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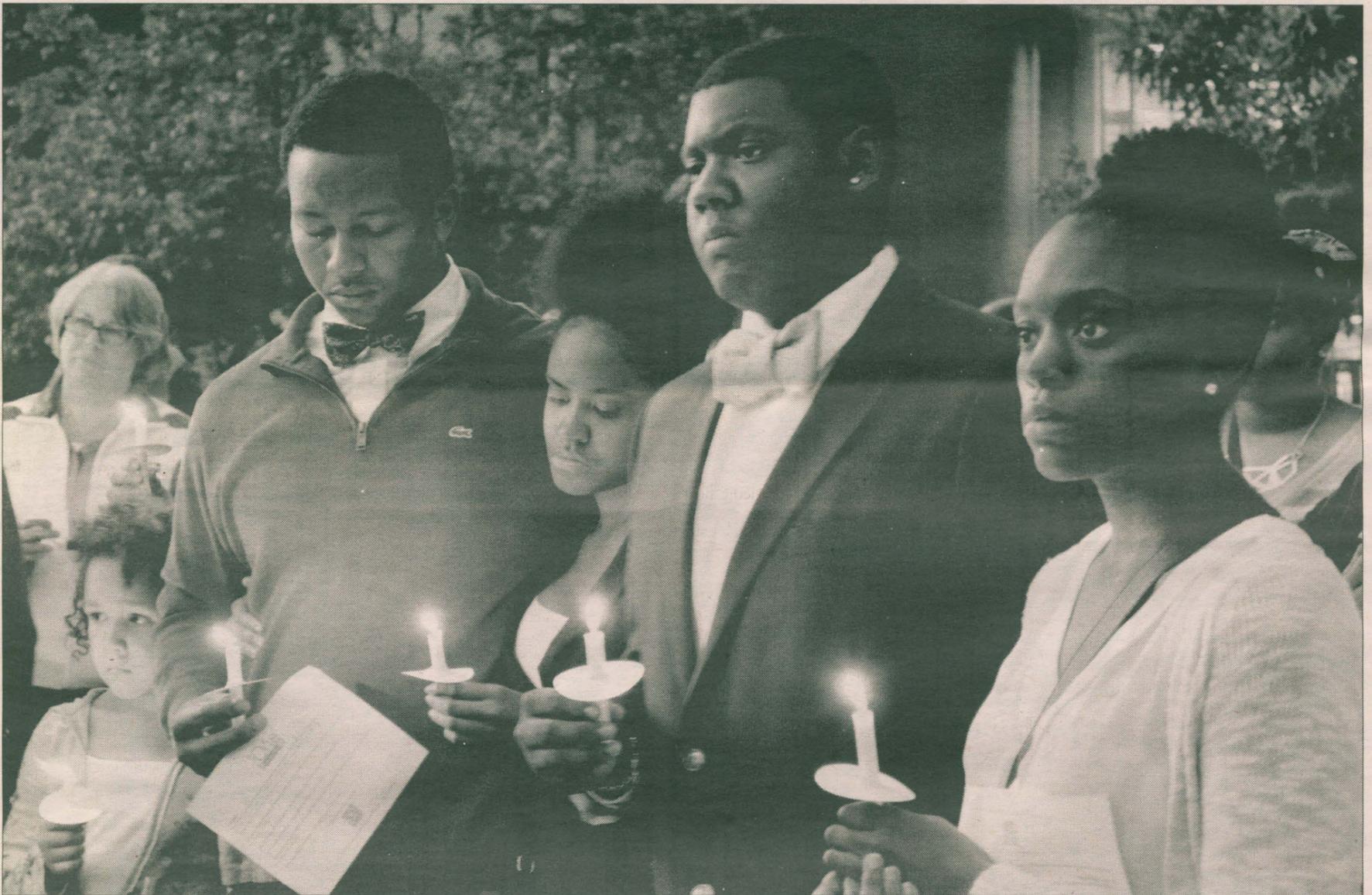
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Students attending the candlelight vigil take part in the moment of silence in honor of Michael Brown and other victims of violence.

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Campus joins together for 'Candlelight Vigil for Hope'

Service honors Michael Brown, victims of violence

**LASHAI SPENCER
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*Alestle Photographer and
Alestle Editor in Chief*

The university commemorated the memory of Michael Brown and other victims of violence in a candlelight vigil Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the Stratton Quadrangle.

Student Government President Nasir Almasri said the vigil was important because it brought to light the questions people still have about the Michael Brown shooting.

"I think the candlelight vigil was important for a lot of reasons. I think one of the things [is...] people fail to understand why the incident with Mike Brown and the following incidents in Ferguson happened," Almasri said. "I think people generally think that this was an isolated incident. Somebody robbed a store. The police got into an altercation and did what they had to do. Then, in retaliation a community said, 'Hey, this is racism.' People don't understand why that was the case."

Almasri was one of five speakers at the event. Joining him were Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe, English professor Howard

Ramsby II, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity member Charles Martin and Black Student Union President Corinthian Holts.

Graduate sociology student Maurice Davis, of Alton, was in attendance at the vigil, and found the vigil a sign of the university's hands-on approach to the August events.

"I'm glad to see SIUE is taking proactive measures to address a situation that's so close to home and has given the students, as well as the staff and administration, the opportunity to have an outlet to be heard and express their concerns," Davis said.

Almasri said the vigil also brought up the prevalence of the racism in the United States and how it has affected this country.

"What happened in Ferguson was a culmination of a number of issues," Almasri said. "Whether it was Trayvon Martin, whether it was the gentleman that was holding the toy gun, whether it was Mike Brown - this is a long list of issues that have negatively impacted young black males, black males, you could say the black people in the United States in general."

Davis said the Ferguson events did not directly affect him, but those around him, which

caused him to think more about it.

"In my position, I'm a supervisor of the desk operation within University Housing, and one of my desk managers is actually from the Ferguson area," Davis said. "While all of this was going on, she was sharing with me certain instances and things she would experience. She would tell

who has heard about the protests and Michael Brown.

"I do believe this is indeed a tragedy and it's a shame that of this current time period that we're in that we're still facing issues such as this," Davis said. "I love how the community is unified as one to combat this and is not taking this action sitting down; it is actually proactive

"We can't continue to turn a blind eye to [issues] that are so pervasive and so important..."

Maurice Davis

Junior graduate sociology student from Alton

me how it was for some of her siblings, as far as being there and working within the area, because she's here, she's not in it daily like some of her siblings are. She didn't have to experience some of the hardships they did, but she was just as much impacted."

The events in Ferguson, Mo., have approached different issues still relevant in the United States, and according to Davis, he hopes this will be a lesson for everyone

about getting justice for this family and this young man. With that being said, I hope this is a lesson not just for the area but also for the country that we have to keep moving forward and we have to keep making progress in the areas of race relations and equality and acceptance in general. We can't continue to turn a blind eye to [issues] that are so pervasive and so important and impactful to peoples' lives."

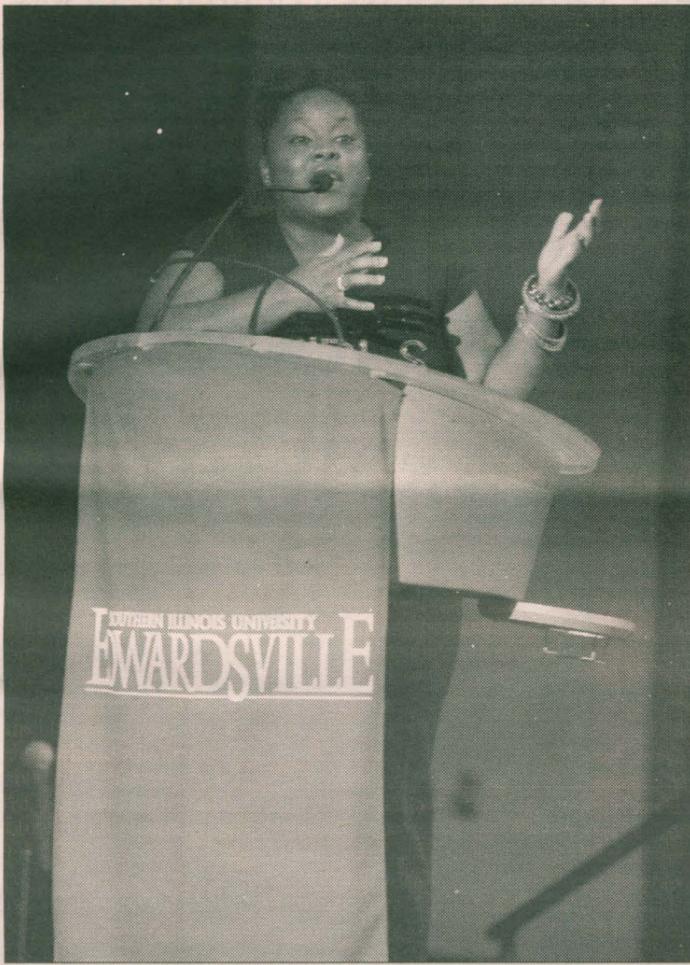
According to Almasri, the vigil was also a tool to allow people to communicate with organizations on campus about these issues and speak with others different from them.

"This vigil is important to show there are many different people who understand these issues. We're encouraging some of these people to get involved, and some of these initiatives will be coming out of some of these various organizations in the near future," Almasri said. "I think it's important to highlight that this is not an isolated [issue]. This is a deep-seeded issue with a misunderstanding of racism in the United States. At the university, it's our job to be proactive. We shouldn't need a Ferguson to help us band together to stop some of the racism, misunderstanding and stereotypes within this country, and I think this event brought light to that."

The vigil was sponsored by Black Student Union, Campus Activities Board, Kimmel Student Involvement Center, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Student Government and We Are One sponsored the candlelight vigil.

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Black Girls Rock! event aims to increase presence, retention of African-American women on campus



Faculty adviser Alexandria White of Black Girls Rock! speaks on Sept. 12, in an effort to improve the retention of African-American women at SIUE.

| Photo by Lashai Spencer/Alestle

MERIDITH MCKENNA
Alestle Reporter

Editor's note: Black Girls Rock! in this story is a student group at SIUE and is not affiliated with BET's "Black Girls Rock!" annual award show.

Special guest speakers and performers took the stage at the Black Girls Rock! first event of the semester to "Lecture. Perform. Inspire." members of the audience.

The student organization Black Girls Rock! hosted its kick-off event in the Meridian Ballroom last Thursday.

Black Girls Rock! President Melvina Chaney, a junior psychology major from Wheaton, said the turnout was better than she had hoped.

"We set up for about 250 students, and we had over 600 people there," Chaney said.

The event included two comedic hosts, mass communication major Ta'Jua Jefferson, of Chicago, and business major Roneal "Neal" Hall.

The SIUE Gospel Choir performed two songs to start the show. Mass communications major Cinnamon Stewart led the choir in its second performance.

Heartland Community College political science professor David G. Lewis, of Chicago, spoke to the audience about why everyone should continue toward higher education and stressed the importance of earning a degree.

Students were encouraged to tweet during the event with #SIUEBGR and #SIUE18 to promote the organization and freshmen on campus.

"David Lewis is speaking the

truth here at #SIUEBGR!" Twitter user @MeechieMouse said.

Lewis said students who want to earn a degree, stay motivated and choose the right friends during college because it can be difficult to manage.

"You can sing, dance or pledge, but that's not your degree," Lewis said.

Lewis shared a story about his high school career when his counselor told him he was not college material. He said he did not want to allow someone else's opinion of him to guide him through his life. He later earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice and reached his master's degree in political science at Illinois State University.

"Never let anyone's perception of you become your reality," Lewis said.

Lewis also challenged the audience to write down five life goals and to pursue them.

The SIUE High Definition Dance Team followed Lewis' speech and performed a routine set to a compilation of popular hip-hop artists.

Following the performance, six women told their personal stories of struggles they faced during their college careers. Their stories involved overcoming fallouts of friendships, unplanned pregnancies and proving themselves to those who did not believe in them. Among them was senior elementary education major Candace Perkins, of St. Louis.

"We need to inspire all women," Perkins said.

Emperial dance team took the stage and performed a routine that involved Beyonce and Nicki Minaj's latest hit "Flawless."

The Greek fraternities and sororities of the National Pan-Hellenic Council also attended the event to promote their own organizations. Members of Sigma Gamma Rho, Zeta Phi Beta, Alpha Phi Alpha, Iota Phi Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Omega Psi Phi and Kappa Alpha Psi had their own tables set up for students to check out and apply for their Greek organizations.

Academic adviser Alexandria White assisted in putting the event together the past two years.

"I am so proud of the SIUE community," White said. "Everybody needs to come together to help each other and motivate one another."

White also gave special thanks to the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion, University Housing and the Students Opportunities for Academic Results office for gaining interest in Black Girls Rock! and helping to put the event together.

According to White, the organization received about 43 student applications to join Black Girls Rock! following the event.

"Because we have been bombarded with applications, we are directing students to apply on Collegiatelink.net," White said. "The event was so successful, and I am so proud of everyone who came out and helped put on this great show."

Black Girls Rock! will hold its first meeting of the semester at 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15, in Evergreen Hall.

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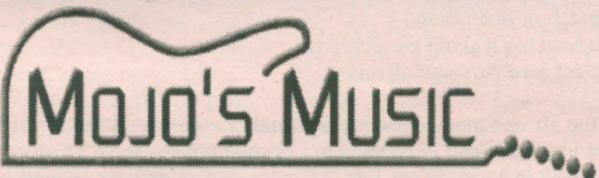
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News in brief

USA Today shares Alestle editor's experience at Ferguson protests

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USA Today College's Dan Reimold spoke with the Alestle Photo Editor Christian Lee about Lee's whole experience photographing the riots during the Ferguson protests following the death of Michael Brown Saturday, Aug. 9.

Lee went out the first night of the Ferguson protests on Sunday, Aug. 10, and photographed the riots, looting and police-civilian confrontations. He continued to

follow the protests and speeches throughout the following week and documented these events through photography.

Lee was contacted by Zumba Press Agency and The Belleville News-Democrat to use his photos immediately after the gallery on the Alestle website was posted.

To see Lee's Ferguson protest photo gallery, search for 'Protests in Ferguson, Mo.' on alestlelive.com.

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SIUE POLICE BLOTTER

9-8-14

An off-duty police officer stopped a motorist he observed using an illegal substance at North University Drive at P3 Road. Kevin S. Ramsey was arrested for unlawful possession of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia. Ramsey was transported to the SIUE Police Department where he was processed. He posted \$150 bond and was released.

An officer responded to Bluff Hall for a report of a female spraying mace into the eyes of a male student. Jaelyn L. Bishop was arrested for battery. She was transported to the SIUE Police Department where she was processed. Bishop posted \$150 bond and was released.

9-12-14

Jerrell A. Gee was taken into custody and transported to the SIUE Police Department from a traffic stop. Gee was arrested for unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver and was processed. The bond was posted, and he was released. Gee was issued a citation for

speeding 39 mph in a 25 mph speed zone. The offense occurred on North University Drive at P3 Road.

9-13-14

An officer stopped a vehicle for speeding. Daniel J. Selby was arrested for unlawful consumption of alcohol and transported to the SIUE Police Department where he was processed. Selby was issued a notice to appear and then released. He was also issued a citation for speeding 40 mph in a 25 mph speed zone. The offense occurred at Northwest Entrance Road near North Circle Drive.

9-16-14

During a routine traffic stop, Robert J. Cange was arrested for giving alcohol to a minor, and his passenger, Dallas C. Brown, was arrested for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor. They were both transported to the SIUE Police and processed. Cange's vehicle was towed by Brown's Towing. Cange also received a citation for expired registration.

New parking kiosks create confusion

Parking Services correct kiosk malfunctions

MERIDITH MCKENNA
Alestle Reporter

The new parking kiosks in Lots B and C have created confusion for students, faculty and visitors by software issues that have been addressed and resolved.

Administrative Services Director Bob Vanzo became aware of the issues through numerous complaints to Parking Services.

"There were some glitches in the new system that we put in," Vanzo said. "The new software was not tested properly before it was installed."

Issues included the kiosk being unresponsive or taking money without allowing the proper parking time. Some people were not following the instructions displayed on the screen, so the process was out of sequence.

Vanzo said the vendor blames the university for rushing them to install the kiosks although they were ordered back in April this year.

The corrections were made on Thursday, Sept. 4, and since then, complaints to Parking Services have dropped dramatically, Vanzo said.

In order to avoid further issues, additional signs will help guide people in using the new machines. The kiosks are also supposed to make it more convenient for students because they do not have to walk back to their vehicle to put the parking receipt on their dashboard anymore. The receipt is just for students to refer to their parking time, if necessary.

"With anything new, there will be problems in the beginning," Vanzo said. "We had problems with the old coin meters when they were first installed. It is just a learning process. Do not rush the transaction, and be sure to follow the directions on the screen."

The new kiosks may also be bringing in more revenue for Parking Services than the old coin machines. The kiosks in Lot C have a minimum parking time of

30 minutes and a two-hour daily maximum. Students can no longer park for 15 minutes to run in and out of the building and back without paying the minimum 50 cent fee as they could before.

"I cannot provide the actual income difference because of the issues we had in the first few weeks with the kiosks," Vanzo said.

Vanzo plans on having the numbers to compare the revenue difference in the next few weeks.

New plans are in the works for the kiosks. According to Vanzo, students to be able to use their Cougar Cards to pay the meters with the new computer systems they want. Vanzo also hopes in the future, students will

be able to pay for additional time for their spots using their cell-phones.

Senior geography major Adam Hand, of Dorsey, thinks the new plans will serve the students in a posi-

"The new software was not tested properly before it was installed..."

Bob Vanzo
Administrative Services Director

tive way.

"I think it's a great idea," Hand said. "It would make parking for students a lot more convenient instead of a hassle."

Vanzo said with time the kiosks will be running smoothly to serve students. An email will be sent to students' accounts with updates regarding the new features.

Freshman nursing major Morgan Schutte, of Glasford, had experienced problems in the first few weeks of the new kiosks being installed, but had no problems when recently using them.

"I think the meters work fine now. And being able to use my Cougar Card for the meters would be awesome since I use it for everything else on campus," Schutte said.

Parking hours remain unchanged: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday; and free on weekends.

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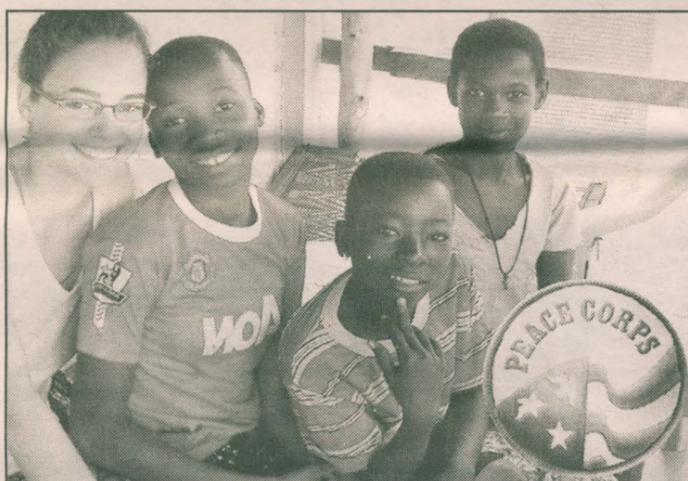
- Do not use telephones, cell phones, computers, or elevators.
- Do not smoke, use a lighter, match or open flame
- Do not operate vehicles near where the leaking gas could be
- Do not re-enter the building to retrieve personal affects.

If you smell a strong gas smell in the air outside, or you see unusual occurrences such as: high pitched whistle or hissing sound, blowing dust, dead vegetation in a normally green area, or ground fires, you may be observing signs of a leak in a natural gas line. Always use caution near an outdoor gas leak and recognize the possible hazards, such as fire, ignition or explosion.

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'Are we free to exercise our liberties?'

In 1969, when the United States was making its way through the worst of the Vietnam War, students at high schools and universities around the country were holding protests against the war. We have all seen the images of those protests, and many of us would even go so far as to say that we admire them. But what exactly did these protests win? Surely there are some tangible consequences of these acts of protest and civil disobedience?

Jeffrey Elliot
Student

This brings us to Des Moines, Iowa, where several students were suspended from school for wearing black armbands in protest of the war in Southeast Asia. The parents of these students brought a lawsuit against the school, a case now known as *Tinker v. Des Moines Independent Community School District*.

This case helped to enshrine into law the idea that a citizen's civil liberties do not stop at the schoolhouse gate, and that America's public spaces should be free speech zones. In his ruling on the case, Supreme Court Justice Abe Fortas wrote, "Under our Constitution, free speech is not a right that is given only to be so circumscribed that it exists in principle but not in fact. Freedom of expression would not truly exist if the right could be exercised only in an area that a benevolent government has provided as a safe haven for crackpots. The Constitution says that Congress [and the States] may not abridge the right to free speech. This provision means what

it says."

Now, it can be easy to take our freedoms for granted, but vigilance is the price of liberty. So let us ask ourselves: Are we free to exercise our liberties?

What would you say if I told you that on our campus, there is only a 20-foot zone in the Stratton Quadrangle designated for free speech and expressive activity, and that one may only use this zone having asked for the university's permission no less than 48 hours in advance? Does that sound like a reasonable regulation of your rights? If you believe that it is, you need not read any further.

The Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, an organization dedicated to defending the First Amendment rights of students and professors on college campuses nationwide, has designated both SIUE and SIUC as "red light" institutions—that is, schools whose speech policies are clearly in conflict with the constitutional rights of its students and professors. I, for one, find this to be unacceptable.

I am proud to be a student at SIUE, and I would like to be able to carry that pride beyond graduation day. But I simply cannot be proud of a school that devalues the rights of its students and professors and blithely ignores the law of the land. This is especially so because the university maintains three separate "red light" speech codes—clearly restrictive policies that earn the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education's worst rating for free speech.

The American university is supposed to serve as the marketplace of ideas, a place where every person has an opportunity to speak, listen, and criticize a wide variety of perspectives. But how

can this be possible if one is not allowed to speak freely? What good is freedom of speech if you have to get permission to exercise it? What good is freedom of expression if you may only exercise it in the area set aside for you and others? How can speech be free if one must self-censor, even in the context of a classroom discussion?

Taking a moment to be topical, how would you have felt if the protestors in Ferguson had been told that they could protest, but only in a 20-foot wide, approved zone, and only if they filed for permits 48 hours in advance? I think this example should make my concerns about SIUE's speech policies quite plain.

The law of the land is clear: Public universities like SIUE are not exceptions to the First Amendment, and as such may not restrict the speech of their students and faculty. The Foundation for Individual Rights has already won numerous cases at universities around the country, extending the civil liberties of both students and professors.

I call upon the students and faculty of SIUE to take this opportunity to read up on the speech codes at our university. I also call upon the administration to think seriously about the sort of message they are sending to potential students when they maintain and enforce such policies.

There is an opportunity before us to create an open and inclusive environment on our campus, where everyone has complete freedom to express him or herself as they see fit, never having to worry about censorship. We can open the door to more diversity of opinion and create an environment where debate and discussion replace authority and orthodoxy.

Long-term parking changes lead to short-term misery

Multi-space parking isn't rocket science. I park in downtown St. Louis at least four times a week and have used the multi-space parking kiosks there without issue. However, the new machines on campus have had more issues than the Alestle has published.



Michelle Yee
Alestle Chief Copy Editor

When the semester started, I parked in Lot B for no reason other than laziness. I was excited to see the university switched from the old, problematic pay stations to shiny new ones. The excitement faded quickly as the first machine I tried was unresponsive.

"Press the green button," it prompted.

I did; then I waited. I pressed it again. Nothing happened. I moved on to the next-closest machine. This time, I got to the payment screen. I tried to insert my credit card in the card slot, but the slot appeared to be occupied or otherwise jammed. If I hadn't had cash, I would have been slightly more annoyed than I already was.

These problems can be attributed to the system being new, and while new things often have issues, these could have been avoided.

According to Administrative Services Director Bob Vanzo, the machines were ordered in April, and the software wasn't tested properly prior to installation. When making a substantial change to a highly used portion of campus, all quirks and issues should be worked out before the transition.

Software issues have been addressed, but it still doesn't account for user error. The new machines don't have the most user-friendly

interface. The user is inundated with new directives and warnings. Press the green button, enter space number, press pound, enter time, press pound, pay, press pound, do the hokey pokey, press pound.

OK, so it's not really that complicated, but it's more effort than it should be. Paying for parking should be quick and painless.

But the new machines aren't all bad. You no longer have to place the receipt on your dashboard. You don't have to dig around your ashtray and under your seats for loose change to park in Lot C. There is potential for adding time from a smartphone in the future.

Someday, maybe people will be less confused by the new machines, but for now, it's a complicated mess.

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Cold Stone

If you're looking for a classic banana split, look no further than Cold Stone Creamery.

Complete with chocolate, strawberry and vanilla ice cream, the banana split we ordered was a lot larger than we had anticipated. The ratio of toppings to ice cream was ideal, however you may need the help of a friend and a plan of attack if you ever want to finish it.

For a chain that is famously known for mixing things up, we were pleasantly surprised to discover Cold Stone provides customers with a classic take on the timeless, favorite treat. Cold Stone offers customers a variety of options to customize their orders while still staying within the basic parameters of what constitutes a banana split—ice cream, fruit, nuts and, of course, whipped cream.

A heap of sliced bananas and straw-

berries stared us down as we took our first bites, which was nothing short of pure bliss. The subtle but sweet taste of an SIUE student discount may have had something to do with that as well. Nonetheless, by the time we had left, both our taste buds and wallets were satisfied.

The service there is efficient, friendly and helpful, and we were finished ordering and checking out in no time. Along with their impressive timeliness, Cold Stone's menu is one that could easily confuse even the most decisive customer because of its wide range of possible concoctions, but I can assure you, it will never disappoint. Whether you are in the mood for a modern twist on hand scooped ice cream or feel like enjoying a timeless classic such as our thoroughly enjoyed banana split, you won't regret choosing Cold Stone.

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Banana Split

The Alestle staff visited four locations in the Metro East, and one worth the drive in St. Louis, to sample the restaurants' banana splits. We reviewed each dessert, giving a score out of 100, which was based on criteria including quality of the ice cream, originality, the shop's atmosphere, how long we waited for our dessert and the presentation of the dish.

Scores were determined by each staff member's happiness. If the wait for our meal was short, for example, the restaurant would get a high score in the wait time category because that would make the reviewer happy.

Sonic Drive-In

If you have an itch for a twist on the classic banana split, make a pit stop at Sonic Drive-In in Edwardsville and order a Banana Split Master Blast.

This blend of vanilla ice cream, chocolate chips, banana chunks, strawberries and whipped cream mixes traditional ingredients into a delicious conglomeration of sweetness.

Although the presentation of the chilled dessert is less than appealing in a foam cup, the freshness of the strawberries mixed with the creamy ice cream outweighs it.

The ratio of toppings to ice cream is perfect but the scarcity of banana chunks made the mixture a bit underwhelming. We were afraid the plain vanilla ice cream would bore us, but the strawberries and chocolate chips added a variety of flavoring.

Depending on what size you order, the treat will fill your stomach. However, if you are keeping a close eye on your waistline, this may be a dessert you want to avoid. A mini order starts at 600 calories and the largest size pushes 1,800 calories. But there are many other options on Sonic's menu that will satisfy your sweet tooth.

The service at the Sonic in Edwardsville is pleasant and the wait time is fast. Luckily with Sonic's setup, customers can estimate wait time by the amount of cars in the drive-in spots and people sitting at the picnic tables.

Note: We had ordered a traditional banana split but were told the Sonic in Edwardsville does not serve those. This was what we were served instead.

SCORE: 82

PRICE: \$\$
 ADDRESS: 1017 PLUMMER DRIVE, EDWARDSVILLE
 DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: LESS THAN 5 MINUTES

PRESENTATION:	6
SERVICE:	8
ORIGINALITY:	8
VARIETY OF THE MENU:	9
WAIT TIME:	8
QUALITY OF THE ICE CREAM:	8
QUALITY OF THE TOPPINGS:	8
RATIO OF TOPPINGS TO ICE CREAM:	9
FILLING:	9
OVERALL TASTE:	9

SCORE: 77

PRICE: \$\$
 ADDRESS: 245 S BUCHANAN ST., EDWARDSVILLE
 DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: LESS THAN 5 MINUTES

PRESENTATION:	8
SERVICE:	9
ORIGINALITY:	7
VARIETY OF THE MENU:	8
WAIT TIME:	9
QUALITY OF THE ICE CREAM:	8
QUALITY OF THE TOPPINGS:	6
RATIO OF TOPPINGS TO ICE CREAM:	7
FILLING:	8
OVERALL TASTE:	7

Annie's Frozen Custard

Walking into Annie's Frozen Custard in downtown Edwardsville, we were taken back to classic ice cream shops with great service. The banana split was delivered to us in a plastic to-go container. The treat looked delicious.

The banana split is a classic-style dessert, and Annie's serves it that way. They served us the dessert within a minute and everyone was friendly.

The banana and fresh fruit toppings were tasty and went perfectly with their soft serve custard.

They serve their banana split with three dollops of frozen vanilla custard topped with chocolate sauce, pineapple toppings and strawberry toppings. Each scoop of ice cream has its own topping

on it. The strawberry topping was our favorite because of the fresh strawberries. The pineapple topping was OK, but the sauce was very sugary. They also asked if we wanted nuts on our banana split, so we thought that was a nice option to have.

The dessert was a good portion; two of us split the dessert, and we were both full by the time we had finished it. The ratio of everything was excellent and delicious.

Annie's offers a lot of different sundaes and concrete options. They have their own homemade pies and custards to buy and bring home, too.

SCORE: 75

PRICE: \$\$
 ADDRESS: 2525 N CENTER ST., MARYVILLE
 DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: LESS THAN 15 MINUTES

PRESENTATION:	5
SERVICE:	10
ORIGINALITY:	7
VARIETY OF THE MENU:	8
WAIT TIME:	9
QUALITY OF THE ICE CREAM:	7
QUALITY OF THE TOPPINGS:	7
RATIO OF TOPPINGS TO ICE CREAM:	5
FILLING:	9
OVERALL TASTE:	8

Bobby's

The Banana Split at Bobby's Frozen Custard's, in Maryville, banana split meets the basic criteria of a split, but it was overwhelmingly average.

The split was presented in an aluminum loaf pan and topped with three huge mounds of whipped cream.

Services were quick and friendly, yet the banana split came out so fast, we wouldn't be surprised if the splits were partially pre-constructed.

The only thing that set Bobby's banana split apart from traditional splits is the use of frozen custard instead of ice cream. However, Culver's and Annie's also use frozen custard, so it's not entirely groundbreaking or unique.

The fruit was firm and ripe, but the

pineapple was a bit sparse throughout the split. Maybe there were more pineapple pieces, but they were lost in the copious amounts of whipped cream.

An average, over-whipped creamed banana split is by no means a reason to write off Bobby's. The menu has a wide range of options for concretes and sundaes, as well as your standard custard-stand cones and shakes.

It's definitely a two-person split. If you're really hungry, one person could eat it, but banana splits are better with friends.

In the end, it was not something that might prompt someone to say, 'Hey, friends! You all need to eat this banana split.'

Baileys' Range

Worth the Drive

SCORE: 95

Upon entering the building and viewing the menu, we were impressed with the atmosphere and quality of the food at Baileys' Range. The wait staff was very pleasant and helpful. While the dessert menu was almost entirely comprised of ice cream-based treats, the sheer variety of different flavors and treatments of the ice cream was quite impressive. Our waitress was very helpful and complimentary, and we didn't have to wait long at all for the banana split. When it did arrive, it was well worth the short amount of time I did have to wait.

We ordered a banana split with vanilla, triple chocolate and salted caramel ice cream scoops. When it arrived to our table, we knew simply upon viewing it there was care taken into its presentation and the quality of the ingredients used. The banana split was served neatly in a traditional, clean bowl. It was pretty enough and seemed very traditional, but they treat the ingredients in an original manner.

We needed the assistance of another to polish off the portion we had ordered, but while we had the three-scoop banana split, the restaurant did offer one and two-scoop splits. Eventually we began to dine on the split and were delighted to find the textures and flavors of the different ingredients were perfect. While

there was a set of specific toppings, they were of an extremely high quality. The whipped cream was obviously made in the restaurant; there were a wide variety of different nuts used in the split including cashews and almonds, and a caramel and fudge sauce were used. The banana was fresh and caramelized, giving it a slight crisp, with the obligatory maraschino cherry placed on top. The whipped cream was just sweet enough to not be too overbearing, the banana was impeccably ripe and the caramelizing of it was nothing short of genius.

The ice cream was superb as well. The ice cream was traditional in that it wasn't custard or gelato. The menu offered an enormous variety of different flavors of scoops that could be used in the split. The scoops were thick and extremely high quality. Although if we were to change anything, we would have probably opted for something other than the salted caramel as we found it personally to be a little too rich for our taste. It was delightful, too, that the toppings lasted until the very last spoonful.

However, we had absolutely no qualms about polishing the entire dish. It was a perfect banana split at a high-quality establishment, and well worth the drive to St. Louis. We would recommend this banana split at Baileys' Range to anyone at any time.

PRICE: \$\$\$
 ADDRESS: 920 OLIVE ST., ST. LOUIS, MO.
 DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: LESS THAN 30 MINUTES

PRESENTATION:	8
SERVICE:	9
ORIGINALITY:	8
VARIETY OF THE MENU:	10
WAIT TIME:	10
QUALITY OF THE ICE CREAM:	10
QUALITY OF THE TOPPINGS:	10
RATIO OF TOPPINGS TO ICE CREAM:	10
FILLING:	10
OVERALL TASTE:	10

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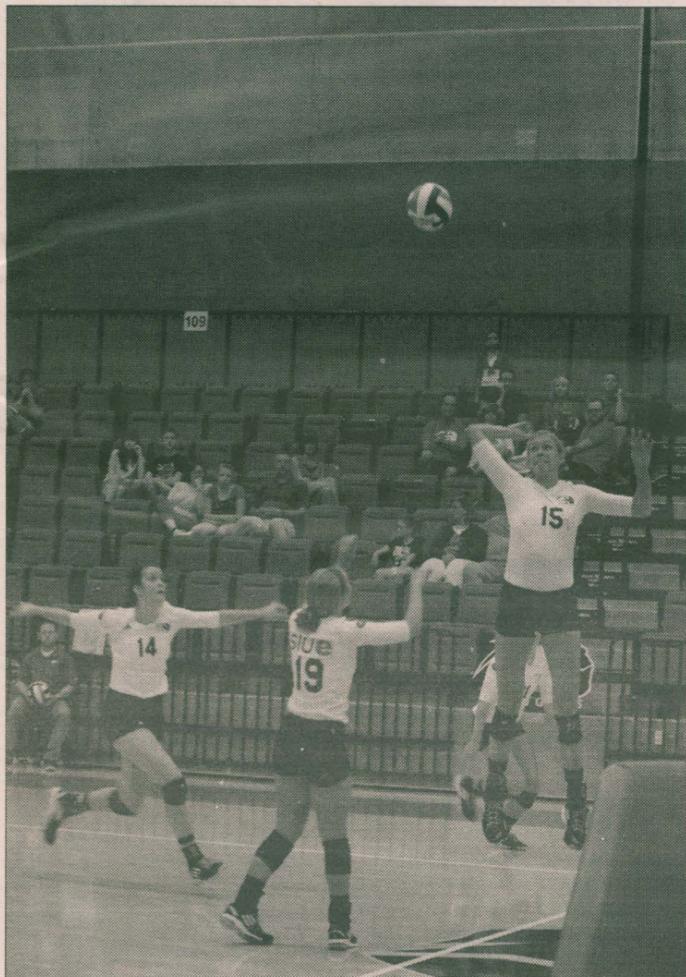
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Volleyball goes 3-1 at Cougar Classic



Sophomore setter Mallory Mangun (19) sets up junior middle blocker Kristen Torre (15) for a kill in a game earlier this season. Mangun and Torre were key players in the Cougars' success during the weekend at the Cougar Classic.

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The women's volleyball team leapt above the .500 mark in the Cougar Classic Tournament this past weekend, finishing 3-1 and lifting its record to 6-5.

During the opening match Friday, the Cougars overpowered Southern Utah University 27-25, 25-18, 22-25, 25-17. The team achieved a key comeback in the first set, fighting back two set points.

In set two, the team was outthit by the Thunderbirds (6-3) .212 to .173, allowing them to win the set. In set four, the Cougars collected 17 kills for the match win.

Senior libero Chelsea Colclasure recorded 21 digs on the night, closely followed by sophomore setter Mallory Mangun with 20.

During the first game Saturday, the team defeated University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff (1-5) 25-18, 26-24, 25-14. The Cougars recorded 37 kills in the match, 11 of which were courtesy of junior middle blocker Kristen Torre on 23 attacks. The team held Pine-Bluff to 25 kills and a .032 hitting percentage.

Head Coach Leah Johnson said this was the first three-set sweep the team has had and an important aspect of that was to be in control the entire match.

"The third set is the hardest to win; when teams have their backs against the wall, they're going to come out and show you something," Johnson said. "I was

pleased we were able to sustain and be competitive three sets in a row."

Both freshman defensive specialist Katie Shashack and junior setter Kaitlyn O'Reilly finished the match with a 1.000 kill percentage. The team totaled 44 digs, 10 from Colclasure and seven from senior defensive specialist Haley Norris.

In the closing match Saturday, the team fell to Arkansas State University 16-25, 21-25, 19-25. The team recorded 11 kills in each of the three sets, 16 of which were split between Torre and sophomore outside hitter Alicia Streetar. Freshman outside hitter Ashley Witt finished both matches with 16 total kills.

Johnson said the Cougars did not play well on their side of the net against Arkansas State (5-4), but they also faced a tough opponent.

"When you put their best against one of our poorest performances, you are going to have that type of game," Johnson said. "The nice thing is they exposed some weaknesses that we're going to go back and train on."

On Sunday, the Cougars defeated Indiana State University 25-17, 25-15, 18-25, 25-21. Streetar finished the day with 11 kills, tailed by Witt and Torre with 10 each.

In the third set, the Cougars attempted a late comeback, scoring five straight points before the Sycamores (8-3) recorded a kill on match point.

Johnson said she was impressed with the way the team played against Indiana State.

"It was a game of runs, but fortunately we had the bigger runs and we had more of them," Johnson said. "I thought our serving game was tough and allowed us to build momentum and get us through some sticky points."

The Cougars finished the match hitting .224, better than Indiana State's .142.

Mangun, who recorded 53 digs in the tournament, said throughout the weekend she learned a lot about not only her skills, but also the team's as a whole.

"I felt we played good; we had our ups and downs but we came together in the end," Mangun said. "It was exciting having our first home tournament. We had a lot of fans support us, so it was fun getting used to playing in front of a crowd of people we knew."

Johnson said it is great knowing the team's record is now above .500, especially going into a tough weekend on the road. However, there are still improvements to be made.

"We've been pretty steady all preseason," Johnson said. "We've shown some growth, but we're breaking down a little bit. We need to regroup this week in practice and be prepared for the next three weeks to be very tough."

The Cougars' next game is 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at The Bulldog Invitational in Starkville, Miss. against Pacific University.

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Wonder-goal highlights soccer comeback

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On a chilly night at Ralph Korte Stadium, the men's soccer team tied for the second time this season, drawing with DePaul University 1-1 on Saturday, Sept. 13.

Co-Head Coach David Korn said he was disheartened by his team's play in the first half, but enjoyed seeing it fight back for the draw.

"We were disappointed with the way we came out in the first 45 minutes," Korn said. "Some of that is credit to DePaul for coming out organized and took their chance in the half. We were pleased with the response of our guys coming out at halftime, taking the information we talked about, and they played with a greater sense of urgency. They played with a better understanding of how we can be successful, and how we can defend and because of that, we were able to get a goal. From that point forward, we were probably the stronger team in the game."

The Cougars' lone goal of the game came in the 60th minute. Senior forward Lewis Ellis hit a one-timer from the left corner of the 18-yard box, volleying a shot over the DePaul (3-2) goalkeeper, dipping into the net to tie the game at 1-1. The goal was Ellis' first of the season.

Korn said the goal was well-produced from all areas of the field.

"I think the buildup play leading up to, [Bilyeu's] pass was much better than some of our moments early," Korn said. "[Ellis] made a good run into the wide area, and he's a pretty skillful player and

spotted the goalkeeper out. He was really composed and made a really good finish."

SIUE remained the dominant team after it scored, getting multiple chances against the Blue Devils as the regulation time ran out. Korn said multiple factors went into the Cougars' powerful second half.

"The goal was good for our confidence as a team, but more than anything, I think it's just a credit to the guys," Korn said. "We played a lot of different guys in the game, and I thought they did their job well. When we went to our bench, we got a lift from some players who hadn't played a lot of minutes for us. They had prepared well and took their opportunity."

Despite this, DePaul had the best chance to score in the first overtime.

The first half of overtime was shaky for the Cougars. Senior goalkeeper Kent Kobernus picked up a ball played back to him illegally by a teammate, leading to a DePaul free kick inside the Cougars' box. The team packed the box, and sprinted off the line to block DePaul's initial shot, and kept the score even.

The best chance of the second overtime went to the Cougars. Junior midfielder Paul Scheipeter got the ball with the DePaul net open, but could not control it, and sent the ball away from the net to the retreating Blue Devils keeper, ending the game 1-1.

Rare early deficit

DePaul scored its lone goal early in the first half. Sophomore midfielder Simon Megally headed in a cross just inside the

six-yard box from senior forward Anthony Hunter for the score in the 14th minute.

It was the first time since the team's opening loss to Virginia Tech on Aug. 29, which the Cougars did not score the first goal of the game.

Korn said while playing down on the scoreboard is not preferable, the team will have other moments of adversity during the season where it must step up like they did on Saturday.

"Usually we've been playing with the lead, so this was one of the first times, especially that early in a game, we were playing from behind," Korn said. "This is the time of the year when we need to gain experience. Heading into conference play and when we get into post-season play, we're going to have to know how to play in overtime games. We have to know how to play with the lead and play from behind. We've seen a lot of things in this part of the season, and that will enrich our experiences, and ultimately manifest itself in our performances down the line."

Historic start to the season

Six games into the 2014 season, the Cougars are still winless. This marks the longest streak an SIUE team has gone without a victory to start the season in the program's history dating back to 1967.

Saturday's game marked the first time an SIUE player besides senior forward Christian Volesky had scored a goal. Volesky, who has led the team in scoring the past two seasons, has scored four goals through six games.

With five goals through six games, this is the worst start of a season scoring

wise for the team since going to Division I in 2008. Last season, the team had four goals through two games, and after its sixth game had, scored seven goals.

Upcoming games

The Cougars start a three-game road trip at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, when the team travels to Palo Alto, Calif. to take on Stanford University. The NCAA Men's Division I percentage index soccer rankings have the Cardinals ranked in as the 23rd best team in the nation.

Korn said the Cougars are looking forward to the clashes against two of the top teams in the nation, and believes his players have what it takes to get victories on the road.

"I think we're excited to play two opponents that we know are going to stretch us," Korn said. "We know they are going to be two good teams. What we've seen so far is when we come and we defend well and we're organized and we play with a good pace; we're good enough to play with anybody. For us, we want to focus on the things we can control, which are how we manage the game when we have the ball and how we work to win it back defensively."

The team returns home at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, when the team takes on in-state rival and conference opponent Bradley University in its second Missouri Valley Conference match of the year.

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Cougar Briefs:

Women's soccer splits during weekend

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The women's soccer team improved to 2-3-1 by defeating Northern Illinois University 1-0 on Sunday, Sept. 14.

The team redeemed itself after a 2-1 loss to Drake University on Friday, Sept. 12.

On Friday, sophomore forward Kayla Delgado tallied her first goal of the season in the 37th minute off a pass from junior midfielder Cassidy Sherman.

The Cougars led for most of the game but in the 70th minute, Drake tied the game, and took it into overtime.

In the 104th minute, Drake finished the game by putting a penalty kick past junior goalkeeper Jennifer Pelley.

Despite the loss, Pelley had a career-high 10 saves against Drake.

On Sunday, the Cougars scored the lone goal of the game in the 10th minute. Freshman forward Caroline Hoefert scored the first goal of her SIUE career off an assist from fellow freshman forward Emily Grahl.

SIUE dominated the run of play

throughout the game, outshooting the Huskies 10-4. Pelley had three saves for her first shutout of the season.

The women's soccer team's next game is at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at Korte Stadium when the Cougars take on North Dakota State University.

Rain ends invitational early, gives Cougars 4th

After two rounds at the Illinois State D.A. Weibring Invitational, the men's golf team was in fourth place at the event. Due to inclement weather on Monday, Sept. 15, the final day of the outing was canceled and the team went home with a fourth place finish out of 15 teams.

Senior Taylor White led the Cougars, hitting 74 in the first round and a career-low 70 in the second round of the event. The combined score tied White with six other golfers for seventh place.

Senior Mitchell Homb, junior Parker Lawrence and freshman Danny Gorman all shot 75 in the first round and 74 in the second round, giving them 32nd place. Freshman Brady Dixon finished the invitational in 42nd

place.

The men's golf team's next outing is at 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 29, when the team travels to Dakota Dunes, S.D. to compete at the South Dakota Coyote Classic.

Baseball team wins first game of fall

Senior shortstop Chase Green went 2-for-3, and junior infielder Colin Book went 2-for-4 to help the men's baseball team defeat Jefferson College 7-1 on Friday, Sept. 12. It was the team's first game of the fall.

Along with a run batted in from Green, freshman infielder Mario Tursi and senior catcher Parker Guinn had two RBIs apiece.

The team used seven pitchers in the game, a different pitcher in every inning.

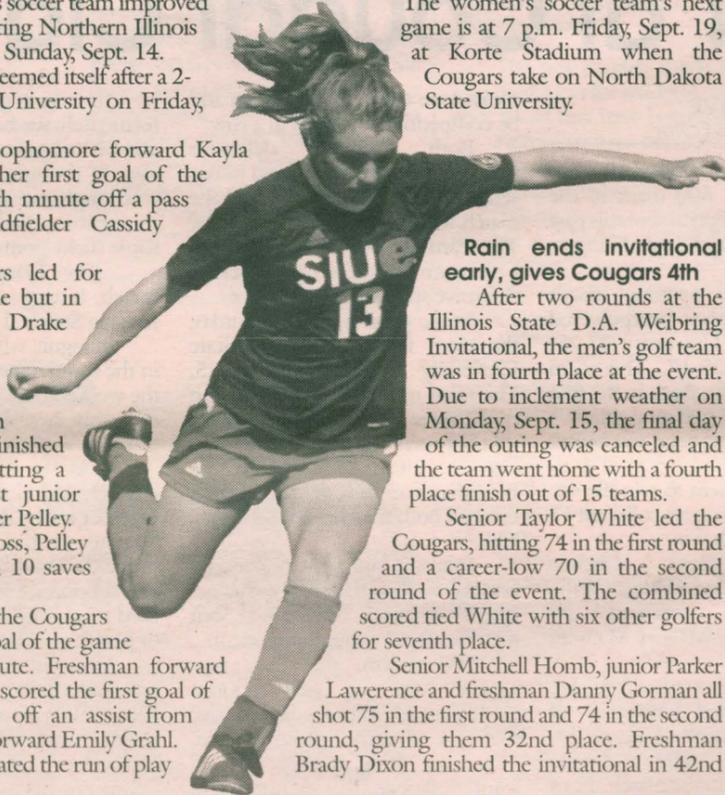
Athletic teams holding youth camps

The men and women's soccer teams and the women's softball team have upcoming camps for youths in the area.

At 5:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29, the soccer teams will hold a free clinic for boys and girls ages 6-13.

The softball team will hold hitting camps for players ages 8-18 starting Wednesday, Oct. 15, and running for four consecutive Wednesdays.

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Freshman forward Emily Grahl has made a big impact on her first year with the team. In Sunday's victory, Grahl assisted on the team's lone goal.

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Tennis gets three winners at home

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The women's tennis team played its single tournament of the fall season during the weekend, and, with three players winning their flights in the singles division, they did not disappoint Cougar fans.

Sophomore Mia Frogner, senior Haley Ilcewicz and junior McKenzie Thomas all won their respective flights to close out a successful preseason weekend for the team.

Preparing for her first season as head coach, Amanda Pratzel said the team has been working hard this fall to ensure it is at its finest when the regular season starts. Pratzel said the team showed vast growth at the SIUE Fall Invitational.

"There were a lot of positives to take away from the weekend," Pratzel said. "We grew from the first weekend. We came back and showed some signs of improvement, which is always something we take away as being a positive sign. We're still going to continue to build off of the weekend as well, especially on the doubles side. We got better on the doubles side, but we still have a lot of work to do."

The regular season does not start for the tennis team until January, but the fall warm ups are still important. Pratzel said playing at home in the fall will help the team when the season starts.

"The fall tournaments are just to prepare us for the season, so it's always nice to have a home tournament in the fall just so the kids can get the feel of playing at home," Pratzel said. "It prepares them for when we play at home during the season. Home matches are just as important as away matches because you always want to get away with winning those, but it's still nice to have our fans and supporters there to watch us play at our home facility."

Competing in the second flight, Frogner won all of her matches and extended her fall record to 7-0. Pratzel said she has been impressive since Frogner's first day with the team.

"She definitely picked up from where she left off last season," Pratzel said. "She may have come back even stronger than when she left. It's always something you take away as a huge positive when they come back even stronger. She's just

been doing her work and fighting. She's a grinder; she doesn't give up."

On her way to victory in the seventh flight, Thomas swept both of her matches, winning 6-3, 6-2 in the first and 6-1, 6-4 in her final match.

Ilcewicz did not go about winning the sixth flight as Thomas, and went 2-1 in her matches. She won her first match in three sets 4-6, 7-6, 6-2. In the second match, Ilcewicz dominated her opponent, winning 6-0, 6-0, but could not duplicate that success in her third match and lost 4-6, 6-4, 3-6.

Although there were no flight victories in doubles for the Cougars, Pratzel said she saw improvement and was impressed with how Frogner and senior Kali Donner played as a team.

"She and Donner have meshed really well on the doubles side," Pratzel said. "They really understand doubles, and that's great. They understand positioning. The other girls are getting it as well. It's just a work-in-progress."

The Cougars now have almost a month without a competition. Pratzel said the team's next competition, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional Championships, presents the greatest competition for SIUE women's tennis.

"As far as a tournament, it's the biggest tournament of the fall for our players; as far as experience, because it's the top kids in the country that come together to our region," Pratzel said. "If you win, you keep playing, and if you lose, you're out. It's more of a bracket tournament. It's not flighted."

During the competition layoff, Pratzel said the team will continue to work on improvement on all fronts.

"With the big gap that we have, we're going to be doing a lot of individual work and also work on some doubles when we have the groups together," Pratzel said. "With this gap, we can take advantage of working on some things that we need to improve on that we saw from the first two tournaments."

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