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## Bosco, Harrison win contested SG races

### Rahn, all nine Senate candidates elected to uncontested positions

by Kari Williams  
Alestle Reporter

Senior political science and history major Cory Bosco emerged from the Student Government elections as vice president, while junior business major Jeff Harrison earned the position of trustee.

Bosco said this election was amazing, and he was excited to learn the results.

"It was a relief. I've been nervous all morning about it," Bosco said. "Joel [Durham] ran a good race. He was out there; we both went to organizations. We

talked to a lot of students."

According to Bosco, one of his first duties will be to meet with the new senators and talk to them about what SG is about and how it works, as well as getting student opinions involved in the Senate and filling the three vacant Senate seats with students that are willing to put forth the effort.

"I just really want to make sure [the new senators] know we have a lot of work ahead of us this year. We're going to be doing a lot of things," Bosco said. "I'm specifically in charge of them, so I want to start that off right now."

As of Wednesday, Joel

Durham, the other candidate who ran for vice president, did not return requests for comment.

Harrison said he has had a long couple of weeks since he found out that Steven Robinson-Holman was opposing him in the race for trustee.

"The campaign helped me mature as an individual. I felt crushed and devastated when he turned in an application for trustee," Harrison said.

Harrison said he was in the Stratton Quadrangle "sweating in a shirt and tie" to campaign and he reached out to commuter students through signs posted around campus.

As one of his first acts, Harrison said he would like to make his presence known and be a voice for SIUE students that is taken seriously.

Harrison's opponent, Steven Robinson-Holman, sophomore political science and speech communications major, said he would like to apply for External Affairs officer and he has a couple of new organizations in mind for freshmen.

According to Robinson-Holman, he would not have changed his campaign strategy and said there was a good turn out for the election.

"I would like to congratulate

my opponent on his victory, and I hope the best for the students at SIUE," Robinson-Holman said.

SG President Brandon Rahn was re-elected as president in the uncontested race with 1,232 votes. Rahn said he plans to work with Bosco to improve the Student Senate.

"It's just going to improve the Student Senate, clarify its role to the Senate and allow it to become more efficient in how it operates, more proper, more professional in many different aspects," Rahn said.

As for his own goals, Rahn

**ELECTION RESULTS/pg.2**



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Sophomore political science major Richard Broyles of Chicago, also a senatorial candidate, votes in the Student Government elections Monday. The 2010 election, the first to use online voting, resulted in a 114 percent increase in voter turnout.

## New Blackboard voting doubles 2009 turnout

by Rosie Githinji  
Alestle Opinion Editor

Student Government elections saw a favorable response as 1,392 people cast their vote on Blackboard, according to Election Commissioner Brian McLeod.

Students were able to log on with their I.D. and password and with only a few clicks of the mouse, let their voice be heard.

"We saw a 114 percent increase from last years vote," McLeod said. "We doubled last years turnout."

McLeod said there was a small, but vocal minority that did not want online voting, but the numbers show a difference in a big way. Student Government made sure students knew about the elections by giving out handbills, Pepsi banners and fliers, list-serve e-mails, advertising and also word of mouth, according to McLeod. He also said there was more

effective campaigning done on campus by those running.

"I believe the most significant factor in the high numbers in voting was the election-day push," McLeod said. "We used all the resources I could think of."

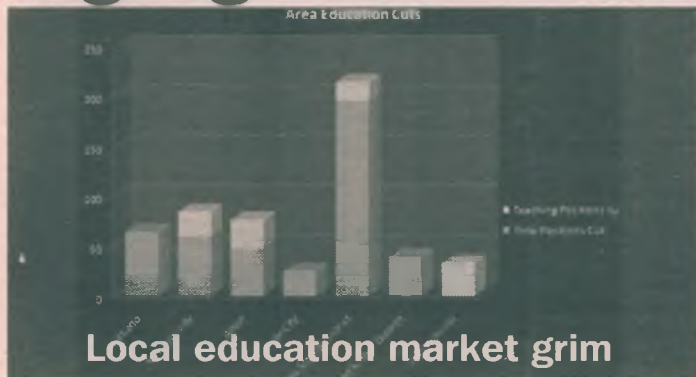
The voting process was easy, according to McLeod. Once a student logged on to Blackboard there were only a few links to click on in order to vote.

Also, since paper ballots were eliminated there was no need for students to be in a specific place to vote or long lines. It was also more cost effective to vote online, according to McLeod.

Student Government had one polling station with one laptop for students to vote, but students could vote from wherever they wanted to, according to McLeod. There were also less poll workers needed.

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## Highlights from Tuesday's issue at Alestlelive.com...



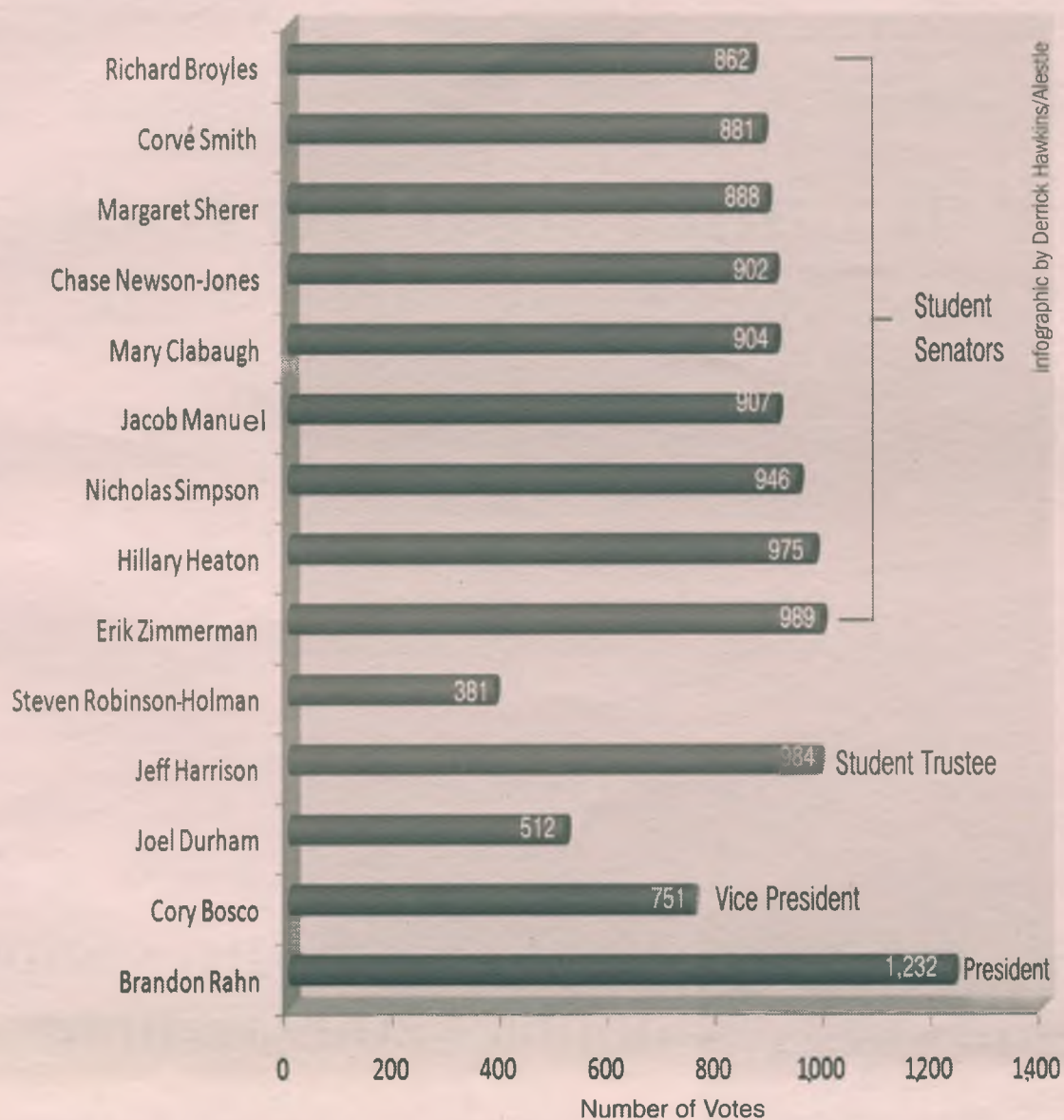
Stringing methods together



Team effort produces win



# Unofficial 2010 Student Government Election Results



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said he would like to continue to open the lines of communication between SG, the university and other universities throughout the state, which would include more travel to conferences.

According to Rahn, he is looking at the possibility of adding more committees to the Senate to work on projects on a deeper role than they currently do.

Involvement in the election increased 114 percent, and Rahn said if there would have been more than two contested races the increase could have been more.

"We were expecting about 25 to 30 percent increase. [The] 114 [percent increase] is exceptional," Rahn said.

Bosco said he thought the election as a whole was great, and the 114 percent increase in participation was astounding.

"If we would've had a full ticket, to where every position was a contested seat, I'm sure we would've topped over 300 percent, hands down," Bosco said.

The nine unopposed Senate candidates who won are: Erik Zimmerman, Hillary Heaton, Nicholas Simpson, Jacob Manuel, Mary Clabaugh, Chase Newson-Jones, Margaret Scherer, Corvé Smith and Richard Broyles.

Sophomore political science major Jacob Manuel, who is new

to the Student Senate, said he would like to raise awareness about SG and ensure that the university's priorities are on the students.

"[I want to make sure that] money is going to where the students need it, rather than where it might seem wasteful," Manuel said.

According to Manuel, he will have a lot of work to do as a new senator, but he said he has a lot of experience with SG already. Manuel said he can bring a different viewpoint to SG.

"[I can look] through the lens of a student employee and as a resident of University Housing. I'm really on the frontlines of what people [have problems with on campus]," Manuel said.

Freshman biomedical science major Hillary Heaton said as a first-time senator, she wants to increase student involvement and awareness. Heaton is currently on the External Affairs and School Spirit and Pride Committees and hopes to be on them next year as well.

"I'm a really outgoing person, and I love to get people involved so I think that's going to be one of the things I'm really good at," Heaton said.

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# Tightening the belt

## Deans prepare for unpredictable budget

by Kari Williams  
Alestle Reporter

Various schools on campus have had to cut or freeze faculty and staff positions and restrict faculty travel due to the university's budget situation with the state of Illinois.

### College of Arts and Sciences

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Aldemaro Romero said the CAS has changed the way it generates revenue by using grants and donations from private individuals.

"[We're] looking at programs we have and how we can be more efficient in how they're managed," Romero said.

There have not been major cutbacks in the college, but Romero said they have slowed down expenditures in certain areas, such as travel. Most of the travel, according to Romero, is for faculty and students who are giving presentations or attending meetings.

"We're making sure that travel that's taking place is really necessary," Romero said.

The CAS has a number of infrastructural needs that Romero said would be addressed if funding from the state comes through. There

are some departments, according to Romero, that need to fill staff positions. Classrooms, labs and offices would be re-equipped as well. The positions will be filled as soon as the money is available, Romero said.

As far as how the university is handling the budget situation, Romero said he thinks they are handling it well, partly because the university is still able to provide students with quality education.

"When I look at other universities across the nation, I think we've been able to minimize the impact ... we haven't laid off anybody," Romero said.

### School of Business

The School of Business has cut back on purchasing supplies for the school and faculty travels, according to Gary Giamartino, dean of the School of Business.

"We've all become more conscious about what we're consuming, and we're trying to be more careful," Giamartino said.

In the School of Business, Giamartino said they have a classroom upgrade program in which funds are reserved to upgrade two or three classrooms by replacing furniture, screens, projectors or whatever needs to be replaced. If

funds become available, Giamartino said that would be one of the first things they spend the money on, if it can be done within the given time frame.

"We usually do it at the end of the year, when we have contingency funds available," Giamartino said. "If that funding does not become available at the end of this year, we will not be able to do it."

The School of Business has also slowed down on hiring faculty even though the university does not have "a formal restriction," according to Giamartino.

"The fact is the budget situation has forced us to slow down so the only way we can meet some of our budget targets is by not hiring additional faculty," Giamartino said.

According to Giamartino, everyone is pitching in to help with the budget situation, but it is not easy and sacrifices are being made.

"I think we need to figure out how we're going to stay within the budget constraints, but also get the work done that needs to be done in order for us to serve our students well," Giamartino said.

As for the future of the School of Business, Giamartino said he

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### ONLINE VOTING from pg.1

According to Student Body President Brandon Rahn, the cost of online voting was significantly different from past years.

"It's about a \$2,500 to \$3,000 cost difference," Rahn said. "The main reason to go online was to open it up to students."

In past years, the election commission had to take the time to write down all write-in votes, as well as make sure all the ballots were filled out properly. Workers also had to feed the Scantron machines that read the ballots, and it took longer to count them, according to Rahn.

This year, Information Technology Services had control of the process and were able to send out results Wednesday morning. Since there was also limited access to who could see the results there was also less of a chance of any tampering with the results, according to Rahn.

Election commission worker Rebecca Norris, a sophomore biology major from Chicago, sat at the polling table for the two days of elections. She said the voting turnout was good despite the lack of contested races particularly for president and Student Senate.

"I think this year there was not a lot of campaigning because it's a given," Norris said.

She heard different responses to voting online instead of with paper ballots. Many students said it was easier to vote online, but they like paper ballots, too.

"There were some problems with the process," Norris said. "Every time someone voted I had to walk them through it."

Norris said it would be nice if students had an incentive to vote and would like a better polling station.

"If we had a better degree of professionalism, we would have a better turnout," Norris said.

Senior nursing major Morgan Southern of Matteson said she thought the online voting was better than using paper ballots, which is how she voted last year. She liked the fact there were no long lines and when she logged onto Blackboard it reminded her to vote.

"It was convenient," Southern said. "I didn't have to leave to come onto campus."

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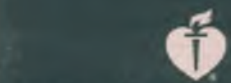
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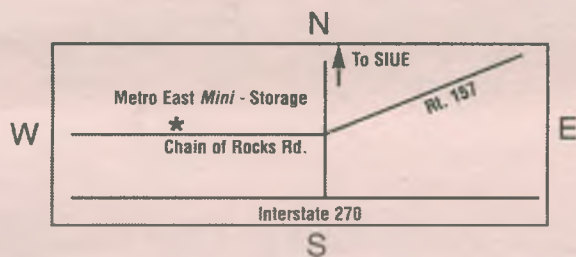
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# One choice: federal

## New bill ends bank student loans

by Rosie Githinji  
Alestle Reporter

Students who have to take out loans to pay for their college tuition no longer have a choice between federal government and bank loans.

As part of an attachment to the health care bill, this particular part of the bill, which overhauls federal loans ends government payments to private lenders, means the government will lend directly to students.

According to Sally Mullen, associate director of Student Financial Aid, students will no longer have a choice of lenders.

"We've been watching it closely," Mullen said. "We were hoping it wouldn't go through this way because now the students won't have a choice."

Students used to have a chance to choose between direct lending (federal) and a lender of their choice. There was also a loss of incentives some banks offered with loans, such as the time in which people had to pay back loans.

"Now that this has passed they are not able to do that anymore," Mullen said. "Students are required by law to use direct lending."

There is no change to the how a student will apply for a loan or pay it back. There is also no change to the amounts student can borrow. It will just be through the federal government and not the banks, according to Mullen.

"They still get what they were getting," Mullen said. "It will just be through a different incentive."

Mary Jenkins, assistant director for Client Services in the Financial Aid Office, said students would not really be affected by the loan changes.

"It is going to affect [students] in that it's going to be nothing more than a slight irritation," Jenkins said.

The Federal Family Education Loan Program no longer exists, so those who borrowed from the program will have to change to direct loans. Students who were offered and have accepted the FFELP loan will have to log on to CougarNet to accept a new promissory letter and will be receiving notification on the SIUE e-mail accounts by the end of the week.

In addition, \$36 billion will be going to Pell Grants, according to Jenkins.

Also, Jenkins said the federal government is going to increase the Expected Family Contribution amount from \$4,617 to \$5,273. The EFC is a number financial aid uses to determine student eligibility.

"This means a significant amount of students who were not previously eligible for Pell Grants will now be eligible," Jenkins said.

Not everyone who is eligible will be getting the full amount of Pell Grant money, according to Jenkins. The extra money means there are more funds available to those who may not have been able to receive it before.

Junior nursing major Jasmine Andrews of Chicago said she has always borrowed from the federal government to pay for school.

"The changes they are making [don't] really affect me," Andrews said.

She also said she will be using Pell Grant money to pay for summer classes and any extra free money would help.

Students can check their SIUE e-mails or CougarNet accounts to see if they need to make any changes to their loan notes or can check with the Financial Aid offices at 650-2880.

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## SIUE POLICE BLOTTER

### 3-22-10

Police issued Steve Crites a citation for failure to yield at an intersection on Stadium Drive.

Police issued Christine Horn a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

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

Police issued Kara Burke a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Jeffrey Wimberly a citation for disobeying a stop sign on South University Drive.

Police issued Lathier Brown, Jr. a citation for driving too fast for conditions in the Bluff Hall Lot.

Police issued Joel Wise a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Jolease Marshall a citation for speeding on Cougar Lake Drive.

### 3-23-10

Police issued Holly Schott a citation for speeding on Circle Drive.

Police issued Clay Jarnagin a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Alvin Dedner a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Joseph Saucier III a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Jordan Loveless a citation for unauthorized parking in a handicapped spot and unlawful use of a handicap placard in Lot A.

Police issued Paul Ernst a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

### 3-24-10

Police responded to Lot A South regarding an expired handicap placard. The expired placard does not belong to the subject displaying it. Keenan Bailey was arrested for using a fraudulent handicap-parking placard. Bailey was transported to the police department, where he was processed and released with a notice to appear. A citation was also issued to Bailey for unlawful use of a handicap placard.

### 3-25-10

Police took a call reporting a purse and a book bag were at the Abbott Auditorium. The caller stated these items had been there for a while. The owner was contacted and came to the police department to pick up property. At that time a computer check showed Jessica Cotton had an outstanding felony warrant out of Madison County for probation violation, bond of \$25,000. Cotton was arrested on the warrant, was fingerprinted and processed. Cotton was questioned when several items in her possession matched the descriptions of items reported as stolen. Cotton was transported to Madison County Jail.



# SIUE Gardens grow

## Acre will be developed into 'Prairie Portal'

by Jason Frazier  
Alestle Reporter



Last Thursday, SIUE broke ground on The Gardens' newest section, the Prairie Portal. The SIUE Gardens is 35 acres; the Prairie Portal will cover about one acre of that space.

Director of The Gardens Doug Conley is aware the Prairie Portal covers a small portion of The Gardens and said it is a key section of the long-term master plan for the gardens.

"The Prairie Portal is a key component for the master plan for the gardens," Conley said. "It sits at the intersection of the two main walking loops of the gardens: the existing Garden Loop and the future, yet to be constructed, Prairie Loop."

The types of plants displayed in the Prairie Portal will vary depending on the climate and

have ties to plants showcased at the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

"The Prairie Portal will be more of a display garden, the type of plants will change throughout the seasons," Conley said. "As a signature garden, we decided it would be a good idea to showcase shrubs, trees and perennials associated with the Missouri Botanical Garden's Plants of Merit."

Gardens representative Dan Mueller hopes students will take advantage of the benefits of the Gardens.

"We really want students to know we have the Garden here; it's a place for them to come and relax," Mueller said. They can take advantage of this because it's in walking distance from housing and main campus, so come down and visit the Gardens."

The completion time for the Prairie Portal is expected to be sometime in June if everything goes according to plan.

"The Prairie Portal garden process begins immediately and will be finished in early to mid summer," Conley said. "If we have good weather, materials and equipment available we can move quicker. If we have some issues with rainy days and things like that it may slow us down a little bit, but we are committed to getting it done and creating a nice garden."

The weather received early on this spring has enabled the volunteers to get a large amount of work done.

"This spring has never been more beautiful. It has helped with the removal of the invasive species, and plantings we have been able to get done on student and community volunteer days," Conley said.

The Rotary Club has been a driving force in The Gardens project both financially and hands-on in the labor needed to complete projects.

"The Rotary gift is a \$50,000 cash gift, and it will have a series of ... volunteer services that come along with that, too," Conley said.

Rotary Club Service Projects Director Ann Tosovsky views the clubs donations as a service to the community for years to come.

"We look for anything that will enhance or improve our community," Tosovsky said. "We thought building a garden that will be sustainable for generations to come, would be a great project."

The overall master plan for The Gardens could take years to complete due to certain factors.

"The overall master plan is a \$30 million vision, and that's a 15-20 year vision," Conley said. "We primarily bring funds in through fundraising, grant writing and things of that nature. Development of The Gardens is tied to that, and of course the volunteers and people who can help us do projects are factors as well."

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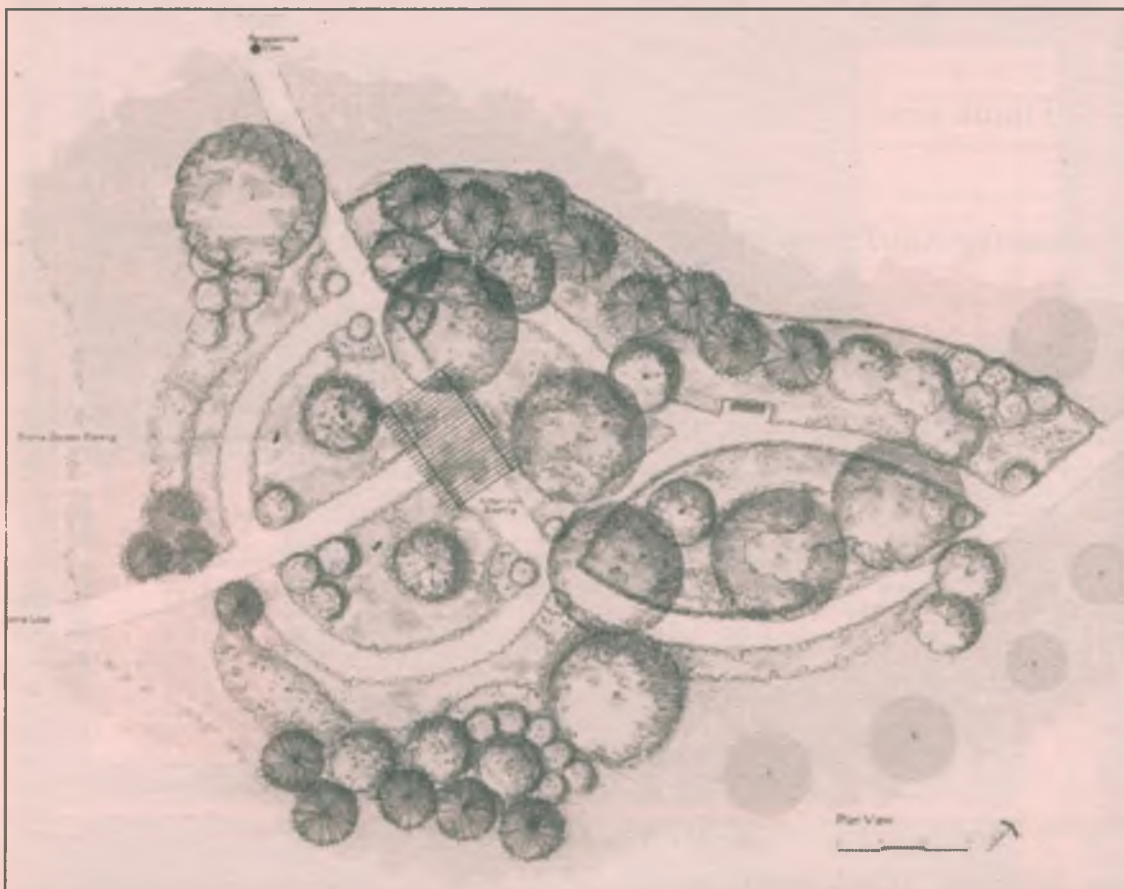
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The one-acre Prairie Portal will showcase trees, shrubs and other plants associated with the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

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cannot predict if there will be cutbacks on sections, but the possibility has to remain open.

"I think all of us, students, faculty, staff, we're all going to have to do the best we can and realize that we're operating with limited resources," Giamartino said.

### School of Education

Bette Bergeron, dean of the School of Education, said the primary impact the budget issue has had on the School of Education is the staff freeze and its impact on the staff.

"Some of our departments are without any secretarial help," Bergeron said.

Bergeron said the openness and dialogue between the university and its employees is important "so everyone knows what's going on." Departments are having meetings to talk about the potential impact of the budget situation.

Updates that the chancellor sends through e-mail and open forums he has held for people to ask questions have been an important part of the situation, according to Bergeron.

"The university is in a pretty good place as compared to other universities in the state because of really good budgeting," Bergeron said.

However, Bergeron said she is looking forward to when the budget turns around.

"The School of Education has plans to grow and strengthen its programs," Bergeron said, "and that's one thing we can't do currently."

Bergeron said the School of Education wants to ensure that students are not affected by the budget.

"We're making sure that what we provide to students is not affected. That is our number one priority," Bergeron said.

### School of Engineering

According to Hasan Sevim, dean of the School of Engineering, the school has not made many changes for the current school year but is planning for the future.

"We're worried about the future, next year,

the following year, because it's unknown what's going to happen, very uncertain," Sevim said. "We had some plans for fiscal year 11. We have tightened our budget a little bit more."

Purchasing new equipment for the labs has been put on hold, according to Sevim, but he hopes to purchase them in the future.

"As far as the School of Engineering is concerned, we're feeling the effect of it, but it's not been detrimental," Sevim said.

No projects have been stopped. Construction plans for an extension to the engineering building were put on hold for a couple months, but plans have continued. If everything goes okay, the construction will start in about a year. Sevim said the funds for the extension will be from student fees, not state funds.

There is a possibility of fewer courses in the coming school years, according to Sevim.

"We will probably have not as many elective courses as in the past," Sevim said, "yet still sufficient courses so that our faculty can teach fundamental courses and less elective courses."

### School of Nursing

Despite the university's budget situation, Dean of the School of Nursing Marcia Maurer said nothing has been put on hold.

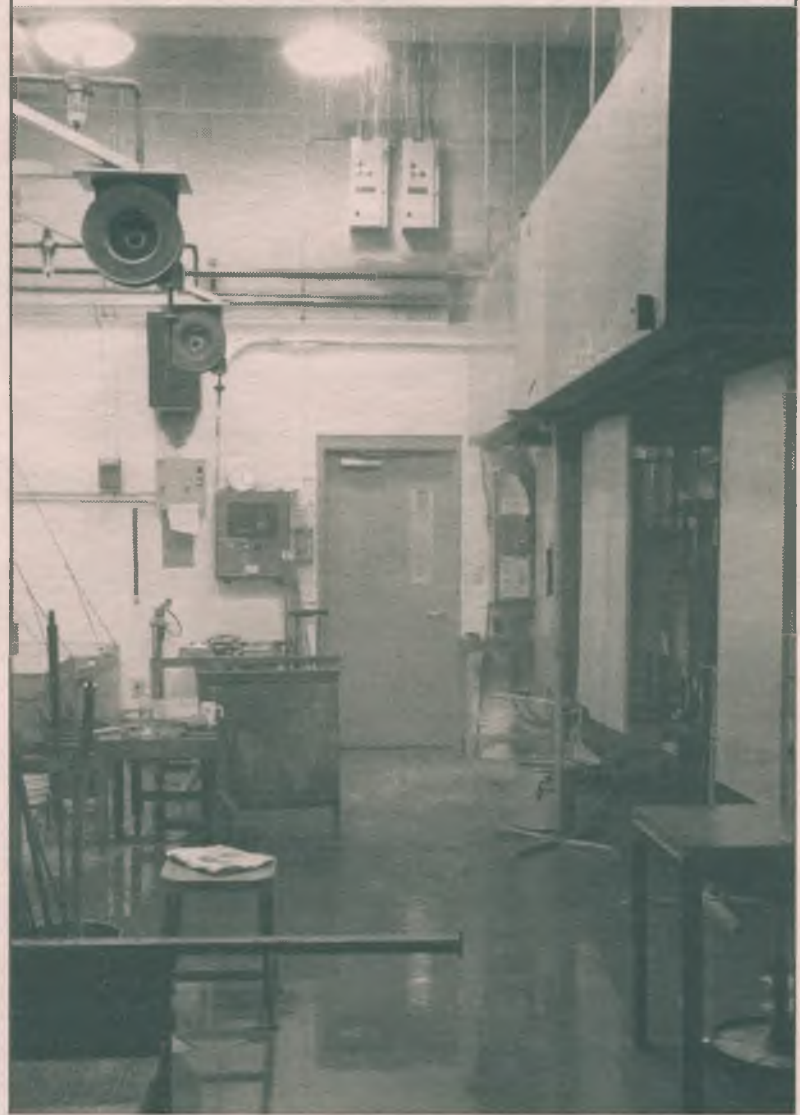
"We have cut no faculty. We have cut no staff," Maurer said.

Enrollment has been steady for the last few years, according to Maurer, and the School of Nursing has not been advised to make any cuts. Maurer said she has the same operating budget she has had in the past.

"I think it's so unpredictable to say that we're going to be fine," Maurer said. "Who knows? We're holding steady, and I anticipate that to be the case ... right now, that's the way it seems to be."

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## Slippery when wet



Hunter Creel/Alestle

On Monday at 6:45 p.m. the glass studio sprinklers went off, flooding the studio. Sprinklers were triggered by excessive heat. The power was turned off and nothing was damaged from the sprinklers. The glass studio can reach temperatures of more than 100 degrees.

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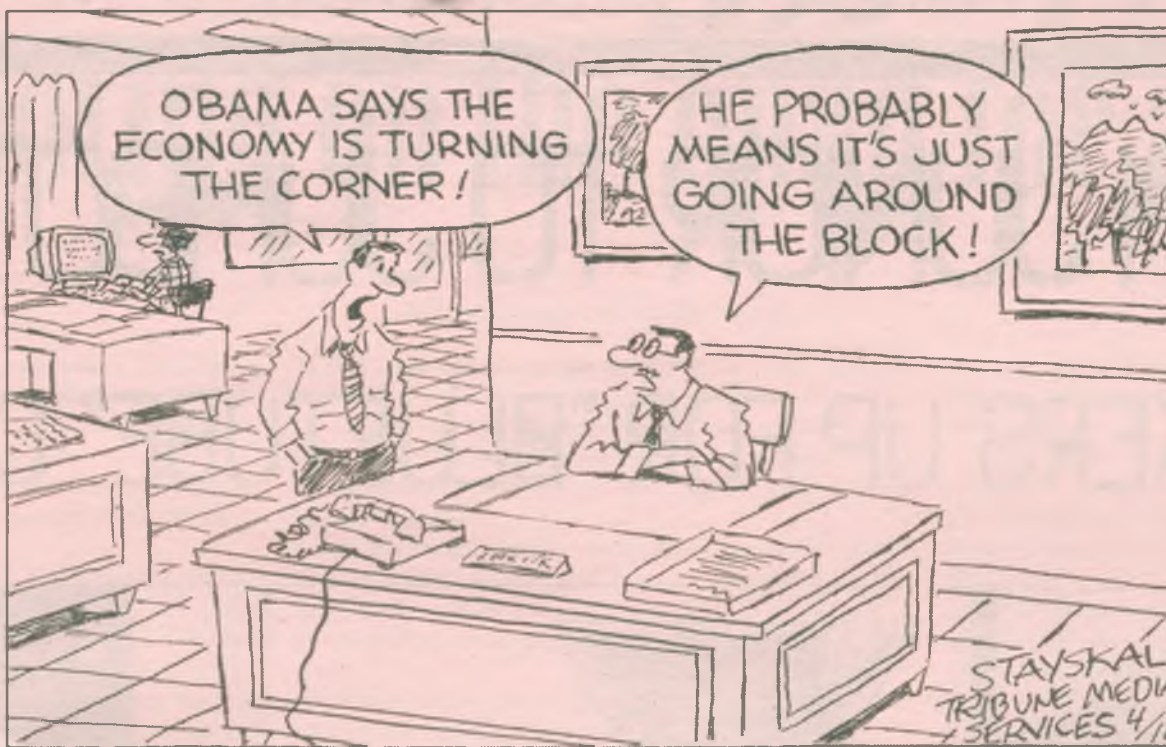
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## St. Louis should work harder to keep jobs in the area

It has been 14 months since the stimulus package was passed by Congress to prevent the American economy from slipping into the depths of depression. As of today, the federal and state governments have used or allocated most of the stimulus money they received. However,



**Nolan Sharkey**  
Guest Columnist

America is still facing a slow, but progressive climb out of the depths of the past recession.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics released Friday that the current national unemployment rate stands at 9.7 percent, while the State of Illinois holds an 11.4 percent unemployment rate. These numbers may be slightly appealing to some. However, I am sorry to announce that we are not out of this economic downturn yet. America could easily spiral into another pitfall.

So where should Americans turn now? Should Congress issue another stimulus package to give the last big push out despair? Subjectively, this is most likely out of the question due to dissatisfaction of the last stimulus package and extreme national debt. Additionally, this is an important election year for

Congress. Therefore, the key to a bright future does not lie in the federal or state level, but in the metropolitan areas of America. Large cities must put their best foot forward to create jobs and stabilize the economy through a classic grassroots approach.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch ran a three part series last week, titled "Can St. Louis Compete?" The writers realized that metropolitan areas are returning to the forefront of economic and national importance. The authors concluded that the St. Louis metro area has a rough road ahead, but it does have a competitive edge.

That edge lies in the large amounts of brainpower being brought to the St. Louis area through four-year schools such as Washington University, Saint Louis University, University of Missouri-St. Louis and SIUE.

St. Louis generates some of the most prevalent human capital in the Midwest, which means St. Louis invests heavily in education. However, as a city, it is one of the worst at keeping the brainpower here in the metro area. St. Louis gives premier educations and then these students leave for jobs in growing cities. St. Louis has to end this. This city was once known for its many large factories and river access. These jobs have been outsourced or moved to cities with fewer taxes.

St. Louis has a chance to rebuild itself upon the basis of brainpower. Medicine, architecture and advertising are the leading frontier of the St. Louis economy. St. Louis has 23,000 students who graduate from universities within city limits alone, and they need to take advantage of this if they plan to compete in the new era of urbanization.

Local companies should work closely with universities from freshman orientation to snatch up as many bright students as possible before they leave for another job in a different city. Philadelphia, in 2000, began an operation to have local businesses work with college students from freshman year continuing through the end of senior year.

By 2008, the results showed that Philadelphia added 150,000 residents with bachelor's degrees. The amounts of local graduates were no higher than years before, but more local students were getting jobs in the Philadelphia area. They learned how to use their human capital to better the economy, and hopefully, St. Louis follows their lead in the years to come.

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## St. Louis silences humanitarian and First Amendment

St. Louis City's bad reputation has recently gotten worse thanks to court approval.

St. Louis City is well known for its displacement of the urban poor by use of eminent domain. This is nothing new to St. Louis City, in fact the use (or should I say abuse) of eminent



**Jill Cook**  
Alestle Graduate Assistant

domain in the city dates back to the early '60s.

Possibly the most famous example of this abuse is the Pruitt-Igoe public housing project. Originally built as segregated public housing, the housing became predominantly African-American after whites started the massive move to the county. In 1972 the city—and in some aspects the federal government—began razing the buildings. Drive by what used to be the Pruitt-Igoe "projects" and there isn't much there nowadays.

But Pruitt-Igoe is just one small story in the St. Louis City eminent domain abuse saga. The latest story, while it might have nothing to directly do with the tearing down of buildings, began that way.

The Soulard Neighborhood of St. Louis City has undergone a massive turn-around over the last 25 years. And St. Louis City has done its part to rid that area of building owners who did not want to

improve their properties to the new "standards." Jim Roos is one such property owner. Roos founded a housing agency designed to help the homeless find a place to live. Some of these buildings were in the Soulard Neighborhood and the city seemed aimed at ridding that neighborhood of his agency.

In protest, Roos painted a gigantic "End Eminent Domain Abuse" mural on the side of one of his buildings, a sign that is very visible from the Interstate 44-55 interchange. Of course the city disapproved and fought for its removal, but Roos took the fight to court saying he had the right of free speech. Roos lost.

Thanks to a judge with the U.S. District Court of Eastern Missouri, Roos is, indeed, in violation of city ordinance. The ordinance does allow for giant murals, but the city's concern here is with its location, the advertising of two Web sites in the mural and the number of drivers possibly distracted by the mural.

Unfortunately, the city's argument is a complete flop since they've approved of Lumiere Place's ridiculously mammoth and New York City-esque billboard that can easily blind Interstate 70 drivers.

The city's problem with Roos' mural is simple. Roos is trying to speak out against an extremely unpopular city government tool, eminent domain. If Roos and his supporters tried to march in protest, the city would arrest them. If Roos and his

supporters sent letters to government officials, the supporters would be branded as harassers. No matter what form protest Roos used, the city would find something wrong with it.

However, the First Amendment of the United States Constitution reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Roos' mural is his speech. It is his way of saying what so many would like to say: this city's abuse of eminent domain sucks. The mural is his way of petitioning the St. Louis City for a redress of grievances committed by the city against him.

Roos and his organization are trying to help homeless people by finding them a home. He's getting the homeless off the street. That's a whole lot better for the city than the homeless camping out in the few parks downtown.

The city sees the buildings Roos owns as eyesores. The way I see it though, the only eyesore here is St. Louis City.

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# FROM JUNIOR TO JUMBOTRON

## FILMMAKERS UP FOR "BLUETUBE" CONTEST



From their video, "Blues, all day," sophomore Noah Readhead intently stares down sophomore Derek Loman after hearing his true feelings about the St. Louis Blues. Readhead and sophomore Derek Loman learned video production from mass communications professor Riley Maynard.

On crutches and looking sickly, sophomore Derek Loman exhibits the result of angering a St. Louis Blues fan during the season. Loman and Readhead want to win the BlueTube contest for a chance at Blues exclusive seating for the 2010-11 season.

by Neil Luke/ Alestle Reporter

It is not every day a student at SIUE gets the opportunity to showcase their professional skills on a Jumbotron to thousands of screaming fans at a professional sporting event.

Two longtime filmmaking friends and fellow SIUE students are going to find out what that feels like on Friday at the Scottrade Center where the St. Louis Blues will hit the ice and face off with the Anaheim Ducks.

Derek Loman and Noah Readhead, both sophomores majoring in mass communications, have been writing and shooting videos together since eighth grade.

Recently, the team found out about a contest for the St. Louis Blues hockey team. Together, Loman and Readhead combined their efforts to make two separate videos for the competition to increase their odds at winning.

Out of the two videos that both Readhead and Loman made, Loman's won as a finalist in the competition.

It started when Noah attended the Blues vs. Capitals game. He saw a call for a video submission for the "BlueTube" video competition.

"The contest included making a video one minute or less centered around the theme 'what would you do for free Blues tickets,'" Readhead said.

It took them six days to complete the two videos they submitted.

"We took one day each to just think of ideas and write and other days to film and edit," Loman said. "That's what I like when I and Noah work as a team. We work hard and get it over with quick."

The grand-prize winner and 11 of his or her friends will win tickets to watch the 2010-11 Blues games in an exclusive suite inside the Scottrade Center; a prize valued

at \$2,500.

After their submission, Readhead and Loman waited for two weeks until they finally got a response.

"I could not believe that they found our video to be worthy enough to be one of the finalists," Loman said. "I was excited, too. It means a big deal for me that they thought our video was good enough to be up to win. It's also pretty sweet that our video will be on the jumbo screen for everyone to see."

Readhead said he was in shock after the phone call.

"After Derek got the call, he called me and I couldn't believe it," Readhead said. "We both were kind of blown away that we had been selected."

Loman and Readhead's video "Blues, All Day" is one of two finalists to be aired on the Jumbotron at the Scottrade Center, with the winner determined by fan applause.

Loman said the duo entered the contest because "it's just fun to enter something that you like to do into a contest. It also challenges you, and you get to see how good your skills are."

Previously the two had won an award for "Best Acting" in the 21 Film Project competition, sponsored by the Land of Lincoln Credit Union in Decatur.

"So far we are two for two on competitions," Loman said. "We won an award for a short film competition, and we are nominated for the Blues competition.

What we're talking about is making a movie. We just love to film and see what we can do. Nothing is better than doing what you love and doing it with your friends."

Loman and Readhead both took Introduction to Television and Audio

Production with professor of mass communications Riley Maynard and the sophomores said Maynard was key influence in pursuing their dream. Both are enrolled in some of Maynard's production classes this semester as well.

"If I hadn't taken [mass communications] 204 with him, I wouldn't have known how to properly light or compose my shots,"

Readhead said. "Derek and I had already worked together for many years, but I believe Riley helped us take our work to the next level."

Maynard said both students have what it takes to work together well.

"Noah is a bright kid and a very hard worker," Maynard said. "Derek is the type of kid who picks up on things quickly. You only have to tell how to do something and he picks it up, and as a team they seem to complement each other very well."

Their peers within the mass communications field tend to think highly of Readhead and Loman, including former classmate junior Barton Keip.

"I have been fortunate to have had the

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-Derek Loman, sophomore mass communications major

opportunity to work with Derek and Noah in multiple classes within the mass communications curriculum," Keip said. "They are a shining example of what hard work and dedication can do to further a student in preparation for a mass media career."

Readhead said he plans to continue filmmaking after graduating.

"I am majoring in corporate media/PR but I still want to pursue filmmaking on the side," Readhead said. "It's just a lot of fun. It may not pay the bills, but hopefully I can make films while I hold a job."

Despite a lack of income from the hobby, both see the benefit being that thousands of people get to view their work.

"I actually think we make a good team," Readhead said. "Derek and I both think of ideas for videos, but Derek always writes them. He is a very good and funny writer. We both decide on shots together. Generally we try many different shots and see which one we like best. I do the video editing. Most people don't like this part, but it's my favorite part because I get to have the artist license on the entire project."

"Blues, All Day" is available for streaming at [www.youtube.com/noah0189](http://www.youtube.com/noah0189).

Loman said he feels like this career path is "the dream."

"[I'll] live my dream, man," Loman said. "Hopefully I'll be one of the few people that at least try and move and make my dreams come true. If not, oh well. No big deal. At least I tried. I plan to move out to California and start working for television and films and hopefully work my way up and start to make shows and films of my own."

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# No shoes? No problem.

## Barefooting on the quad for a cause

by Lindsey Oyler/ Alestle A&E Editor

Most of the time, the SIUE geese present obstacles by hissing and honking at passerby on a daily basis, sometimes threatening to attack. However, on Thursday these geese reveal a new problem: their "presents."

A new cause has spread to SIUE, "One Day Without Shoes," which will have been in motion at SIUE for its second year Thursday.

Sophomore Rachel Wilson of Springfield is one innovator who has brought the cause to SIUE, starting a Facebook group called "Barefoot Picnic" for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, based off of the nationwide group TOMS Shoes. Wilson and friends started the event last year through interest in social work and raising awareness of global poverty and, therefore, a lack of shoes. Wilson said she will be setting up blankets to have lunch barefoot on the Stratton Quadrangle.

"TOMS is a shoe company that, for every pair of shoes bought, sends a pair to Africa to someone that doesn't have any," Wilson said. "One Day Without Shoes is based off of the idea that millions of people, many of them children, live every day of their lives without shoes. So, for one day a year,

TOMS asks people to go barefoot, in order to raise awareness for the millions who can't afford shoes."

Wilson said she felt obliged to start the event when she heard about it through the Internet. There are eight similar events within 25 miles of the 62025 area, but some students may be opposed.

"I have some people who kind of make fun of me for doing it, not in a mean way, but sort of saying it doesn't really make a difference," Wilson said. "Of course I've gotten a few comments about watching out for goose poop..."

Aside from goose poop, Wilson said she feels comfortable participating in being barefoot for a cause.

"I honestly have no problem with going barefoot," Wilson said. "I grew up in the country and was barefoot a lot as a kid, so I'm not really worried about going barefoot for the day. I probably go barefoot on a regular basis more than most people anyway."

While this is such a regular habit for Wilson, she said she thinks it should be important that others participate.

"It is meaningful to me simply to realize that there are

so many people that don't have an item we consider so essential," Wilson said. "I wish I could do more than just raise awareness."

This event may have a lot of online popularity compared to last year, but participants still have to acknowledge one reality of going barefoot on campus as addressed by SIUE Health Services Nursing Administrator Sue Grimes.

"The two real risks are injuries to the foot and the risk of infection with an open skin lesion," Grimes said. "It would be from stepping on a stick or thorn and causing a laceration or puncture wound."

Grimes said the event should be safe.

"It's OK as long as people take the necessary precautions," Grimes said.

These risks may alter some people's view of the event, but sophomore nursing major Amy Lawless of Springfield said she thinks the event is still worthwhile, including the events planned to raise awareness and more. One idea Wilson and Lawless contributed is a shoe drive on the same day, as an effort to do more than just raise awareness.

"The shoe drive this year was a collaboration between Rachel and I," Lawless said. "Raising awareness is great, but it doesn't have any impact until someone does something with it."

The shoe drive will begin on Barefoot Thursday at 10 a.m. in the Stratton Quadrangle and will continue into the weekend at the residence halls. After collected, the shoes will be sent to In His Service mission.

Whether or not the event continues into the future years, Wilson said, depends entirely upon the participation for this year's event.

"I would love to do this event for the next two years I am at SIUE, and hopefully, it will continue to grow in size," Wilson said. "Even if people don't actually pledge to go barefoot for the day, spreading the word makes a difference."

Wilson said it's not socially acceptable to be barefoot and that will bring her many weird looks on the chosen day.

Wilson said this kind of cause is different than harping about healthcare because the benefit isn't self-directed.

"I think that people should focus on this cause because it gives people a chance to be sort of selfless," Wilson said. "You're helping others without any real benefit to yourself."

Lawless said this will be an experience for her as well as other participants.

"Shoes are something most people, myself included, take for granted," Lawless said. "Go a day without shoes, especially on campus with millions of geese, and your shoes mean so much more to you the next day."



Photos Courtesy Rachel Wilson



Photo by Ashley Hinkle/Alestle Staff

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**Left:** Kicking it in Lovejoy Library, sophomore Kimberly Madison enjoys her foot freedom for the 2009 Barefoot Thursday.

**Right:** Checking for goose matter, sophomore Rachel Wilson walks across the Stratton Quadrangle for her first Barefoot Thursday.

**Below:** Enjoying the feeling of grass on his or her soles, a student takes a break before Barefoot Thursday 2010, the second year of the event.



# Slash blends rock, pop into musical masterpiece

by Kari Williams / Alestle Reporter

The former lead guitarist for Guns N' Roses and Velvet Revolver brings together artists from completely different worlds to create an album that is rock 'n' roll gold.

Each of the 14 tracks features a guest artist—from Fergie to Ozzy Osbourne—making it a win from beginning to end. From the harder rock songs to the softer, more soothing sounds, Slash's talent shines through in both his ability to create music and pick artists who fit the songs they sing.

Each song fits the guest speaker perfectly, making the album transcend separate genres. Individuals who are not fans of Slash's work soon will be after hearing how accurately he chose these artists. The tracks are all different, yet have the musical styling of Slash to bring them together in sound—despite the wide array of talent featured on the album—so they belong together.

With tracks featuring M. Shadows of Avenged Sevenfold, Lemmy Kilmister of Motorhead and Adam Levine of Maroon 5, it is hard to believe that a rugged, yet inviting consistency developed from tune to tune.

The lyrical genius of Slash created the masterpiece that personifies the guest artists better than one could imagine. With how the tracks are arranged, the switch from borderline metal to more ballad-like songs is

smooth and flows well.

Just as the songs fit the artist, the messages conveyed through the songs have such a wide variety that anyone, from any walk of life, can find a way to relate.

One of the most impressive songs was "Beautiful Dangerous," which features Fergie. "Beautiful Dangerous" displays Fergie's voice in a way unheard before. Slash's music and lyrics turn Fergie from a pop singer to hard rock vocalist.

M. Shadows adds a rough around the edges sound to the mix with the 11th track, "Nothing to Say." Lyrics expressing regret and torment fueled by hate and anger give Shadows the perfect outlet. As he growls out "Some feel that life's a favor, while some don't have the time. Wash up and kiss the alter. All hail the mighty father, but love will keep you blind," the anger comes forth in brilliant melody.

The self-titled album also features Chris Cornell, as well as two songs with Myles Kennedy (Alter Bridge) and Iggy Pop. Even without knowing whom some of the vocalists are, listeners can agree that the album features great vocals with excellent music that tells a story to the listener and lets them get lost in the musical genius of Slash.

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# Now is time to 'Cellobrate'

by Greg Maddox / Alestle Reporter

The cello is one of the larger string instruments. Comedians even poke fun at it.

It was Rob Paravonian who said, "It's cool to be an adult that plays the cello. Being a kid, it sucked, 'cause there's no way to be cool when your instrument is larger than you." Despite this statement, he still said that the cello is a beautiful instrument and deserves recognition.

The Department of Music will be hosting and honoring this instrument at the fourth annual Cellobration Friday featuring many cellists from SIUE and the surrounding area.

For the past four years, the Cellobration has been at SIUE to celebrate the instrument and its players. Music professor Marta Simidhtchieva has been organizing and directing the event since she became employed at SIUE.

"I started it basically when I got hired here," Simidhtchieva said. "I've been playing cello myself for 31 years."

One of the performers, music education major Melissa O'Neal, said there is a wide variety of musicians that come and perform.

"It's just like it says. It is basically a celebration of the cello," O'Neal said. "People from all over come and play. You'll see 3-year-olds, high school students, college students and older. It is funny

seeing all the different sized cellos, from baby ones to adult ones."

Speech communication major Julian Glover is also performing in the Cellobration. He said the performance isn't just to show off the instrument.

"It should be emphasized that it is about the art of playing cello," Glover said. "The art of playing cello is a nonstop process. There is hard work; there is give and take."

For many of the younger musicians who play there, it is the first time for them performing alone in front of a crowd. Simidhtchieva said the goal is to inspire confidence and expose the children to competition.

"Younger students see the more experienced players and they say 'I want to play like that good', so it gives them a more competitive atmosphere to improve," Simidhtchieva said. "Some are never in the

spotlight on stage, so this gives them a solo opportunity."

According to Simidhtchieva, it is easy for younger musicians to not expand beyond the musical world they are exposed to in their lessons.

"Children get in this little circle where they don't know what is out there," Simidhtchieva said. "So they come here and listen to these other people, and we inspire this kind of competition in them."

There is a mixture of solo pieces and ensemble pieces done during the Cellobration. Some of the musicians have been working all semester on their pieces, but some have had significantly less time.

"Some have been practicing for awhile, but others are busy, like Melissa," Glover

said. "It is interesting seeing how people play with only two or three weeks of practice."

However, performers like O'Neal are not easily rattled in front of an audience. Melissa said performers in the Music Department are used to people watching their playing.

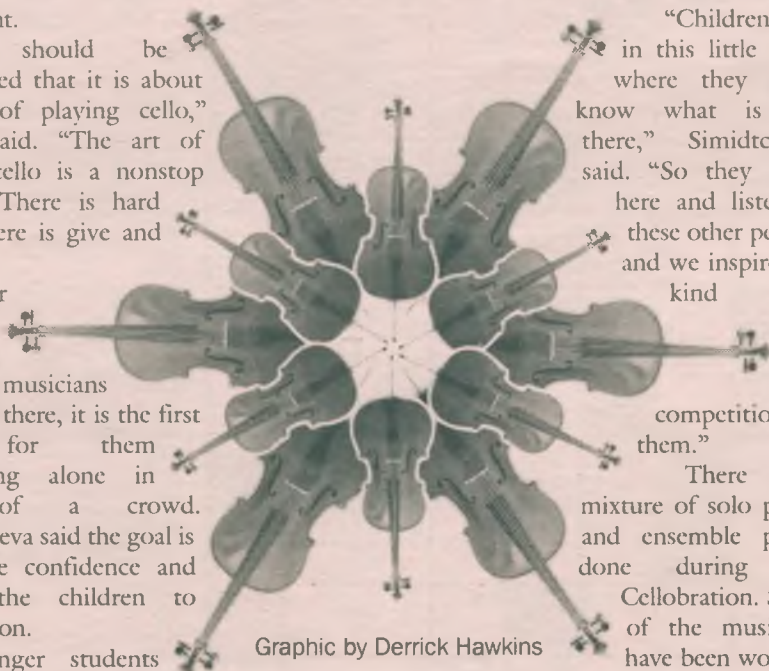
"We perform for our peers way before we play in front of an audience," O'Neal said. "That is the hardest to do because they know when you mess up."

The Cellobration features around 20 performers, who have varying experience with the instrument playing music from classic composers such as Vivaldi. Though Simidhtchieva has directed the event for the past four years and has extensive playing experience herself, she said she wants her students to shine during the Cellobration.

"I will not perform. This is an evening for my students," Simidhtchieva said. "Most people here just play the cello for fun. Some will go on for music degrees, but for most, this is just a hobby. It gives my students an opportunity to shine and perform out there in the spotlight."

The Cellobration will be at 6 p.m. Friday in the Abbot Auditorium of the Lovejoy Library.

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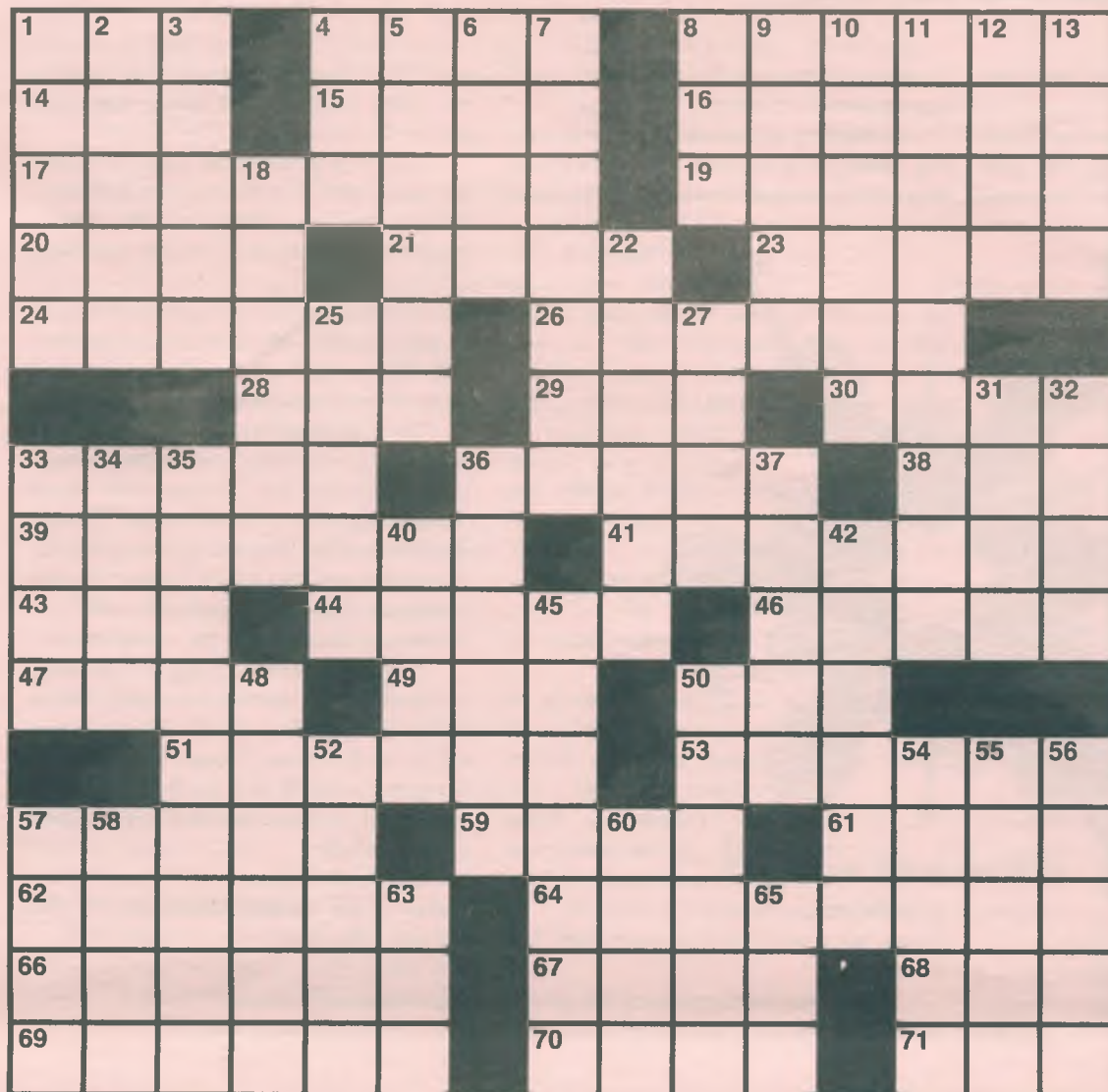
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4 "Look what I did!"  
8 Accident  
14 Fertility lab eggs  
15 Baghdad's country  
16 Francia neighbor  
17 \*Evil Asian doctor in Sax Rohmer novels  
19 Contaminates  
20 Blow, as one's lines  
21 "There oughta be \_\_\_\_"  
23 South American mountain chain  
24 Second largest planet  
26 Scalawag  
28 Seek damages  
29 Category  
30 Polish Nobelist Walesa  
33 Workout aftereffects  
36 "We'll always have

- \_\_\_\_": Rick, to Ilsa, in "Casablanca"  
38 "Get off the stage!"  
39 Satisfied laugh  
41 Transfers to a central computer  
43 Whisperer's target  
44 Smooths, as wood  
46 Wetlands bird  
47 Compact \_\_\_\_  
49 Sheet on the road, perhaps  
50 Cartoonist's frame  
51 Like steamy prose  
53 Ogden native  
57 Alexander of "Seinfeld"  
59 Truth stretcher  
61 Daffy  
62 Thunderstruck  
64 Each answer to a starred clue is a type of this  
66 Wall Street worker  
67 Yemen coastal city  
68 "\_\_\_\_-Tiki"

- 69 Tijuana snooze  
70 Lean to one side, at sea  
71 Lay down the lawn

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2 Soft palate dangler  
3 Full range  
4 Main element in pewter  
5 Mysterious  
6 Wonka's creator  
7 Sea-life displays  
8 Queens ballplayer  
9 Violinist Stern  
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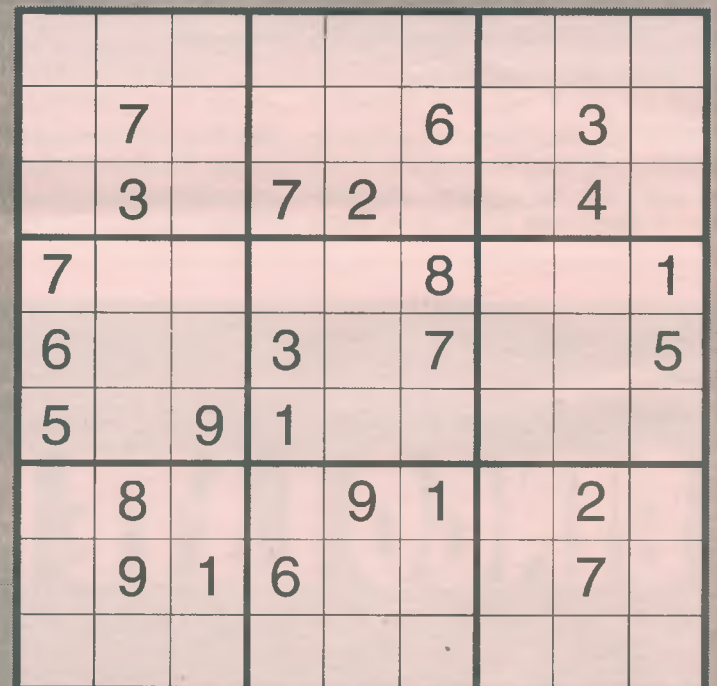
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27 Hop along happily  
31 Programmer's output  
32 Emcee  
33 Served perfectly  
34 Indian spiced tea  
35 \*Trotter's footwear item  
36 \*Eyebrow cosmetic applicator  
37 Hard rain?  
40 Café lightener  
42 Dakota Native American  
45 Point in math

- class?  
48 Froggy chorus  
50 Foiled villain's shout  
52 First stage  
54 Pawns  
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57 Setup punches  
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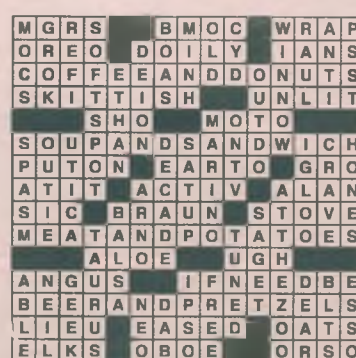


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# Missouri too much for SIUE baseball

## Collins says players looked 'scared' against Big 12 opponent

by T.J. Cowell  
Alestle Sports Reporter

SIUE baseball Head Coach Gary Collins said there were not a whole lot of positives that could be taken from his team's 14-3 loss against the University of Missouri on Tuesday.

"We are not ready for the Big 12," Collins said. "They caught the ball, and they threw strikes. I thought we had a couple guys that looked like they played scared. That's bothersome."

Senior right-fielder Dustin Brooks put the Cougars on the board first by knocking the first pitch he saw over the fence in the second inning. After Brooks' shot put the visitors up 1-0 early on, the Tigers took over soon after.

Missouri put three runs on the board in the second inning

and added four more to their total in the third and soon ran

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away with the game. The Cougars put four different pitchers on the mound on Tuesday with freshman Tony Schaeffer taking the loss. Schaeffer started off pitching, surrendering seven runs in three innings.

The Tigers added a pair of runs in the fourth and five more two innings later. Brooks and freshman second baseman James Vazquez were the only SIUE athletes who earned more than one hit at the plate in the mid-

week affair.

Now after playing 25 of their 27 games on the road, the Cougars finally will play some home games. SIUE will play its next eight games at the Simmons Cooper Complex.

"Let's hope we play better because being at home has to be positive," Collins said. "If they can't play at home, they can't play at all."

First in line during the home stand will be an Ohio Valley Conference foe in the University of Tennessee Martin. The Skyhawks and Cougars face off this weekend in a three-game series with a doubleheader on Saturday and a third game on Sunday.

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Courtesy of Neal McCarty  
The SIUE pitching staff allowed double digit runs for the fifth time in six games Tuesday at the University of Missouri. After playing 25 of its first 27 contests on the road, SIUE returns home for eight straight games beginning this weekend.

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game between Monday and Tuesday.

"Honestly I didn't even think I had a chance at winning," McCarty said. "I wasn't thinking about winning at all I just wanted to improve from [Monday's] rounds. With the wind factoring in, you just have to try your best to play it out."

Between hitting the greens consistently and setting up nice putts, McCarty said his approach shots were a strong aspect of his game on Tuesday.

Tuesday's 18 holes saw SIUE finish in sixth place as a team at the end of the day. Paced by McCarty's round of 64, the Cougars finished the TSU Big Blue Intercollegiate showdown with a cumulative stroke total of 868.

Not only did their score place them in the middle of the pack of competing teams, but SIUE also finished ahead of three Ohio Valley Conference schools. Tennessee Tech University, Morehead State University and the University of Tennessee Martin all finished behind the Cougars as overall teams.

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compete for a MVC title in the upcoming season, as well as a national title, and Kalish said that is what they are now focused on.

"The team has their goal [of winning the MVC], and it's definitely a realistic one for us," Kalish said.

SIUE senior back Randy Roy said he is excited about the upcoming season and said the ability to compete in a conference is very motivating for the team.

"It helps knowing we have a

Aside from McCarty, freshman Alex Knoll also recorded a top 20 finish individually in 19th. Knoll finished his 54-hole event with an 8-over-par total of 218. Knoll said he tries not to let the demands of being a freshman and playing such a big role on the Cougar squad get the better of him.

"I find it more fun than anything. I kind of enjoy the pressure," Knoll said. "It was kind of my goal for a little while to break the top 20. I guess I will have to change it to top 10 now."

Rounding out the SIUE scoring were junior Tom Callahan (222), junior Nick Nuzzo (230) and freshman Clark Schmidt (240).

The Cougars golf team has two meets left before their spring season will come to an end. Next up for SIUE is the Arkansas State University Red Wolves Classic this upcoming Monday and Tuesday in Jonesboro, Ark.

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conference to play in. The Missouri Valley has a lot of good teams," Roy said. "We are out to prove that SIUE is back on the map for D-I soccer. We are out to prove our point and make it well known that we're a team that is difficult to beat."

SIUE's next exhibition match is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Saturday against Drake University.

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## McCarty earns three shot victory at Tennessee State

Team places sixth, while senior takes individual title

by T.J. Cowell  
Alestle Sports Reporter

A first place individual finish by junior Neal McCarty and a hole-in-one by freshman Clark Schmidt highlighted the SIUE men's golf team's showing at the Tennessee State University Big Blue Intercollegiate Tournament Monday and Tuesday.

As a team, the Cougars placed sixth out of 14 competing schools and the reigning National Junior College Athletic Association golf champions.

SIUE men's golf Head Coach Derrick Brown said he was pleased with his team's performance and their ability of turning in low rounds on the scorecard at the right time of year.



Neal McCarty

"We are playing well right now. If we could just get a little more consistent, I think we could really turn some heads," Brown said.

Led by Neal McCarty, the Cougars were in a fourth place tie with Dayton University after day one of the tournament. McCarty turned in two rounds of even-par 70s, which put in a three-way knot for ninth place individually after Monday.

Perhaps the best shot by any golfer in the tournament came on hole number six by freshman Clark Schmidt. Using his

7-iron, Schmidt holed a shot from 174 yards away.

A day and 18 holes later, McCarty pulled out a 64 to finish atop the individual scoring list.

"He played really well," Brown said. "He had seven birdies [Tuesday] and just one bogey. Obviously, it's great to have a player of his caliber to go low."

The first place finish came as a bit of a surprise to McCarty, who said he did not make any dramatic changes in his

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Derrick Hawkins/Alestle

Junior forward Kevin Bielicki, a St. Louis native (pictured right) dribbles in SIUE's March 24 exhibition game against AC St. Louis. The Cougars fall season continued Saturday, as SIUE fell 1-0 against St. Louis University in the first incarnation of the bronze boot game since the 1995 season.

## SLU defeats SIUE in boot preview

by Levi Kirby  
Alestle Sports Reporter

The SIUE men's soccer team fell 0-1 against Saint Louis University in their second exhibition game of the season on Saturday at the Anheuser Busch Soccer Park in what was the first step in rebuilding the SIUE-Saint Louis University rivalry known as the "Bronze Boot."

The exhibition game was what some have called a "Prelude to the Boot," resurrecting the rivalry SIUE and SLU had from 1973 until 1995, when the two schools played each spring for area bragging rights and the Bronze Boot. SIUE soccer head coach Kevin Kalish said it was a great experience for the team.



"It was a fantastic environment for our players to get to play in front of 3,000 people," Kalish said. "That is the environment we want to create for our players and is how they will get better to play in those big games."

SLU soccer Head Coach Mike McGinty said he was excited about the rebuilding of the rivalry with SIUE, not only for his program, but also for the whole area.

"The rivalry is great for the city and the soccer community," McGinty said. "Playing this weekend was positive for both schools, and I was glad we could get the game in."

The Cougars out-shot the Billikens on Saturday overall, but a goal by SLU's Alex Sweetin in the 79th minute

turned out to be enough to edge SIUE.

In the first pre-season game this spring, the Cougars played the new professional soccer team in the area, AC St. Louis, and ended the game in a 0-0 tie.

Kalish said he was pleased with the team's performance on Saturday and is excited about the future of the squad.

"Our players played extremely well. If we would have taken advantage of our chances a little better it would have been a different game," Kalish said. "Now we are preparing for next season. Our players showed up well, and I'm excited about what the fall season is going to bring to the [Missouri Valley Conference]."

As a fast-tracked team into full Division I eligibility, the Cougars will be able to

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## Homers help Cougars defeat IUPUI twice

Alestle Sports Report

SIUE is officially on a winning streak.

The Cougar softball team won its sixth and seventh straight games Tuesday, knocking off Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis 9-3 and 8-0, in six innings.

Junior infielder Kasey Schlafke and freshman infielder Taylor Tooley each hit two-out singles in the bottom of the fourth. Samantha Stanicek was hit by a pitch, setting up a grand slam for senior outfielder Chaleen Rumpf, her first homerun of the season to give SIUE a 6-3 lead.

"That was huge in the first game. We were not playing well, we were not pitching well, and we were not hitting well," Head Softball Coach Sandy Montgomery said. "That was a monster homerun to get us in front. Obviously, we didn't look back after that."

SIUE struck for six more tallies in the sixth inning, with sophomore utility player Megan Murphy tripling in two runs, while junior utility player Laurie Siebert had a two-RBI single.

"I thought that we really made adjustments [against] their

pitching staff and hit the ball well," Montgomery said.

Junior Erika Taylor earned her 16th win of the season, scattering seven hits and striking out three in a complete game.

Junior Ali Downing took charge of the mound in game two, earning her second straight shutout victory after shutting down George Washington University on Sunday.

SIUE's offense maintained the same flow it had in the day's first game, collecting 12 hits, with seven coming against IUPUI's starter Amy Raker.

Freshman utility player Stanicek and sophomore outfielder Brianna Fulginiti knocked back-to-back homeruns to fuel SIUE's offense in the fourth, and sophomore outfielder Lindsey Barron also collected two hits and stole two bases in the nightcap.

SIUE ended its scoring in the sixth on an RBI double by senior third base Lauren Zembruski down the left field line.

Following the wins, SIUE's record stands at 22-16, with a two-game series against the University of Missouri set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Cougar Field.

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Senior outfielder Chaleen Rumpf hit a go-ahead grand slam in the fourth inning of SIUE's first game against IUPUI Tuesday. The homerun was Rumpf's first of the season, and gave SIUE a 6-3 lead. The Cougars went on to win 9-3 and won the nightcap 8-0.