter Parker, "With great power comes great responsibility," and the power these two entities had over him abused theirs.

Putting an American icon in the town square and publicly shaming him still isn't out of style, but Phelps doesn't deserve such a bad rap. At the least, he shouldn't be suspended from competitive swimming.

He's already taken off his mask to show us that he's just a kid that made a mistake in his past. After fourteen gold medals, he's still a hero in my book.

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Kenneth Long

Blink-182 reunion makes Grammys worthwhile

Awards shows quickly become monotonous this time of year, but the 51st Grammy Awards were different, something magical.

Sure, Chris Brown scuffled with Rihanna, Taylor Swift and Miley Cyrus performed an awe inspiring duet and Katy Perry emerged out of a banana. Sounds like a fantastic night all around.

To make it even better, four empty years without the Mark, Tom and Travis show came to an end. Blink-182 is back and no longer sweating the small things.

Using the Grammys as an outlet to announce their return, there stood Blink 182 telling the world their intentions to rock once again and awarded Coldplay rock album of the year in the process.

A pointless awards show suddenly gained some credibility and for a moment stepped aside from the after school special mentality

featuring the ever celibate Jonas Brothers performing with Stevie Wonder to provide a stage for one of the most influential bands of today to return.

The legendary pop-punk trio turned a worthless Hollywood spectacle of mostly undeserving awards recipients legendary and made Feb. 9 a night to remember.

A performance would of made the announcement that much sweeter, but it's the Grammy's, so take what you can get.

"We used to play music together, and we decided we're going to play music together again," Drummer Travis Barker said at the Grammys, his arm still in a sling from the fiery September plane crash that fatefully brought the band back.

It remains unseen whether or not a new



Allan Lewis

Blink-182 album will be anywhere near the quality of some of the bands earlier efforts. The band's self titled 2003 effort had a different feel than some of their classic records, "Dude Ranch," "Enema of the State" and "Take off Your Pants and Jacket," and completely opposite their raw early releases like "Cheshire Cat." Whatever the new music sounds like, Blink is Blink, and they can teach the Jo Bro's and other wannabee Grammy nominees a thing or two about pop-rock.

Whatever the finished product, Blink-182 is back, and I for one cannot wait for that rock show, but as far as the Grammys go, next year can wait.

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Drag queens Tabbi Katt (left) and Madison Elise (right) hosted Friday night's drag show held by the SIUE chapter of the United States Institute of Technical Theater.

Drags strut their stuff

Annual drag show raises money for technical theater students

by Ben McDonald
Alestle Reporter

Senior theater performance major Angel Kircher, also known by her drag name as Richard Harder, spent hours perfecting a prosthetic phallus for her grunge rock drag outfit for the United States Institute of Technical Theater Drag Show on Saturday.

Kircher went into details about the process of creating her piece by taking a wet tissue and surrounding it with padding, then stuffing it into nylon pantyhose.

"It's hard, but malleable," Kircher said about her phallus. "This is my fourth year in the show. I do it every year. It's so much fun."

In its fifth year, senior technical theater major Jenny Cartmill asked two professional drag queens from the St. Louis area, Madison Elise and Tabbi Katt, to host the Drag Show instead of the usual student hosts.

"We normally get some of the students to host the show, but after a couple of really bad hosts, we decided to get some outside hosts," Cartmill said. "I met Madison and Tabbi Katt at a drag show in St. Louis."

The two hosted the Delta Lambda Phi drag show last fall and spring semesters and were invited back for the USITT show.

"I love doing shows on college campuses," Elise said. "The crowds are always excited, and it's always fun to bring that shock factor to new faces."

Elise has done drag for nearly seven years, citing it as an outlet for her energy.

"I was a music major and did a lot of theater," Elise said. "After college I didn't know what to do and putting on a wig and heels seemed like a natural fit."

Sophomore speech communications major Andrew Davis has also taken part in drag shows around the area and took part in this year's USITT show after Cartmill asked.

Davis said the secret to doing drag well requires a degree of passion, talent and a love of drag.

The drag show consisted of 12 contestants, plus the two hosts took to the stage to perform a few numbers. After the drag queens paraded in front of the audience, a drag queen by the name of Wet Wanda took to the stage and strutted her stuff to a song by The Fugees.

After Wet Wanda licked the dance poll on stage during her performance Tabbi Katt came on stage wiped down the poll and said, "I don't want to get herpes next time I touch the poll."

Davis, better known as Mona Lindsey Chase in the drag world, then came on stage and mimed a song about her ability to make a person "Popular," by Idina Menzel.

Madison Elise took the stage after she changed into in a blue sundress and white boots. Tabbi Katt performed later in the show, wearing a top hat she found back stage and a grey and black dress.

Mona Lindsay Chase was awarded the "Whore in Church" award by the hosts for their favorite performer. The crowd, however, decided the overall winner with votes placed near the end of the show.

The performance that won the most votes and the winner of a \$20 cash reward and a \$10 gift certificate was Sheila Weston, better known as theater and dance professor Roger Speidel. Speidel has taken part in the USITT drag show since its beginning five years ago, and this year appeared on stage in a copper dress, mouthing the words to a song about her boyfriend never calling.

Starting with a cell phone and tossing it aside, Speidel began pulling old phones out from her dress. After three phones were dangling, Speidel pulled out two signal flags and eventually yanked out a larger flag on a pole and waved it around stage.

According to Speidel the crowd he performed for was bigger than years past.

"This is wonderful, the most people that we've seen so far," Speidel said.

Senior technical theater major Scott Rocca said the drag show was almost at full capacity with 30 seats left to be filled.

"Attendance varies each year, but we looked to past events to learn from our mistakes," Rocca said.

The drag show's success is a joint effort of theater performance, faculty and technical theater majors as well as friends of those involved. The event usually raises between \$550 and \$700. Cartmill said all money raised by the drag show will go toward funding the USITT's trip to a technical theater conference held in the spring where technical theater majors can make contacts and look for job opportunities.

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Seeking future at annual psychic fair

by Rachel Carlson
Alestle Correspondent

Senior mass communications major Crystal Harris wasn't sure what to expect when a psychic told her to avoid cars and expect an internship in New York. But that's what she got when she went to the Psychic Fair Friday night.

"It never hurts to know what's going on in your future," Harris said.

Harris said she had a great time when she came to the Psychic Fair two years ago, so she decided to come again.

More than 250 students and their siblings came to Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom Friday night to see what the future has in store for them.

Campus Activities Board has hosted the Psychic Fair for the past four years as the starting point for Sibs and Kids Weekend. They offered a hypnotherapist, palm readers, a writing analyst, tarot card and tealeaf readers and an aura fluffer to entertain throughout the night. Brian Brushwood, a magician who has appeared on shows such as "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," provided the finale "Bizarre Magic Show."

Balloon artists wandered around the room providing quick and colorful entertainment, as well as weapons for sword fights, to children waiting in line while clairvoyant Linda Humphries performed palm readings.

Humphries said she is a third generation clairvoyant who has enjoyed being a part of the Psychic Fair. Humphries also performs healings and reads tarot cards among other abilities.

Junior marketing and management major Eden Haycraft said Humphries is a fan favorite because her psychic predictions seem to come true.

Haycraft and fellow junior entrepreneurship and management major Amanda Pitcher came to the fair together last year. Haycraft and Pitcher said Humphries described the dynamics of their friendship and personalities. Humphries was correct. Haycraft and Pitcher came again this year to see if their palm readings were the same.

Humphries used student's birthdays and astrological signs to decipher their personalities. She then studied their dominant hand to look into their souls.

According to CAB psychology graduate student Jamie Pence, tarot card readers and palm readers are the main crowd drawers.

"I think people are always excited about magic and the future," Pence said.

Tarot card reader the Rev. Joshua Hart drew a big crowd as well. Hart was not born with his abilities, but said he acquired them after a near death experience.

"I woke up with some abilities and didn't understand them," Hart said.

Hart said he went to eye doctors to ask why he has seeing colors around objects. The doctors told him they were auras.

Since his near death experience, Hart has been reading people's futures at fairs when he is not at his job at a psychosocial outpatient clinic.

Hart first asked students to think of a logical or an emotional question and then cut the deck of cards. He then revealed certain cards and described what their future would bring. These cards were also supposed to answer the student's logical or emotional question.

For more information on future CAB events go to siue.edu/cab/events.shtml.

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Senior elementary education major Rachel Epplin-Rincker (left) and her husband Thomas (right) get a tarot card reading from Lady Char, one of many psychics working at the annual Psychic Fair Friday night hosted by Campus Activities Board.

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 Thursday, Feb. 12 - (M)Tennis at Truman State - 6:00 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 12 - Wrestling vs. McKendree - 7:00 p.m.
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Cougars overcome 17-point deficit

Largest crowd this season helps SIUE snap Coyotes 15-game win streak

by T.J. Cowell
 Alestle Sports Reporter

SIUE's Saturday match up against fellow Division I transition school, the University of South Dakota, marked the grand rededication of the Vadalabene Center with a 73-68 victory.

The Cougars used the energy from 1,853 fans to snap the Coyotes' 15-game winning streak and improved SIUE's record to 9-15.

The Coyotes got off to a strong start and put SIUE in a hole in the beginning.

The visitors threatened to break the game open after a 21-2 run midway through the first half.

South Dakota was 17 of 36 from the floor in the first half and out rebounded the Cougars, 24-15. The Coyotes led by as much as 17 in the first 20 minutes, but SIUE picked up the intensity to cut the deficit to 10 before heading into the locker room, 44-34.

The visitors were strong from beyond the arc as they hit 9 of 14 attempts from three-point range. SIUE shot 14 of 31 in the first half.

Freshman Mark Yelovich led the Cougars with 12 first half points.

"We made a great stride to stop their threes in the second half," SIUE Head Coach Lennox Forrester said. "I never thought we would give up 20 offensive boards and win."

SIUE chipped away at the deficit and managed to tie the game back up after a three-pointer from Yelovich with 11:33 to play.

The Cougars gained their first lead since the opening minutes of the game when junior Aamir McCleary hit a jumper on the next offensive possession. The junior guard finished the night with six points and eight assists.

The final 10 minutes of the game saw both teams battle each other for the win. The teams evened the score up three times down the home stretch.

"We fed off the energy that came from tonight's crowd."

-John Edmison, senior guard

Senior guard John Edmison drew a charge with 25 seconds left when SIUE was ahead by two.

SIUE clinched their ninth victory of the season after a steal from Yelovich and a lay-in from Edmison to set the final score at 73-68.

"Coach told us that we had to keep our composure," Edmison said. "We made three or four defensive stops when we needed to."

SIUE held the visitors to 28 percent shooting in the second half. The Cougars were 16 of 32 on the floor during the

second 20 minutes.

The Cougars used their size to dominate the points in the paint, out scoring South Dakota 48-22 in the lane. SIUE had 26 of their points come off the bench.

"We fed off the energy that came from tonight's crowd," Edmison said. "We want it like this every night."

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Top right: Junior guard Aamir McCleary flies high in SIUE's dramatic victory over the Coyotes Saturday night. Bottom left: The largest crowd this season in the Vadalabene Center drew a hyper Red Storm student section. Bottom right: The St. Louis Rams cheerleaders perform at halftime during the grand re-opening of the Vadalabene Center.

SIUE softball opens 2009 season 4-1

by Kyle Wiese
 Alestle Sports Correspondent

In the opening games of the season, the SIUE softball team finished 4-1 in the Centenary College tournament in Shreveport, La., beating quality opponents like Boston College and Missouri State University.

The Cougars lost the opening game to Centenary 4-2, after freshman outfielder Lindsey Smith doubled home three runs in the second inning for Centenary. All of Centenary's runs came in the second inning.

Senior pitcher Kaitlin Colosimo threw seven innings for the Cougars,

giving up four runs overall with only two earned, while tallying six strikeouts and no walks.

Freshman pitcher Hillary Phillips

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-Sandy Montgomery, SIUE softball head coach

pitched six and a third innings for Centenary, giving up two runs, none earned, with eight strikeouts and no walks.

"When you play teams at the Division I level, all of the pitchers we face will have

good command and really know what they're doing," SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said.

In the second game, SIUE was able to

dominate the Bryant University Bulldogs 14-0 in six innings.

SIUE sophomore Erika Taylor pitched five scoreless innings for the Cougars and gave up three hits with 11

strikeouts and one walk.

"I felt more than confident pitching knowing how solid our defense is and how dependable our bats always are," Taylor said.

Freshman first baseman Whitney Davis was 3-3 in the game and drove in two runs for SIUE. The Cougars scored nine runs in the sixth inning.

SIUE sophomore catcher Lindsey Liermann doubled home two runs in the inning, knocking in Davis and freshman pinch hitter Paige Sheeder.

"We had timely hitting all throughout the game and the whole tournament,"

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Freshman guard Aaron Garriott and sophomore center Nikola Bundalo also finished in double figures with 13 and 11 points, respectively.

"South Dakota is a great team," Yelovich said. "We were focused and knew that we were going to have to play hard in order to come up with a win."

Senior guard Jesse Becker had an impressive night, leading the Coyotes with 16 points. South Dakota had three other

players finish the night with double digit scoring.

Saturday night's contest gave SIUE their sixth win at home this season. The Coyotes dropped to 18-6 after taking the loss.

SIUE is now off until Feb. 19 when the Cougars head up to the University of North Dakota to take on the Fighting Sioux.

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Montgomery said.

In the third game, SIUE took on Nicholls State University and was able to defeat them 1-0 in extra innings.

SIUE junior outfielder Chaleen Rumpf was 2-3 for the day and drove home the only run of the game in the top of the eighth inning.

Colosimo pitched eight shutout innings for SIUE, giving up six hits with six strikeouts and no walks.

Junior pitcher Audrey Wood also stayed in all eight innings for Nicholls State, giving up one run with none earned and eight strikeouts and only one walk.

"We played pretty good defense in this game," Montgomery said. "Good defense and timely hitting was the reason we won this game."

Boston College was next up for SIUE, and the Cougars were up to the challenge in another extra inning game, winning it 3-2.

Rumpf had two hits in the game for the Cougars and raised her season batting average to .462.

SIUE sophomore first baseman Christina Signore drove home the game winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning on a double down the right field line that scored freshman pinch runner Megan Murphy.

"Boston College is an Atlantic Coast Conference school, and we just proved how successful we can be at the Division I level," Montgomery said.

Taylor pitched eight innings and gave up two runs and one earned with six strikeouts and three walks for the Cougars.

Sophomore pitcher Allison Gage pitched six and one third innings for Boston College giving up seven hits and two earned runs with seven strikeouts

and three walks.

"We were down in the fifth inning 2-0, but we never quit," Taylor said. "With a team effort we were able to come back and score the winning run in the eighth."

In the final game of the tournament on Sunday, SIUE defeated Missouri State 2-1, making it the Cougars fourth win in three days.

Sophomore shortstop Kasey Schlafke drove in a run in the second inning for SIUE, scoring Liermann who reached base via a walk.

SIUE senior outfielder Courtney Mall was hit by a pitch and scored after junior third baseman Lauren Zembruksi reached base on an error.

"We were not only physically prepared, but mentally prepared as well for these games," Taylor said. "We have had a constant drill of realizing how much more challenging this year will be going from Division II to Division I."

Taylor pitched all seven innings, improving her record to 3-0 to start the season. She gave up one run with none earned, eight strikeouts and no walks.

"This just goes to show that you can never take a game off and expect to win at this level," Montgomery said. "I'm proud that we didn't let down and were able to make adjustments."

SIUE will next travel to the Kennesaw State University tournament in Kennesaw, Ga., next weekend. The Cougars will play a double-header on Friday taking on Tennessee Tech University then Kennesaw State.

On Saturday, the Cougars will play Wright State University followed by the consolation or finals bracket.

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