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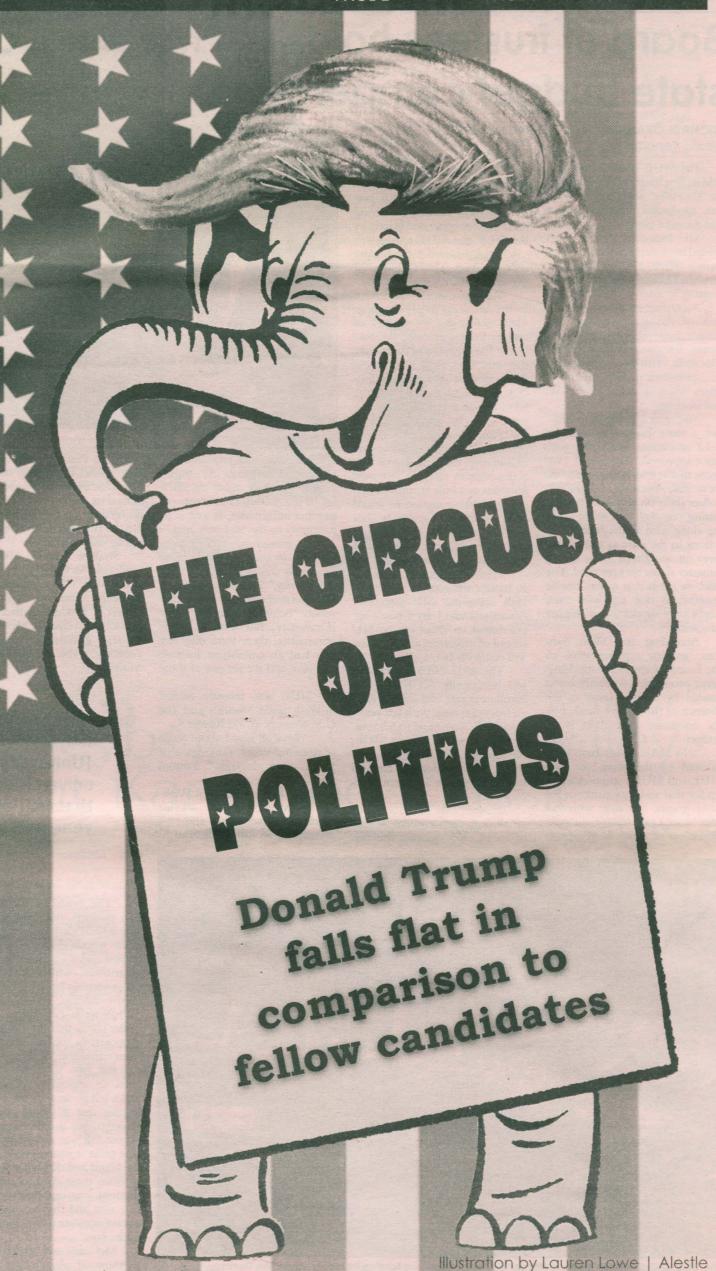
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Board of trustees holds first meeting, discusses state budget compensation for higher education

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The SIUE board of trustees held its first meeting of the semester Thursday, Sept. 10, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the state budget

and financial planning.
SIU President Randy Dunn started the meeting by welcoming former SIUE History Professor Stephen Hansen to his first board meeting as interim chancellor.

According to Dunn, 90 percent of the state's budget has already been obligated with no money yet distributed to higher education. This has forced public universities to fend for themselves when it comes to grants and funding.

"We're at a point now without a state budget, except for K-12 education, which the governor approved," Dunn said. "We know that at that 90 percent level, we're still, statewide, 1-2 million dollars short on revenue, so we're hitting our own and we're looking along with all the other institutions in the state as to how we carry on operations in the spring semester if this isn't resolved. The intel we get is that it may not be resolved as one legislator said, who's very supportive of higher education.3

According to Dillon Santoni, student representative to the board of trustees, the MAP grant program is currently being funded by the university in the absence of the budget funded by the university since there is no

"No MAP grants have been granted by the state, so both SIUE and SIUC campuses made up for that and they paid out the MAP grants. The issue with that is as money gets tighter, the consideration of those MAP grants

becomes harder, and that's probably one of the most important things that we need as a university directly for our students," Santoni said.

Santoni said the 14.6 percent of SIU students receiving MAP money generated jointly by the SIUE and SIUC universities can be jeopardized if the budget isn't resolved. This includes 22 percent of SIUE's student body.

"All that money was funded by the university to pay out those MAP grants due to the lack of budget from the state," Santoni said. "The hope is that the money they put out will be reimbursed. We as students — especially Student Government— can help the administration by brainstorming some ideas to begin to address the crisis. Whether if it will be a petition, lobbying, or some sort of initiative, the long term is that if this were to carry on into next semester, not only are universities going to be struggling to afford MAP grants for students, but that can [also] hurt our retention and our enrollment. It can affect a lot of students financially."

Hansen announced a project to replace the roof of Woodland Hall following SIU Executive Associate Dean Jerry Kruse's appointment to Dean of the SIU school of medicine, a position he will begin on Jan. 1, 2016.

The 2015-2016 school year was historically, SIUE's highest enrollment rate and second largest freshman class, with last year's being first. According to Santoni, as more students choose SIUE, the average ACT score has risen to 25. The retention rate has also significantly risen 5 percent in re-

an all-time high enrollment rate of an 14, 265 students this fall.



SIU system board of trustees

He said due to rising tuition rates, prospective students are beginning to set their sights on SIUE for its low tuition rates compared to other universities, as well as its proximity to the St. Louis area.

"As money gets tighter, people have to become a little more financially cognizant when citing a university," Santoni said. "SIUE is the second cheapest public university behind Governor State [University]. But of the 12 public universities, there were only five that had an enrollment increase this year, and we are one of those

SIUE was recently ranked in Washington Monthly and The U.S. News & World Report for

"We've all heard about some of the university rankings that we've gone through," Santoni

"SIUE was ranked in Wash-Santoni said SIUE achieved ington Monthly's Top 40 for master's universities, and we maintained its top position in Illinois, so that's a pretty impressive number for masters students. The U.S. News & World report ranked us among the 44 regional universities in the midwest and No. 10 [in] that same category of public universities.'

Student Body President Madeline McCune and Santoni along with SIUC Student Body President Cameron Shulak and an SIUC Student Trustee Allen Shelton organized a petition for the state government to appoint a student a vote on the board of trustees.

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student trustees under law. She

hopes to create concern among

students so they can be heard.

In fact, SIUE Director in the Bursar's Office Cathy Foland said she has noticed significant activity within the bursar's office due to the high enrollment rates this fall.

"We had a very busy start to the semester, lots of new freshmen and transfer students getting oriented; it's been very busy. SIUE is a great place to go to

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> Dillon Santoni SIUE Student Trustee

"The board of trustees has school. Our tuition and fees are two students, one from Carbondale who is elected and one from SIUE who is elected as a student trustee and a voice on the board of trustees, which is the highest governing board for the university system," McCune said. "What we're petitioning is that under law is that the Governor is supposed to appoint one student from either the SIUE a vote. For the last two years there hasn't been an appointment, so there was a bill presented, and we were hoping that it would be passed through, but it was vetoed, The House bill was essentially asking that most students got a vote on the board and that bill was vetoed so from there we took what we thought was our next best step of action and that was to at least obtain one vote which is currently under law."

McCune said she is trying to think of ways to get the attention of Governor Rauner and among the lowest of the Illinois public universities, and we offer a really good value to students. We have a beautiful campus and very good programs like engineering and nursing, so we have a lot going for us."

Foland said though anticipated, budget cuts have not affected her office in any way. She said her office has planned out different scenarios based on those anticipa-

"We don't know what the governor's budget is or what it's going to end up being for us, so we've done some planning but we don't know. If the governor's budget cuts are higher, we've planned out what we would have to live without. We've just been coming up with different ways of saving money," Foland said.

The SIU board of trustees meets to discuss the state budge and funding for higher education Thursday, Sept. 10. | Photo by Dani Wilson/Alestle

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Solar car team tests new systems, prepares for next race

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SIUE's solar car team is improvising new driving strategies and planning its next solar car build for its upcoming solar car race next July. Assistant project director and senior mechanical engineering major Zachary Crawford, of St. Elmo, has seen the current car through its conception to its current state.

"This has been a work in progress for about three years," Crawford said. "The car was originally a senior design project, and we took it and finished it after the senior design group left. The car can do about 60 mph and battery is about 120 volts, 4.2 kilowatt hours and can run continuously for about four hours without sunlight."

Crawford and his team raced their current car, which is now retired, at Circuit of the Americas, a Formula One racetrack in Austin, Texas, placing 11th out of 14 teams.

The race encompasses about a week with three days of actual racing. The first phase is where organizers test the cars and look at the electrical systems and solar panels to make sure their specifications align with the set requirements. Mechanical tests are then conducted on the cars to ensure system and battery safety. Then comes the dynamics test, where the cars are driven while their brakes are

"If you pass all the tests, then you're allowed to race for the next three days on the track, and whoever makes the most number of laps wins. This year, only 14 out of the 19 teams were allowed on the track," Crawford

Project director and senior electrical engineering major Preston Steffey, of Belleville, was was one of the primary drivers during this year's race. Steffey said he feels like a real racecar driver when driving the car, despite its moderate to low speed.

"I was the electrical director for this past year. I basically rebuilt the whole electrical system from the ground up," Steffey said. "Even though you're not going at racecar driver speeds, I just like the feeling of driving a test vehicle like this that's stripped down, bare and built for speed and endurance. This car is really stable for a solar car; it won't slip, but it'll slide like crazy."

The team receives its funding from the university through the chancellor's office as well as the solar car team alumni. They are also sponsored by industry giants such as Google and CAT, which proudly display company stickers on the side of the car.

"No one gets on this car without paying," Steffey said. "It costs a thousand dollars just to get on the side."

Crawford said he is proud of the car — which cost the team roughly \$60,000 to build — for placing among much more expensive cars from other schools such as Iowa State University, which came in first place.

"The car probably cost us about about \$60,000 to build." Crawford said. "Other teams we raced against, their cars are from \$250,000 to \$2 million, which is the average price for a solar car. We do everything ourselves, so



The team works to improve the electrical system on their solar powered car.

Photo by Michael Oranika/Alestle

we save a tremendous amount of money. The solar rig cost us \$1,500 to build and most teams purchase those at the cost of \$20,000 to \$60,000."

After finishing its final race, the current car was retired; it was raced three times - the maximum number of races allowed by the event — and is now use primarily for testing new systems and maneuvers for the new car as well as for display purposes on the first floor of the Engineering Building, where it is primarily

"July was the car's last race, so we have the new car," Steffey said. "The molds are actually in a trailer right now. They were donated to us by Illinois State University and we will start construction as soon as we find a place to work. Finding a workspace is one thing that's a constant struggle for us, that's why you don't see a workshop or a car in progress because we don't have any place to build.'

Each race is comprised of 66 laps, which are 3.4 miles each a total of about 225 miles over a three-day span.

"When we drive, we have to wear a helmet, but otherwise it gets really hot so we'll wear exercise clothing just to stay cool. For instance, during one of our races, the fans went out on one of our members, Zach Endsley as he was doing his last lap - a 30-minute lap, and he got super hot," Steffey said.

Senior mechanical engineering major Lauren Hoffman, of Maryville, the only female member on the solar car team, said she tries to be the best help she can while juggling her own personal

"I try to put in what time I can," Hoffman said. "I do whatever they need me to do, like if they need help with soldering a solar panel, I try to help with that, or if they need any help disassembling anything like over the summer, I help with that. I actually kind of like to surprise people with what I can do and what I know."

The solar car team is still raising funds for its new solar car. They hope to raise around \$50,000 to cover all the costs by talking to sponsors.

Students can join the solar car team by attending their meetings. For meeting times and information, visit SIUE's solar car team's Facebook or Twitter.

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Gov. Bruce Rauner designates SIUC student trustee as voting representative on SIU board of trustees

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Gov. Bruce Rauner has officially approved SIUC Student Trustee Allen Shelton as a voting student member on the SIU board of trustees.

On Friday, Sept. 11, the governor's press office released a statement formally naming Shelton as a voting representative, reading, "Effective Sept. 11, 2015, I have designated Allen Shelton as the voting student trustee member who shall execute the powers and discharge the duties vested by law in the Southern Illinois University board of trustees.

Although Shelton received an official email containing the governor's press release, he initially found out about his newly-entitled position through social media.

"I was taking a nap, and when I woke up, I looked at my phone for a second, and I saw that I was mentioned on Twitter by a reporter," Shelton said. "I got a text from another reporter .. I did my research, and I saw that the press release said I was actually a voting member of the board. I called a couple members of the board of trustees ... it's really unbelievable. I was so surprised."

Shelton's position allows him to vote on important subjects and events happening on our campus, such as administration appointments, program approvals, budgetary plans and

overseeing facilities on both SIU campuses.

"I have an agenda," Shelton said. "I'm here to represent student trustees. This position is what you make of it ... if you want to be the student trustee that actually tries to make an impact and actually makes change happen on campus, you can do that. Now that I have the vote, the work will not stop. It's a great honor. I'm actually representing the SIU system on the board. I'm not taking it lightly. The students didn't vote me into this position to take it lightly. It's a lot of responsibility, and I'm excited to get started."

Shelton is the first student representative in two years to be approved as a voting student member.

Last month, Gov. Rauner actually vetoed House Bill 4113, a bill to amend the Southern Illinois University Management Act, which guarantees both student trustees each a vote on the board of trustees. Rauner believed it would dilute "the insight gained from the other trustees' years of professional experience."

Student Trustee Dillon Santoni strongly disagreed with Rauner's statement.

"Our primary role is to represent the students. On the board, we are always brought up to speed on a certain position. They give us a lot of knowledge and background so we can make an informed decision. Yes, we have a federal judge on the board, but a federal judge may not be an expert on the specific business aspects of a project, or a business professional may not be as knowledgeable on the legal side of things," Santoni said. "None of us [board members] specialize in everything, and we [students], just like the rest of the board, need to be knowledgeable. Neither of us would ever make an uninformed decision.

Shelton added he was both surprised and disappointed when he heard about the governor's original decision to veto House Bill 4113.

"In the society we live in today, we vote on all types of things. The point of having a student trustee on the board of trustees is to represent the voice of the students," Shelton said. "We actually live every day on this campus; we have the insight. Not to say that the other board members aren't qualified, but things are much different now. We have the initial insight. I found it quite appalling that [Rauner] would say something like that, because we offer a lot. We ask questions; we do research. The students have a lot to offer.'

Concerned that Rauner was not going to appoint either student trustee as a voting representative member, SIUE's Student Body President Madeline Mc-Cune and Santoni reached out to Shelton and SIUC's Student Body President Kevin Getiis. The four students worked together to create an online petition, encouraging Rauner to appoint either Shelton or Santoni as a voting representative member. The petition was an absolute hit, collecting 250 signatures overnight.

Santoni said they sent the petition as a joint petition because they wanted it to be a joined effort from both campuses.

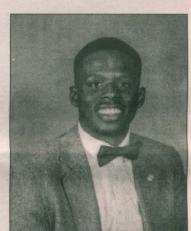
We knew that House Bill 4113 was going through the House and the Senate to be voted on. We were waiting to hear if it had passed, and then we heard it had been vetoed by the gover-nor," McCune said. "From there, we thought, if we can't get two votes, we should at least try to get one. We thought we would reach out to our counterparts at Carbondale to collaborate together."

The governor's statement did not comment on whether or not the students' petition was influential in Rauner's decision.

"I think that the students can now feel as though they have more direct representation," Santoni said. "The board was always very receptive to what we had to say, but now, knowing that we have a vote, it allows the students to feel directly represented — it allows the student trustees to know our vote counts."

McCune said the combined effort of both campuses in the SIU system played a prominent role in Shelton becoming the voting student trustee member.

"I think the most important thing that I've come to realize is that you always have a bigger voice when you work together with people," McCune said. "Collaborating with SIUC was really beneficial. There are 31,000 of us who all have a right to vote,



SIUC Student Trustee Allen Shelton | Photo via siusystem.edu

was really empowering. The best thing and the most important thing we all learned was collaboration and coming together is really important when you're working for a cause."

Shelton said his next order of business is to look into saving MAP grants for students, as there has been discussion about the possible removal of MAP grants for the spring of 2016.

"I look forward to opening that door for students to have a voice. I'm embodying the students as a whole. I'm going up there and getting everybody's voice, because it affects our lives a lot," Shelton said. "A lot of students don't know, or they don't care, because they don't think it affects them. But it does.'

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University welcomes Jeffrey Waple

Reception hosted for new vice chancellor for Student Affairs

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University holds welcome reception for Jeffrey Waple, newlyappointed vice chancellor for Student Affairs

A welcome reception was held for Jeffrey Waple in the Redbud Room of the Morris University Center Tuesday, Sept. 15, to celebrate his recent appointment to vice chancellor for Student Af-

Waple is succeeding Narbeth "Nobby" Emmanuel, who retired in July after 20 years at the university, said he is well-accustomed to the position after learning the ropes over the summer.

"It's interesting; I actually

yet. One of the great things happening here within the division is citing new initiatives so it's been a great transition."

Waple talked about some of his initiates, saying he is collaborating with the Professional Development Committee to develop new events within the division of Student Affairs such as a round table meeting with student leaders to discuss key campus topics.

"We're doing staff awards and a monthly birthday celebration for all our staff, and we get together and talk about issues," Waple said. There's a group of us looking at how students transition to campus and I think we do a good job of looking at commuters, how we

sion has been planning a construction project on the Morris University Center.

"We've been looking at a big project here at the Morris University Center," Waple said. "It's an expansion and innovation construction project. We hope that'll kick off sometime later this fall. We have an architect, and we'll be looking at what the future of this building will hold."

According to program specialist Kara Shustrin, who works alongside Waple in the office of the vice chancellor for Student Affairs, Waple's experience makes him a perfect choice for vice chancellor, especially considering his

According to Waple, his diviexperience," Shustrin said. "He's really taken these first few months to sit back, get to know folks, make connections and kind of see what SIUE is all about. One of his priorities that we're all going to be working on this year is really taking a look at is how new students transfer at SIUE and how Student Affairs can support that and help them be successful.'

Amid the reception, Stephen Hansen, who was recently appointed to interim chancellor, presented Waple with a gift to celebrate his reception.

"We've been transformed over the last three decades into a nationally prominent institution, one in which we're all very proud of," Hansen said. "Student Affairs played a key role in this transformation - it's like we're a city ourselves. Not only do we have our own zip code and our own police force; we have housing, recreational activities, food and career development, and we're recognized nationally for all that. Jeffrey, we're all so pleased that you're with us. I have a special key this is the key to the SIUE city."

University Housing Director Jordan Bonstrom said he is excited about Waple's appointment to vice

chancellor for Student Affairs and is excited to see what plans he has for students on campus.

'He's just brought of a lot of fresh energy and lot of fresh perspective to SIUE and I think it's gonna be a great forward movement for the division," Bonstrom

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> Stephen Hansen Interim Chancellor

started this job way before I officially started," Waple said. "Back in May, I was here for a couple weeks for some division events then I was back in June engaging staff, and it's been a great transition - I haven't had a bad day

transition transfers, how we transition students in January [and] how we transition international students. We've been looking at that and trying to figure out how to best engage our students and faculty on campus."

background with the university in a variety of areas such as orientation, Greek life, housing, and dining at other universities prior to his employment at SIUE.

"Jeffrey has brought a lot of enthusiasm on campus and a lot of



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Advances in technology lead to increase in online enrollment

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Online enrollment is steadily increasing at SIUE. Students are leaning more toward online classes than ever before. According to the Dean of the School of Business John Navin, the growth has to do with the fact that SIUE offers more online classes than ever before and how convenient they are for students who have busier schedules

"[Online class enrollment] is clearly growing and it's not just in the business world — it's growing everywhere on campus," Navin said. "I think there are a number of reasons. I think it offers more alternatives. There's a convenience factor for students. They have the ability to do work at their own pace. It works well for students who are trying to schedule around jobs or athletics.'

Navin also credits improved technology and its ability to increase online enrollment. According to Navin, since this generation is a lot more digital than the previous, we naturally feel more comfortable with online courses.

"It's a richer environment than it used to be. Students are very comfortable with technology," Navin said. "Most of them have grown up on their phones and computer's, so I think that it's a natural progression."

Navin said that online classes are not only convenient for students but for professors as well. By having classes online, students will still have lessons, homework assignments, and tests that will be taken in secure browsers, rather than having professors struggling through manually keeping track of grades and lesson plans on their

"I think the faculty likes it. The availability of technology makes things much more convenient," Navin said. "I taught an online class probably 10 years ago, but the technology is so radically different from back then. The course management system is much better. It's a much more coordinated effort. As the technology changes, it's going to become an even more rich environment and the diversity of courses will improve as well.

Some students, including junior exercise science major Julian Harvey, of Edwardsville, said online classes are a good way to save money for the school.

You don't have to spend as much money trying to fill out a classroom when you can just have a bunch of kids online," Harvey

Navin said online classes don't save the school a significant amount of money; however, they do save classroom space, which allows more classes on-campus to reach more students.

"It doesn't have much of an impact [on budget]. A class is a class. What it does help is classroom availability in terms of space allocation. The budget implica-tions are negligible," Navin said.

According to Navin, although online programs are convenient, they are not necessarily for everyone.

"I think it's a positive thing in terms of convenience, but I think that it's also important to remember that different people learn in different ways," Navin said. "You have to a lot more motivated and self-disciplined. It's not for every-

Harvey, who is currently enrolled in two online classes, said he enjoys his online classes; however, it's easier to learn when in an actual classroom setting.

"I like them because you can do them pretty much anytime during the day. I don't think I learn better in my online classes, but I feel like there are certain classes that you can learn more when you're by yourself. It depends on the class," Harvey said.

Navin, however, says that this is an unfair generalization. He believes that students can reap whatever benefits they seek from their

"No matter what the learning environment is, you can get out of it what you want to get out of it. People can sit in a face-to-face class and not take away much because they don't put a lot of effort into it. It's generalizing to say that it doesn't work just because it's online," Navin said.

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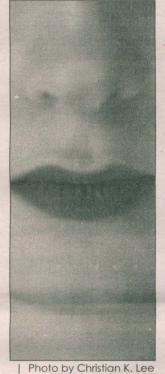
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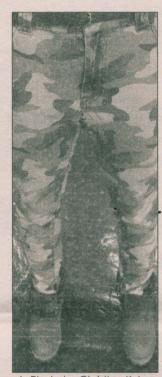
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ALTERNATIVE LIPSTICK

One of the easiest and most trendy fall fashion statements to follow isn't clothing. Matte lipsticks have overpowered the glossy look. Burnt orange, brick red and vampy violet are all hit colors for the upcoming season. Celebrities like Selena Gomez, Laverne Cox and Kourtney Kardashian frequently incorporate these daring colors into their look. Try True Blood Vamplify in Suggestive by MAC Cosmetics, costing about \$20 for the blood look. A less expensive al-ternative would be L'Oréal Paris Zoë's Red Lipstick. It can be found in most drugstores for about \$9.

THIGH HIGH SOCKS

Flash back to the '90s when "Clueless" hit the box office and thigh-high socks were totally rad. Maroon, black and gray thigh highs are a top trend this fall and can be paired with T-shirt dresses or worn over black panty hose. Try sporting them with any kind of boot or heel if you are feeling edgy. They can dress up any look, while still keeping you warm and cozy. Stylish and adorable thigh highs can be purchased at ASOS.com for \$11.

OLIVE GREEN

The military look is in style this fall. Olive green is a new fad not just for men, but in women's fashion as well. The olive tone is a great color to put at the core of any fall look. Use it to pull together neutrals like black, beige and gray, or pair it with complementary colors like burgundy and navy. The color goes well with any skin tone and has been seen on celebrities such as Nick Jonas, Kendall Jenner and Kanye West.

LEATHER JACKETS

Ever since "Full House" aired, Uncle Jesse and his leather jacket were cool. This fall, the leather jacket is a top trend. The jacket is a trendy alternative to your everyday regular sweatshirt. A leather jacket can dress up any look and goes great paired with straight-legged jeans and boots. Affordable priced jackets can be found at H&M stores starting at \$35.

PLAID

This versatile pattern instantly adds interest to any outfit, whether it is a casual flannel shirt or a peacoat. The pattern is timeless and versatile, leaving a visual impact. The checkered look is perfect for a casual day or a night out on the town. Celebrities such as Zac Efron, Ashley Olsen and Ashton Kutcher have been seen sporting this look. Fashion forward plaid attire can be found in stores such as American Eagle and Polo Ralph Lau-

DUSTY

All kinds of new colors are emerging for the fall season, but one of the most predominant is dusty violet. The color is a very pale lavender with a smidge of pink undertones. You can find a wide variety of clothing in dusty violet such as blouses, skirts and jackets. The color can be complemented beautifully with grays, creams and darker purples. Some celebrities, such as Audrina Patridge, even dyed their hair this color to sport the trend.

Wildey presents annual fashion show, includes students

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As the seasons change, so do the trends. It is time to trade in the crop tops for sweaters, and the shorts for leggings.

On Saturday, Sept. 19, a vast array of Metro East clothing stores will be featuring their distinctive fall looks in the 3rd annual Wildey Theatre fashion show.

Chris Head, chair of the fashion show, explained the fundraiser is presented by The Friends of the Wildey, sponsor of the theater, to help take care of the 106-yearold establishment.

Sarah Stallmann, fashion editor for ALIVE Magazine and style director for St. Louis Fashion Week, will host the event featuring a runway presentation, as well as a pop-up boutique and a trunk show.

The runway show will display at least 10 of the latest fall fashion trends from 12 Metro East shops and local designers such as What to Wear, Glik's, Mr. Anthony's: The Private Collection, Live Salon, CATO, Evolution (Ali Mefford), Designs by Cassidy Winters, Lillian by Design,

Pairabelles, Chantel Paris Couture and My Mother's Dress.

Head said the fashion show will appeal to nearly every style type.

"The fashion selections presented in the show will range from contemporary to vintage, and from sports wear to ball gowns," Head said.

There are more than 120 men and women from around the area who are modeling in the show, including SIUE students who are a part of the sororities

"I am so excited about the fact that SIUE students are participating in the show," Head said. "I always want to include as many students as possible in the towns events, because it is a great way to bring the community together. All the models vary in size, age and backgrounds and represent not just the companies, but also of the women who shop there.'

The pop-up boutique will feature jewelry, fashion and cosmetics from local entrepreneurs such as: The Clothes Line Boutique, Live' Salon, Mr. Anthony's,

hazel2blue, The Clothes Line Boutique, Pairabelles, Lillian by Design, Chantel Paris Couture, hazel2blue, CS Gems, Saving Grace, The Gingham Garden, Seeds of Blessing, A Stranger View, One of a Kind, All About Accessories, Mary Kay Cosmetics and Juice Plus

The pop-up boutique and trunk show will run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the third floor of the Wildey.

Not only is the event directed toward local fashionistas, but it also welcomes music lovers as well.

Award-winning country artist Carrie Andreas will be performing live at the show. Andreas is a two-time National Finalist in the Colgate/Texaco Country Showdown and holds the title of the first ever Branson Idol. She is also the lead singer for the St. Louis band, Carrie and the Catapults.

Head said this event is very beneficial to not only the Wildey, but also to the ven-

"What to Wear said [there was a definite] increase last year in their sales from the coupons that were given out at the show," Head said.

The Wildey celebrates Fashion! event will take place Saturday, Sept. 19 from 6-10 p.m. at the Wildey Theatre in downtown Edwardsville. I Photo via Facebook

Standard tickets for the event range from \$20 to \$25. VIP tickets are \$50, where guests receive preferred seating, a 6 p.m. pre-party meet-and-greet with Sarah Stallmann and complimentary appetizers as well as a deluxe VIP Gift Bag. Tickets can be purchased online at www.wildeytheatre.com.

Head said they will also be offering a few special door prizes that even consist of a Michael Kors handbag valued at \$250.

For more information about the event, contact the Wildey Theatre at 618-307-1750 or visit the widleytheatre.com.

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wild with Sig Tau campus-wide beach party Get wet Fraternity to host

JESSICA ORANIKA

Alestle Reporter

Get ready for some end-ofthe-summer fun. SIUE's chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma is throwing its annual beach party on the Stratton Quadrangle to celebrate the end of summer and welcome the fall semester.

The party will have various attractions, including a disc jockey and live music. Water will be shot from cannons to soak the audience, and more than 100 tons of sand will cover the quad, transforming it into a beach.

The party will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, from 8 p.m. until midnight. Sigma Tau Gamma President Josh Robbins said they are throwing this party as a last farewell to summer, hence the beach theme.

This will be the third attempt at this party. The 2014 party

was cancelled due to inclement weather. Cold temperatures and rain made continuing the party impossible because students were encouraged to wear beach attire and would have been sprayed with water.

"This will be the second year we're having this party. It actually got cancelled last year because the temperature was a little too cold, and it rained," Robbins said. "It just didn't work out.'

The party will be held on the quad so students, particularly freshmen, can attend without finding transportation. However, students of all ages are encouraged to come.

According to Robbins, the previous year was a huge success with over 2,000 students in atten-

"The year before [last] -[2013] — over 2,000 students showed up to it," Robbins said.

The party was originally the brainchild of former Sigma Tau Gamma President Nathan Pierce. He planned the party to increase awareness of SIUE's chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma. Pierce has since graduated, leaving Executive Vice President Aaron Hancock to organize the event this semester.

"Our past president, Nathan Pierce, was the original mastermind behind this event. It is my vice president, Aaron Hancock, who is leading this event for this semester; he is in charge of everything," Robbins said.

Students are encouraged to wear beach attire and to leave valuables at home, because attendees will be sprayed with wa-

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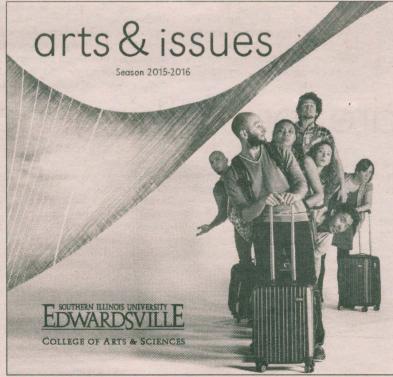
Sigma Tau Gamma's annual Beach Party will be held Saturday, Sept. 19 from 8 p.m. to midnight on the Stratton Quadrangle

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Trump, consider other candidates

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has recently risen to public scrutiny after his controversial remarks regarding women, immigrants and other individuals.

Alestle Staff Editorial

The truth of the matter is Trump has made very sexist, misogynistic and racist comments in the short time that he announced his presidential

Trump's daughter, Ivanka Trump, announced her father before his presidential announcement speech saying, "My father is the opposite of politically correct; he says what he means, and he means what he says."

If Trump "says what he means and means what he says," then Trump is narcissistic, racist, misogynistic, egotistical and elitist.

In his speech announcing his run for the presidency, Trump discussed Mexico and immigration saying, concerning Mexico, "They're not our friend — believe me. They're killing us economically."

When speaking about immigration during the same speech, Trump said, "When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending their best ... They're sending people that have lots of problems, and they're bringing those problems [to] us. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists, and someassume — are good people."

In response to his recent negative comments in his presidential speech, many announcement companies, including Univision, NASCAR, Macy's, NBCUniversal, ESPN and Serta, ended their business dealings with Trump.

In a statement announcing its Trump, decision to dump NBCUniversal said, "Due to the recent derogatory statements by Trump regarding Donald immigrants, NBCUniversal is ending its business relationship with Mr. Trump.

Macy's also spoke out about Trump's actions saying, "In light of statements made by Donald Trump, which are inconsistent with Macy's values, we have decided to discontinue our business relationship with Mr. Trump and will phase-out the Trump menswear collection, which has been sold at Macy's since

Trump fired back claiming that it was his decision to end his relationship with Macy's, saying, "Clearly, NBC and Macy's support illegal immigration, which is totally detrimental to the fabric of our once great country. Both Macy's and NBC totally caved at the first sight of potential difficulty with special interest groups, who are nothing more than professional agitators, who are not looking out for the people they purport to represent, but only for themselves. It is people like this that are actually running our country because our leaders are weak and ineffective."

Trump later added, "Macy's, NBC, Serta and NASCAR have all taken the weak and very sad position of being politically correct even though they are wrong in terms of what is good for our country."

Beside derogatory his statements on immigration, Trump has repeatedly insulted and sexualized women throughout his many years in the spotlight, even though he - in his own words — "cherishes" them.

When Megyn Kelly of Fox News remarked on his comments about women during the Aug. 6 GOP debate saying, "You have called women you don't like 'fat pigs,' 'slobs' and 'disgusting 'dogs,' animals," Trump threw out some particularly nasty comments toward her, calling her a "bimbo" on Twitter and referencing her menstrual cycle, saying, "You could see there was blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her whatever.'

Trump denied this, saying he was referencing her nose and later in press statement said, "Only a deviant would think anything else."

Trump has shown repeatedly that although he claims he can make America great again, he is exactly what is wrong with our country, and is not fit to be president of the United

While Trump has undeniably touched a nerve with his anti-political correctness and anti-establishment message, and even if one agrees with his premise that illegal immigration should be better managed, Trump is doing a disservice to the country he purports to love and certainly would bruise the Oval Office he pines to

One of the most sacred of responsibilities of president is to unify the country and champion its greatness. Trump does the opposite. He taps into the rage against the establishment and hopes to ride that wave of anger into the White House.

Americans desperately want a leader that can rise above political partisanship and who refuses to put party over people. Trump may very well put people over party, but when he deliberately insults more than half of the voting block, he can never be president to all people.

Only the greatest of us can inspire without insult and to be president of the United States comes the obligation to inspire and unite the states, and all its citizens.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "Whatever you are, be a good one." Trump may be a marvelous business tycoon, and may be the finest verbal gunslinger this side of the Mississippi, however, a reality television star with penchant for insults does not embody the traits America needs in its leader in such perilous and contentious times.

Please vote intelligently. Pay attention to the political candidates, their stances on issues and what their opinions are. Be an informed voter. There are other representatives — in either party — that would be a more suitable president than Trump.

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Completing a homework assignment isn't out of the ordinary for me. In fact, I usually get most of my work done the day it's assigned.

Madison O'Brien **Alestle Reporter**

I never expected when I walked into my science lab on a regular Wednesday afternoon I would be perceived as "dumb."

Long story short, I completed an assignment for one of my classes before it was due, even though we had class time to work on the

When another girl I had been working with on the assignment was reviewing my answers, a classmate I had never spoken to before sat down beside her.

He proceeded to ask her whose

paper she was looking at, and in response, she pointed to me. I then received a very confused

look, so I asked him what the problem was.

His exact response: "You just don't look very intelligent is all." Now, if I had the opportunity to go back, I would have had some choice words for this individual, but at the time I was in utter shock.

What makes a person look intelligent, and how can you label me as unintelligent when you don't even know me

I'm 5 feet 5 inches tall with long brown hair and brown eyes, and that makes me look dumb? Or was it because of the Alpha Phi shirt I was wearing at the time?

I used to think stereotyping people was a hobby that would stay in high school, but apparently I was wrong. I don't understand how

people can judge one another by the way they look.

This person claiming I was unintelligent had no idea I have a 3.8 GPA, work two jobs and spend hours a night working on homework.

I'm not sure why this individual thought unintelligent, but what I do know is that he is wrong.

Stereotyping, I have come to find, will always be a problem no matter what age you are.

In today's society, what you wear and how you look will always get you judged by somebody, but you can't let it consume your life.

It's absolutely OK to care about your appearance on a daily basis, and still be a valuable member

of society. Just because you wear makeup and do your hair doesn't mean that

you are any less of a person than someone who doesn't.

We all want to feel beautiful, and beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Some people only feel confident when they are dressed to the nines, while others feel confident wearing sweatpants.

When this guy, who is not even predominant figure in my life, called me unintelligent, it didn't actually make me any less intelligent.

The words that people stereotype one another as don't determine the person he or she actually is.

Although this was the first time I'd been told I looked unintelligent, tons of other people could think the same thing. What other people think of me should not and will not reflect what I think of myself.

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Cross Country

Oct. 3 (SIUE) SIUE John Flamer Invite

Oct. 16 (Peoria) Bradley Pink Classic

Oct. 31 (Murray, Ky.) OVC Championships

Nov. 13 (Lawrence, Kan.) NCAA Midwest Regionals

Nov. 21 (Louisville, Ky.) NCAA Championships

Volleyball

Sept. 19 @ 12 p.m. Cincinatti (away)

Sept. 25 @ 7 p.m. Jacksonville St. (home)

Sept. 26 @ 2 p.m. Tenn. Tech (home)

Sept. 30 @ 6 p.m. Eastern III. (home)

Oct. 3 @ 12 p.m. Tenn. St. (away)

Oct. 9@7 p.m. Austin Peay (away)

Oct. 10 @ 7 p.m. Murray St. (away)

Oct. 16 @ 7 p.m. Southeast Mo. (home)

Oct. 17 @ 2 p.m. UT Martin (home)

Oct. 23 @ 7 p.m. Murray St. (home)

Oct. 24 @ 2 p.m. Austin Peay (home)

Oct. 30 @ 7 p.m. UT Martin (away)

Oct. 31 @ 5 p.m. Southeast Mo. (away)

Nov. 6 @ 6 p.m. Morehead St. (away)

Nov. 7@1 p.m. Eastern Ky. (away)

Nov. 11 @ 6 p.m. Eastern III. (away)

Nov. 14@1 p.m. Belmont (home)

Nov. 19-23 (TBA)

OVC Tournament

SIUE Fall Invitational kicks off women's tennis season

DANI WILSON Alestle Sports Editor

The women's tennis team opened the season this weekend on its home courts for the SIUE Fall Invite against University of Evansville and Saint Louis University. Head Coach Nick Mueller said the competition went well for the Cougars.

"I saw a lot of positives ... It's our first team event of the year, and we've got some newcomers — some freshmen playing for the first time — so a lot of positives to take away," Mueller said.

The first day singles competitions yielded several wins in both singles and doubles, despite a rain delay. Mueller said the positive performances started from the No. 1 player, junior Lexi Aranda.

"It started at the top. Our No. 1 player, [Aranda], played really well. She beat a very good player at the top," Mueller said.

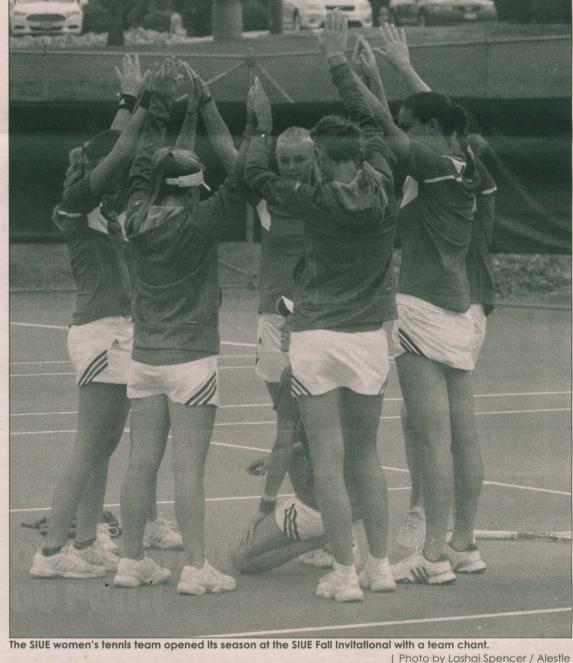
According to Mueller, the victories and well-played matches continued on to the No. 5 player. Freshman Madeline Hill completed her collegiate debut with a win in the No. 4 spot. Junior Mia Frogner won the No. 3 singles competition. Freshman Ann-Christine Link lost a close match in her debut as a Cougar.

"It trickled down; I'd say. We had a strong performance at No. 4. We've got a freshman playing at No. 4 — Madeline Hill — she won in straight sets today. It's her first collegiate match today, playing at No. 4, which is a pretty big deal," Mueller said. "Mia at No. 3 pulled out a very close match as well. We had some strong performances — even Ann, who just finished playing No. 5. She lost in a close match, but it was good experience for her.'

Doubles victories on Friday, Sept. 11 included Aranda and Frogner, senior Monique Krutak and Hill, and seniors McKenzie Thomas and Sierra Halverson.

During the second day of the invitational, the Cougars won five of their 12 flights with Aranda, Frogner, and Hill coming out of the weekend undefeated.

A notable point for the Cou-



gars, according to Mueller, was that the team waited out a rain delay on Friday and came back prepared to play, and they performed well.

"We had a weather delay [Friday] with the rain, and the girls or weather delay," Mueller said. event. "The girls came out strong even

ball today, which was very positive. I would say that was really noticeable to me.

Mueller said the competition was a good start to his time as head coach for SIUE's women's were very patient. It happens in tennis, and the team enjoyed the tennis that you can have a rain benefit of hosting their first team

with the delay; they came out able to host because the girls get

ready to go when we had the first . to stay in their own beds. They don't have to worry about the travel concerns, so in that regard it's nice. They get to play in their home courts, and we have a fan base," Mueller said.

The Cougars continue their season in Minnesota at the Gopher Fall Invitational, Sept. 25-

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SIUE FALL INVITE RESULTS

Aranda def. Cervin (SLU) 6-1, 6-2 Aranda def. Iden (Eastern) 6-3, 6-1 Aranda def. Moreno (Evansville) 6-0, 6-0 Tchakarova (SLU) def. Krutak 6-4, 6-2 Krutak def. Foster (Eastern) 6-3, 6-1 Krutak def. Brguljan (Evansville) 6-0, 6-1 Frogner def. Summers (Eastern) 6-3, 7-6 (4-0) Frogner def. Darzyan (Evansville) 6-2, 6-3 Hill def. McKenzie (SLU) 6-2, 6-4 Hill def. Kimbrough (Eastern) 6-2, 6-0 Hill def. Craig (Evansville) 6-1, 6-3 King (SLU) def. Link 4-6, 6-4, 10-6 Slaria (Eastern) def. Link 7-5, 4-6, 10-6 Link def. Crasta (Evansville) 6-2, 6-0 Yacaman (SLU) def. Steffes 6-1, 6-1 Thomas def. Carpenter (Eastern) 5-7, 6-2, 10-6 Moshteva (Eastern) def. Halverson 5-7, 6-4, 10-4

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Cross country travels to ISU for Country Financial Invite

Alestle Sports Editor

SIUE cross country saw multiple personal bests at the Illinois State University Country Financial Invitational Friday, Sept. 11. The men's team picked up a sixth place finish, while the women's team placed ninth.

Distance Coach Kayla Brown said the meet showed progress on the women's side with five run-ners beating either personal records or season records.

[The] overall performance was positive compared to the week before. Two out of six of the women had an overall PR, and three of the others had a season best, so we're moving forward," Brown said.

The day's high temperature shortened the men's race last weekend, so Brown said any comparison was hard to make.

"On the men's side we couldn't really compare directly because the week before, they shortened their race due to the heat,"

Sophomore Ben Scamihorn beat his personal best by almost a

minute, according to Brown.

"[Scamihorn] had a 56-second PR, so that was huge. That was compared to his PR from last year. He had a really good race and stepped up as our No. 3 runner," Brown said.

According to Brown, junior Keith Meyer picked up a sixth

place overall finish - his second consecutive finish in the top 10 this season, narrowly missing his own personal record.

> We take it one meet at a time: we're really just focusing on the season as a whole and getting better as a team. Each race is a learning point that will help us for our future meets.

Kayla Brown Distance Coach

"Meyer placed sixth overall and was two seconds away from his personal best. It was a really good day," Brown said.

Brown said a major strength of both the men's and women's cross country teams was their ability to stay tight during races, with room to get closer between

"In our top groups, we're fairly close to each other. Our teammates are working off of one another," Brown said. "One thing we need to work on is closing the gap between our fourth and fifth runners. The fifth runner is really critical in the team aspect of it. Everybody, really, in our top group is working really well to-

Both teams are using their experiences to learn and improve, according to Brown.

"We take it one meet at a time; we're really just focusing on the season as a whole and getting better as a team. Each race is a learning point that will help us for our future meets," Brown said.

The Cougars will compete on their home course next, which Brown said is difficult, but presents a training advantage for the

"We have a really good course on campus. It's a challenging course, but we've been working hard on it in practice most days out of the week, so I think that they'll be ready to go and produce some even better times," Brown said.

The Cougars' next meet is the John Flamer Invitational at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at SIUE's cross country course off North University Drive.

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Sept. 18 @ 7 p.m. Missouri St. (home)

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Sept. 27 @ 2 p.m. UT Martin (away)

Oct. 2 @ 7 p.m. Jacksonville St. (home)

Oct. 4 @ 1 p.m. Belmont (home)

Oct. 9 @ 7 p.m. Morehead St. (home)

Oct. 11 @ 1 p.m. Tenn. Tech (home)

Oct. 18 @ 1 p.m. Eastern Ky. (home)

Oct. 23 @ 3 p.m. Murray St. (away)

Oct. 25 @ 2 p.m. Austin Peay (away)

Oct. 29 @ 3 p.m. Eastern III. (away)

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Men's Soccer

Sept. 22 @ 7 p.m. Wisconsin (away)

Sept. 26 @ 7:30 p.m. Missouri St. (away)

Oct. 3 @ 7 p.m. Central Ark. (home)

Oct. 6 @ 6:30 p.m. Bultler (away)

Oct. 10 @ 6 p.m Northwestern (away)

Oct. 17 @ 7p.m. Evansville (home) Oct. 24 @ 7 p.m.

Drake (away) Oct. 31 @ 7 p.m.

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Women's Golf

Sept. 14-15 (Paducah, Ky.) Murray State Jan Weaver Invitational

Sept 21-22 (Dakota Dunes, S.D.) South Dakota Coyote Classic

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Cougar soccer competes away and at home



The SIUE men's soccer team continued its season with a scoreless draw and a 2-0 shutout in San Diego this weekend.

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KENDRA MARTIN Alestle Reporter

The men's soccer team had a great weekend starting with a 2-0 win Sunday, Sept. 13 against the University of San Diego and a scoreless draw against San Diego State University Friday, Sept. 11. SIUE is now 3-2-1. The results of the weekend dropped the University of San Diego to 2-2-2 and brought San Diego State to 3-0-1.

Head Coach Mario Sanchez was particularly pleased with his players and their performances this weekend.

"It was a team effort. [In] both games everyone contributed and played to the best of their abilities. Everyone did a good job playing their roles," Sanchez said.

Against the University of San Diego, SIUE made seven attacking shots, four shots on goals with zero penalty kicks for their 2-0 win. Against San Diego State, SIUE made three shots on goal with eight attacking shots. Going into double overtime, the game ended in a tie.

Although Sanchez said the Cougars would have loved to end their game against San Diego State with a win, he said he was still proud of his players and their efforts.

"There were really no weaknesses. Everyone is getting better every day. Everyone has a good understanding of what we need to be successful and I like where we are at right now. All we can do at this point is move forward and don't stop getting better," Sanchez said.

Sanchez said the upperclassmen athletes portrayed good leadership and team skills during the game.

"The older players did a good job being leaders and making sure they did the DANI WILSON
Alestle Sports Editor

After a Friday night fall to Saint Louis University, the women's soccer team recorded its first home win against Western Illinois University.

University.

The Cougars lost 2-1 against SLU in double overtime after holding their opponents 1-0 for the entire first half. After a goal from SLU in the 75th minute of the game, the Cougars fought the tie in two overtime battles until a shot from SLU nearly missed the

Cougars' senior goalkeeper Jennifer Pelley.

After a 48-hour turnaround, the Cougars earned an early goal against WIU and shut them out 1-0. This marks Pelley's 25th career shutout and the Cougars' fourth for the season. Head Coach Derek Burton said the team worked hard on learning to expand its gameplay.

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"Friday was a good,

hard-fought game.

We were winning; we weren't able to hang on.

We gave up a

fairly late goal. It was just a lapse of

second overtime,
[which] gave up a
late goal," Burton said.
"We played well, but didn't finish the game. Sunday, we took it
[to] the next step and completed the game, got the shutout and are happy with the progression."

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Burton said a standout performance this weekend came from sophomore forward Katye Skrivan.

"[Skrivan] was really good all weekend and really effective yesterday," Burton said.

Helping to create a strong beginning to both games this weekend, sophomore forward Caroline Hoefert showed her progression as a player, according to Burton.

as a player, according to Burton.
"Hoefert was good, especially in the first half of both games. She's definitely coming along and coming into her own," Burton said.

Yesterday's winning goal was scored by senior midfielder Cassidy Sherman, who Burton said contributed greatly to the game as well.

"[Sherman] definitely made an impact in yesterday's game," Burton said.

According to Burton, the team will continue focusing on progression from game to game and continue learning from each of their experiences.

"It's just learning — that's kind of what we've been focusing on. What this team needs is just to take something from every game, win or lose, and continue to get better. That's pretty much what we're focusing on doing right now," Burton said.

According to Burton, one aspect of the game the Cougars need to work on is performance stability as they continue to improve as players.

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"Our consistency is something we always strive for. It's definitely an area teamwise that we need to continue to get better at, and that's our approach every day in practice and how we approach the game and the game plan, and just continue to develop as soccer players," Burton said.

The Cougars compete at their home stadium once again this weekend on Friday, Sept. 18 against Missouri State University.

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Cougar volleyball crushes Bradley University at Kangaroo Classic

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The Cougar volleyball team opened the Kangaroo Classic with a loss to the University of Nebraska Omaha 23-25, 18-25, 25-13, 25-14, 15-8. They also fell to host University of Missouri-Kansas City 25-21, 25-21, 20-25, 25-22. During their final match, the Cougars defeated Bradley University 25-19, 25-23, 25-23.

Now 2-7 overall, the Cougars finished off the weekend with their best performance so far. Head Coach Leah Johnson said the team is capitalizing on its goal to improve every weekend.

"I think this was our best performance so far. We've gotten better every weekend. That's been our goal from the start, and we're sticking to it," Johnson said.

According to Johnson, a handful of players stood out with exemplary performances this weekend, the most notable being senior middle blocker Kristen Torre, who became the ninth athlete in SIUE history to hit 1,000 kills

"I feel pretty excited about the progress we're making and how players are coming along and emerging at different times. We had great performances throughout the whole weekend. Kristen Torre is always good, but I thought this weekend she was pretty exceptional," Johnson said.

With a .500 hitting percentage against Bradley, Johnson said Torre was extremely efficient this weekend and is confident Torre will earn a spot on SIUE's Top 5 all-time kills list.

"[Torre] had incredible efficiency and was very terminal. She only had six errors for the entire weekend. [Torre] made the thousand kill mark and became the ninth player in program history to do so," Johnson said. "Given that it's this early in the season, I think she's on track to break into the Top 5 all-time kills list — maybe even higher. We're excited about the legacy she's working toward leaving."

According to Johnson, Torre is well prepared to make history at SIUE since she has been starting since her freshman year.

"She's been a starter for her entire career. Each season she's become more of an emphasis in our offense, so we've set her more frequently every year of her ca-

reer. This year we're making sure that she's in the front row for more rotations so that she's available even more," Johnson said. "I think that's going to continue to help her. She's a senior; she wants the ball, and in that situation she's certainly earned it."

There were other noteworthy performances this weekend as well. Sophomore libero Katie Shashack led in the fight against Bradley with 24 digs. Johnson said she thought Shashack played with more relaxed confidence this weekend, which set the stage for the other players.

"I believe a few people evolved in their roles. Katie Shashack as our starting libero really came out of her shell. She's been playing well, but this is the first time I felt like she really played outside of herself. She let herself play free and loose, and kind of go for it a little more. That upped the game for everyone around her," Johnson said.

Johnson said sophomore middle blocker Carley Ramich and junior setter Mallory Mangun had impressive offensive performances.

"Other staples were filling

their roles really well. [Ramich] in the middle is becoming more and more of an offensive threat every weekend. [Mangun] is becoming an offensive threat as a setter and [is] always a great defender," Johnson said.

Johnson said she is impressed with the team's improvement in efficiency. The Cougars have been correcting small errors that, in turn, lead to more points each match.

"We keep evolving in small things that add up to a few more points each weekend. Our serving game has been very strong. We're improving our efficiency and limiting our errors while staying aggressive. That's a great skill to have," Johnson said.

Although the team is improving tremendously, it still has things to work on. Johnson said that the few passing errors the Cougars make tend to be severe. She said she believes the Cougars can improve upon their already impressive blocking skills as a team. Johnson said she plans to focus on passing errors and blocking in training this week.

"There's always room to improve. Our passing has been very

good, but when we do make a passing error, it's very extreme and hard to play out of. We need to make better errors so we can still give ourselves a chance to earn the point," Johnson said. "I believe that we can be a great blocking team. [Torre] averages 1.5 blocks a set every weekend, which is really good. As a team, I think we can be averaging over two blocks a set. That's another area that I think can become a bigger strength of ours. We're going to put a premium on that this week in training."

Johnson said she is excited moving forward. The Cougars face the University of Cincinnati Saturday, Sept. 19 for their last non-conference match of the season. Johnson said this match will prepare the Cougars for conference play.

"Îm excited. I love that we're going to play a single match on the road at the University of Cincinnati. It will be a good environment. There's a good atmosphere around it. That should send us into conference prepared and battle-tested," Johnson said.

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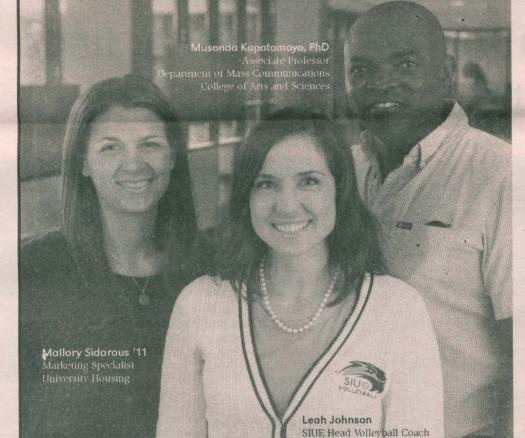


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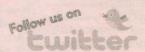
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