

Athlete charged with felony, off the team

KUMAR BHOOSHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Mustafa Cetin, a forward for the Cougar basketball team, won't be appearing in the SIUE box scores any time soon.

Cetin, 19 of Edmonton, Canada, was arrested Friday for intentional criminal damage to state-supported property. He was held in Madison County Jail on \$30,000 bond and was released on bail wired from his parents Saturday.

According to Jewel Gibbs, Cetin's friend and teammate, Cetin punched a hole in the wall of the upstairs hallway at 425 Cougar Village on Friday, Jan. 12. Cetin was suspended indefinitely from the team for the incident. Athletic Director Cindy Jones confirmed the suspension, but she and other administrators would not comment further.

"He should have gotten arrested that night if they were going to arrest him," Gibbs said.

Cetin could face fines and up to three years in prison for the incident, but SIUE Police Chief Richard Harrison said that is not realistic.

Harrison said if Cetin is found guilty, his sentence would most likely be less if he has a relatively clean criminal history. "I imagine it will be a probationary event with a fine," Harrison said.

According to Harrison, a fight broke out at the party Jan. 12 and Cetin was locked outside the apartment. "He couldn't get back in the party and he decided to beat up the wall," Harrison said.

During the fight, cross country runner Jason Olszowka was hit over the head with a beer bottle. Harrison said police are still investigating the incident and the suspect could be charged with aggravated battery.

Cetin will be disciplined through the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. SIUE officials would not release any information about Cetin's case. His trial in Madison County Circuit Court is set for July. Cetin could not be reached for comment.



Mustafa Cetin



BRIAN WALLHEIMER/ALESTLE

Mustafa Cetin was suspended indefinitely from the basketball team after allegedly punching this hole in the wall of a Cougar Village apartment building.

University awards humanitarians

DAN TOBERMAN
NEWS STRINGER

The Meridian Ballroom typified diversity as students, staff, faculty and community members of all stripes joined in a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.

Keynote speaker Kweisi Mfume, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, told the audience of nearly 500 people that, "It's not how you start in life. It's how you finish."

At the 19th annual celebration Thursday, Mfume said he was grateful for the honor and thanked Chancellor David Werner and the committee. Mfume emphasized the point that it's never too early to get involved in the battle for human rights.

"Dr. King was a young man at 26 when he became involved in the civil rights movement," he said.

Mfume talked about growing up in Baltimore. "I was a gangbanger," Mfume said, "but when I wanted it to stop, it did. I changed my life and became educated. I made a difference."

He spoke to the students and told them to make a difference now, no matter what's going on in life.

"When we help others we help humanity," he said.

Other awards were given to retired teacher Jane Hornberger and SIUE human resources personnel officer Karen Matkins.



ANURAG GUPTA/ALESTLE

Chancellor David Werner presents Karen Matkins with a humanitarian award Thursday. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narboth Emmanuel looks on.

Hornberger received the Community Humanitarian award. She is a member of the Edwardsville NAACP and sits on the city's library board of directors.

"I want to thank God for giving me the resources to help others," Hornberger said.

Matkins received the University Humanitarian Award for the faculty and staff. Matkins is on the Venice School Board and is credited with the success of the Learner Employment Program at SIUE. She is also chair of the Civil Service Banquet Committee. Matkins said she was thankful for the award.

The Humanitarian Scholarship recipient was Sherida Stewart. Stewart will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in nursing. Stewart spends time volunteering on campus for the "Preview SIUE" program. She also has helped build water purification systems for Haiti. Stewart is a part of the Metro East's Getting Ahead In Nursing program.

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Volunteer agencies ready for students

MELISSA UNDERWOOD
NEWS STRINGER

Students looking to give back to the community can attend Wednesday's volunteer fair, sponsored by the Student Leadership Development Program and Volunteer Services.

More than 40 volunteer agencies will be on campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Morris University Center Goshen Lounge.

The volunteer organizations fall under a number of categories, including recreation, education, public safety, health, issue-based,

special needs and environment. Students will be offered opportunities to work with youths, adults or seniors.

Attendees may gather information from the various programs represented. The SLDP staff will be on hand to assist with immediate placement or register for on-campus volunteer projects.

Assistant Director of Leadership Development Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt is enthusiastic about the fair.

"Everyone is always asking why (volunteer)," she said.

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Finance board loses five

MIKE TERRY
NEWS REPORTER

It was business as usual Friday at the first finance board meeting of the spring, despite the loss of five of the 11 members that served during the fall semester.

The board will be looking to replace students Jamie Dover, Andrew Elliff, Andy Ravanelli, Christopher Rivera and Sean Walton who will not be returning to their duties this semester.

According to Personnel Board Chair Tammy Drilling, the board will have new appointees ready by Friday's senate meeting, which will be at 2 p.m. in the Goshen Lounge.

Even short-handed, the

board unanimously approved all requests brought before it, including \$4,413 for African Night Feb. 24 in the Meridian Ballroom.

Andre Kapanga, the ambassador to the United Nations for the Democratic Republic of Congo, will be discussing peace negotiations on what has become the largest war in the world. The event will also feature various entertainment based on African traditions.

The Sculptors at Wagner were given \$6,980 to bring nationally renowned artist Jack Gron to campus to work with students on a sculpture that will become part of the University Museum.

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You are invited to attend the SIUE Volunteer Fair to learn about on and off campus volunteer opportunities. These opportunities are one-day volunteer projects, trips or placement with community agencies.

Wednesday, January 24
10 am to 2 pm
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For More Information:

Contact the Student Leadership Development Program at the Kimmel Leadership Center, First Floor, Morris University Center or call (618) 650-2868. www.siu.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP

Student Leadership Development Program Staff will be present to assist you with immediate placement at a Volunteer Agency or register for the various volunteer projects.

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VOLUNTEER

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Kutterer-Siburt said students often complain they don't have the time.

"Yes, you do," she said.

Many of the SLDP programs are one-day projects. Students who choose to work off campus may set their own schedules according to their personal time restraints. Students who wish to take on larger projects can investigate the four spring break trips offered by the SLDP. Some include travel to other countries.

The volunteer opportunities both on and off campus can be used to fulfill the SLDP requirements, as well as any volunteer requirements for an academic course.

"There is no greater rush than the feeling you get from volunteering," Kutterer-Siburt said.

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The Rhema Christian Outreach Club was granted \$1,635 to put together Rhema Week, a three-night event that will feature speakers, a bake sale and fun activities.

The Student Experimental Theater Organization was approved \$2,531 to put on a costume ball in conjunction with its production of "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom" and "Sleeping Beauty or Coma."

Five travel requests of \$425 each were also approved at the meeting for the U.S. Institute of Theatre Technology, which will be sending students to its 2001 Conference and Stage Expo; the Greek Council for the Mid-American Greek Council Association Conference in Chicago; the Chemistry Club for the American Chemical Society National Conference; the Student Nurse Association for its 49th Annual Convention in Nashville, Tenn.; and the Wagner Potter's Association for the 35th Annual National Conference on Education in Ceramic Arts.

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The winners of the high school essay, poetry and visual arts contests were also presented with plaques. Joslyn Anthony, a senior at East St. Louis High School, won the essay contest. Katie Motil, a freshman at Marquette Catholic High School in Alton, won the poetry contest, and Deonte Harris, a sophomore at the SIU East St. Louis Charter School, won the visual arts contest.

Juniors Melody Graves and Olivia Neal performed songs at the luncheon.



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These projects allow you to explore and become involved in the community, meet new people, and gain community service hours toward completion of the Student Leadership Development Program.

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Transportation will be provided

Lunch will be provided at the Soup Kitchen

Collection Drive for Personal Items

January 11 - January 30, 1999

Holy Angels Shelter is in need of personal items for women and children. These items will be collected in the Kimmel Leadership Center and delivered to the shelter on February 3.

Personal Items Needed: Black Hair Care Products, Deodorant, Lotion (personal size), and Footies (children to adult)

For more information or to register, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at (618) 650-2686 or e-mail holyangels71@hotmail.com

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Bench players give reason to cheer



The Cougars are down, but they're not out.

After the loss of players to injuries and now suspensions, the men's basketball season might not look too impressive, but there are still reasons to see the Cougars this year. Their names are Andrew Gajewski and Brandon Hilton.

These aren't the names such as Marty Perry or Nick Hartwig that you see all the time on the sports pages, but these guys deserve some recognition. They're not leading scorers in any category, until it comes to determination. These guys have got heart.

Most of the time when you attend a Cougar basketball game, the Vadalabene Center doesn't fill up until the men's game is about to begin. Saturday, the opposite was true. People in the crowd began to make their way to the parking lot after the women's game. It is a sad reminder that some people only want to see a win. No one thought the men's team had a chance to beat Lewis University, and for all intents and purposes, the team didn't.

But I saw a show that night that I didn't expect. Two players with little to no playing time before that game came off the bench and

played their hearts out. I'm not trying to take anything away from the other Cougars because they all played hard, but Gajewski and Hilton really dug deep to play a tough game.

I saw something in them that I don't often see in some of the other Cougars. I saw need. They needed to play hard to prove themselves, and although their numbers might not show it, they played just as hard as anyone on that court.

Right now, the Cougars are last in their conference and their hopes of getting any higher are slim. With Mustafa Cetin, Tim Rose and Jewel Gibbs suspended indefinitely, and Wes Pickering and Jon Wolf injured, hopes of winning any games are low. But that's why the team needs more support than ever.

Most people might have called it quits and thrown in the towel, but the Cougars are playing every game just as tough as if they had a full roster. The word for that is character. These seven players haven't given up, and I won't give up on them either.

More than ever, the Cougars need support. Even if the team isn't winning games, the fans who make the effort to get to the VC are going to see a first-rate show in character and integrity.

Brian Wallheimer
 Editor in Chief

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

My name is Andrew Lehman. I have recently become aware of the fact that many people have a contrary opinion to the view expressed in my recent article titled "The Freshman Experience."

I mentioned in the article that I was an attractive fellow. However, I've come to realize that many people don't agree with this statement. That's fine with me.

I'd like to take this opportunity to answer a few questions that have been posed about my being an attractive fellow. No, I do not wake up in the morning and look in the mirror and say, "Damn, you know, I'm a pretty attractive fellow." No, I will not enter the Alpha Phi King of Hearts Pageant. Though I may think I'm a pretty attractive fellow, I do not wish to force my beliefs on anyone else. This country was founded with a basic principle of freedom of expression and speech, but I admit, there are a few things that should be kept covered, my pasty white body being one of them. No, I do not have "I'm a pretty attractive fellow" sewn on any undergarment. There's not enough room for both my name and "I'm a pretty attractive fellow" on the same undergarment.

There were some other questions posed and additional objections made, but I think I was able to answer the ones most commonly asked. I hope this will quell the concerns of insecure men who have raised these questions. But then that makes me wonder. Why have only men asked me these questions? Oh well.

Sincerely not that attractive,
 Andrew Lehman

Sound-off line operational

If you've ever wanted to write a letter to the editor but couldn't find a pen and paper, the Alestle has another option for you.

The Alestle sound-off line is operational and waiting for calls.

Similar to sound-off lines at other newspapers, the Alestle's comment line is there 24 hours a day, seven days a week waiting for you to call and sound off. The number is 841001 from any campus phone.

All calls are anonymous, regardless of any identification given. However, because calls are anonymous, the Alestle reserves the right to edit all comments.

At the end of each day, all comments will be transcribed and printed in a sound-off section in the next edition of the Alestle on the editorial page.

So, if you don't want to write a letter to the editor, feel free to call and sound off.

Dear Editor:

In the Jan. 11, issue of the Alestle, you did a great job of schmoozing faculty and staff, but you may have missed the big issue. Yes, it is parking.

A free pass to the Student Fitness Center would be nice, but free parking for employees would be the first place to show appreciation. I am not talking about the front row in lots, just reasonable free parking. There currently is none above Bluff Road. Most employers as big as SIUE that have space available provide parking for employees.

Yes, I understand that someone has to pay for parking, but usually it is factored into the cost of the product or services supplied to the consumer. One might think it would be fair to have this basic cost added in as a tuition fee, then all students would be sharing the cost of the campus. Those who want to park close would pay the premium sticker cost.

Employees pay taxes on gross wages. Parking stickers are paid out of the employee's take-home pay. It sounds like double taxation. You would think that stickers would at least be tax exempt.

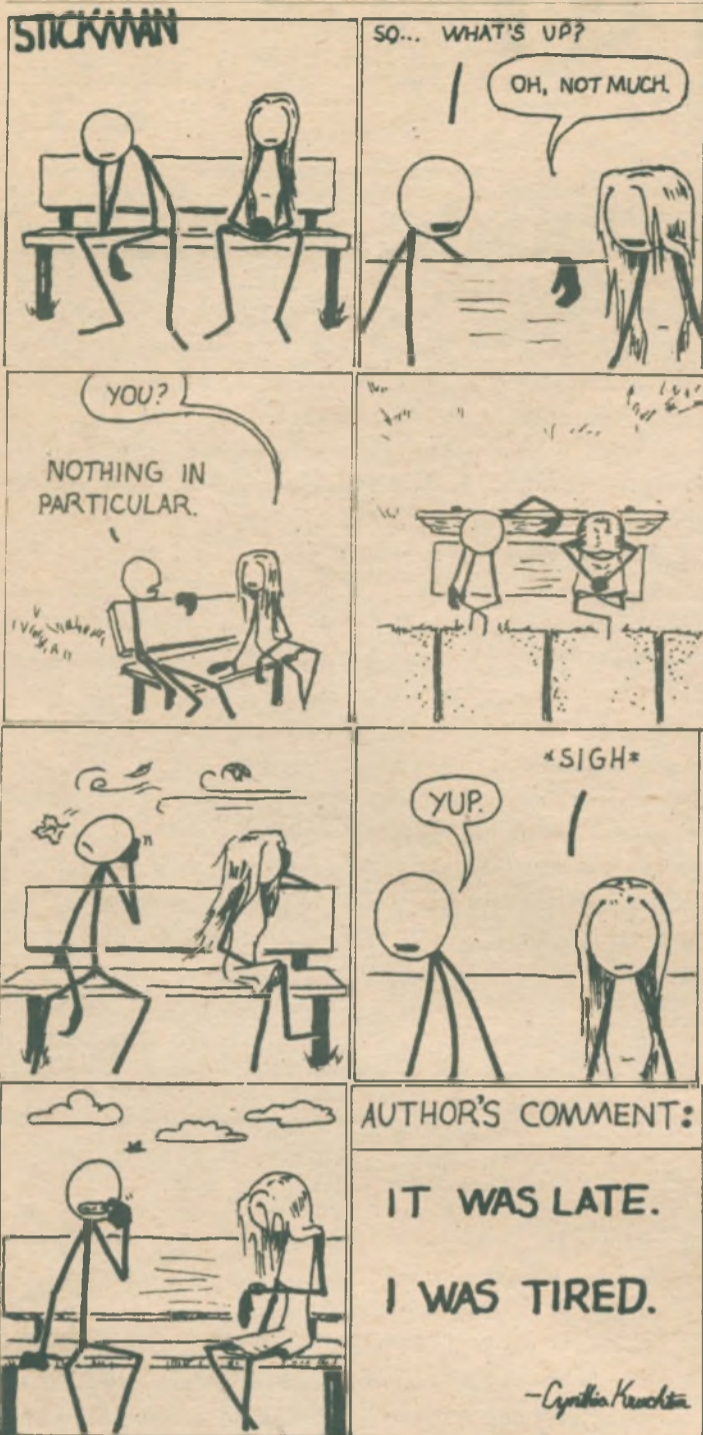
Maybe I should go to the fitness center to work off some of this parking stress, but I feel too taxed right at the moment.

Marion Mcvey
 Facilities Management

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Lifest

River Bluff Review seeks submissions by students

ANTHONY WATT
NEWS REPORTER

Students with a knack for writing have a chance to show their work off in the River Bluff Review.

This is the 10th edition of SIUE's literary magazine and the editors are accepting submissions until Feb. 1. They want poems, short stories, nonfiction, short drama and black-and-white art from SIUE students.

"We would like each person to submit no more than six poems and no more than two stories or plays for consideration," Associate Professor Allison Funk, founder of the River Bluff Review, said. "Two nonfiction pieces would be the limit as well."

Funk added that submitted artwork should be in black and white because the River Bluff Review is not printed in color.

"The entire staff of the magazine reads all of the submissions and evaluates each in writing," Funk said. "These appraisals are passed on to the appropriate editorial board. We have one group of editors that selects poems and another judging prose. The judgments of the two editorial boards are final in most cases."

Funk said staff members of the River Bluff Review are students in her literary editing class.

Submissions must be typed and authors are advised to save their work on disk in Microsoft Word format. Entries should include a cover sheet with the author's name, address, phone number, e-mail address and a two-or three-sentence biography.

Works are considered anonymously, so no names should appear on the submissions themselves.

Funk said in an e-mail that the number of works to be published depends on how many pages the review can afford to print.

She added that some entries that are not published because of space restraints may be placed on the River Bluff Review's Web site at www.siu.edu/ENGLISH/RBR.

"Generally though, we include two to three prose pieces and about 15 poems," Funk said.

Entries can be mailed to The River Bluff Review, SIUE, English Department, Box 1431, Edwardsville, IL 62026. Works can also be placed in the mailbox outside room 3206 in Peck Hall.

Entries should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so submitters can be notified on the status of their entries. Notifications will be mailed out by April 15.

For more information, contact Funk at 650-2176, or e-mail her at afunk@siue.edu.

BLACK HERITAGE MONTH CELE

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE



DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
January 18-February 28	Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM Saturday: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Sunday - Monday: Closed	Art Gallery Exhibit - "WATATU (Trio)" featuring Adelia Parker, Edna Patterson-Petty, and Seitu James Smith	Morris University Center, Art Gallery
Sunday, January 28	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Art Gallery Opening Reception - "WATATU (Trio)"	Morris University Center, Art Gallery
Thursday, February 1	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM 11:20 AM - 1:00 PM	WSIE Radio Show Cultural Bazaar and Marketplace SIUE Jazz Band - Salute to Miles Davis	Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge
February 1-2	7:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Black Theatre Workshop - "Alberta Hunter: Grand Old Lady of the Blues and Other Tales from the South"	James Metcalf Theater
Friday, February 2	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	WSIE Radio Show Cultural Bazaar and Marketplace	Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge
Monday, February 5	12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM	SIUE Gospel Choir	Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge
Wednesday, February 7	12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM	"America's First Black Town: Brooklyn, Illinois" Presentation and signing by Sundiata Keita Cha-Jua	Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge
Wednesday, February 14	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Student Talent Show	Morris University Center, Meridian Hall
Thursday, February 15	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Perspective of Roles of African-American Nurses in American Society SIUE Poet Laureate: Guest Reading by Eugene Redmond	Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge
Monday, February 19	12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM	SIUE Gospel Choir	Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge
Saturday, February 24	6:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Africa Night \$6 Students \$8 Faculty/Staff \$10 General Public	Morris University Center, Conference Center
Wednesday, February 28	12:00 Noon - 12:45 PM	African American Ensemble-Dance	Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge

This program is sponsored in part or in whole by Student Activity Fees. For more information and a complete schedule of the month's events, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at (618) 650-2686.

ONE WORLD: EMBRACING DIVERSITY

"Ancestral Mask of Good Fortune" by Sami Bentil



PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT & COMICS

Quote of the day...

"The first step to knowledge is knowing that you are ignorant."

-Socrates

Say What?

BETH KRUZAN
PHOTO STRINGER

Question: What was the worst job you ever had and why?



"Working for my dad was the worst. He is an archeologist and we had to clean artifacts and bones."

Amanda Kelly
Physical Therapy, Sophomore



"I used to be in telemarketing. That was the worst because people weren't very pleasant and yelled at me."

Alice McKenna
Biology/Medical Technology, Freshman



"Farming. Getting up at 5:30 in the morning and having to mess with smelly animals."

Brian Garner
Chemistry, Junior



"I agree with Amanda. I thought it was really hard work because I'm not interested in it."

Robert Kelly
Electrical Engineering, Senior



"Jack in the Box because of the grease. No matter what you did, you came home with grease all over you."

Amy Wisneski
Biology, Junior

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Sunday, January 21

Soror Sunday

Monday, January 22

Buckle Up for Safety
1-3pm

Tuesday, January 23

Bake Sale
Peck Hall 10 am-2 pm

Women in Money
Morris University Center
Miss/IL 7:08 pm

Wednesday, January 24

Kids Nite Out
Cougar Village
Family Resource Center 6-8 pm

Thursday, January 25

Bowling with the AKAs
Morris University Center
Recreation 6:30-9 pm
\$2 Admission
(includes unlimited games and shoes)

Friday, January 26

AKA's Players Ball
Morris University Center
Meridian Ballroom
10:30 pm-2 am
\$3 w/ SIUE ID, \$5 without
Best Dressed Contest - Cash Prize

Today in sports history

On this day in 1996, the Dallas Cowboys and Buffalo Bills both won their respective National Football League conference playoffs for a SuperBowl rematch of the year before.

Sports

CLARK ADDS TO SIUE RECORDS...

With a free-throw against Lewis University, Misi Clark became the SIUE all-time scoring leader among all men's and women's Basketball players.

Baseball - Basketball - Softball - Track

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A l e s t l e

TUESDAY JANUARY 23, 2001◆

Cougar's bench continues to diminish

KUMAR BHOOSHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Hopefully, seven will be the lucky number for Cougar basketball.

It's not how many games SIUE needs to contend in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, it's the number of remaining Cougars after three suspensions last week.

Sophomore forward Mustafa Cetin, sophomore guard Jewel Gibbs and junior forward Tim Rose have been suspended indefinitely by the athletic department.

Athletic Director Cindy Jones would not give reason for the suspensions, but would only confirm them. "We don't make any public comment beyond that," she said.

Cetin and Gibbs haven't seen action since Jan. 13 in a Cougar loss to Quincy University; Rose has been out since Jan. 10 when the Cougars lost to the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Rose, who is in the top five in almost all the Cougar statistical categories, was suspended for not following proper procedure for reporting an illness, Rose said he was ill and unable to travel to the Quincy and after several unsuccessful tries to reach head coach Jack Margenthaler, he talked to the assistant coaches.

The SIUE student athlete handbook behavioral guidelines states, "Illness, injury or special needs must be communicated to and approved by the head coach."

Rose scheduled an appointment with Health Services through a trainer on Monday Jan. 15. He said he was notified the next day by an assistant coach that he had been suspended.

Cetin, one of the team's top rebounders and shot-blockers, was suspended for an incident at a party at 425 Cougar Village where allegedly he punched a hole in the wall of the upstairs hallway, according to Gibbs. Cetin was arrested Friday on charges for intentional criminal damage to state-supported property, a class four felony. He was released on Jan. 20 on \$30,000 bond from Madison County Jail.

Gibbs who was just coming off his career-best 13 point outing against Quincy, was suspended after attending the same party as Cetin. "They say they suspended

me because I went out the night before a game, and supposedly I was drinking," Gibbs said.

There is no rule regarding social activities before or after a game in the student athlete behavior guide. "We never had a 48-hour rule," Gibbs said.

Gibbs, who is 21 years old, did admit to drinking alcoholic beverages but not at the party.

"Now the coaches won't talk to me," he said. "I think that it is wrong that they won't even talk to me about why I got suspended."

The Cougars who are currently 4-11 overall and 1-8 in the GLVC, will also be playing without Wes Pickering, their fourth leading scorer for the 2000-01 season. Pickering was sidelined on Dec. 9 when he hurt his knee in a Cougar loss to Southern Indiana. According to Margenthaler, he will receive knee surgery and could be out until May.

SIUE will also be playing without freshman Jon Wolfe, who dislocated his kneecap earlier this year.

"We would bring him back if we could," Margenthaler said.

The loss means more playing time for some Cougars off the bench. Brandon Hilton, a walk-on sophomore, who has played in three games for the Cougars will get a lot more minutes, according to Margenthaler, also

Despite the lack of personnel, Margenthaler is confident his Cougars will get it together even though they will finish their season with 11 straight conference opponents.

"Anytime you lose players for any reason it changes the chemistry of the team," he said. "Things will work out."

From Left to Right:
Mustafa Cetin,
Jewel Gibbs
and Tim Rose
look on
from the
stands.



Misi Clark has led the Lady Cougars to a 11-4 overall record

SHERI MCWHIRTER/

Cougars continue conference skid

KELI KEENER
SPORTS STRINGER

The men's basketball team has had a tough go lately.

"We're on a heck of a skid right now," head coach Jack Margenthaler said.

"A heck of a skid" is a nice way of putting into terms a team with only seven eligible players and a six-game losing streak. The Cougars are lacking eight players due to injury, suspension or academic probation.

Despite four players finishing in double figures Thursday in a Great Lakes Valley Conference matchup, SIUE was unable to defeat the University of Wisconsin-Parkside the final 76-63.

The Cougars shot 41.8 percent from the field on their home court while the Rangers,

now 6-8 overall and 3-4 in the GLVC, shot 52.9 percent. SIUE struggled from the free-throw line only converting 11 of 22.

The seven-man squad fell behind by 29 points, yet managed to cut the difference by more than half before the game ended.

Marty Perry led the team with 16 points while senior forward Nick Hartwig contributed 15 and a team-high seven rebounds. Also finishing in double figures was Luke Humphrey with 14 points and Garrett Thomas with 11. Thomas also tallied a team-high eight assists.

For the Rangers, senior standout Brian Coffman led the way with 20 points. Quincy Moman finished with a double-double, scoring 11 points and bringing down 12 from the glass. Marlon Grice and Nick Knuth

each added 10 points for Wisconsin-Parkside.

Looking for a quick pick-me-up, the Cougars met Lewis University for another home game Saturday.

Despite another evening of career highs from a number of players, the Cougars could not overcome the 12-point deficit from halftime, as they fell to the Flyers 85-69.

SIUE shot 38.2 percent from the field (21-55) and 63.6 percent from the line (21-33).

Humphrey led the team with a career-high 22 points, converting four of seven from the three-point line. Next on the list was Hartwig, who recorded his first double-double of the season, scoring a career-high 16 points and 12 rebounds.

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Perry finished the game with 12 points, and Thomas and Andy Gajewski added seven apiece.

Gajewski's points all came from the charity line (7-9). He also tied his career high with seven rebounds.

Ben Garwitz scored four, and Brandon Hilton added one. Garwitz also racked up three blocks in his 33 minutes of play.

Lewis, now 5-4 in the GLVC and 7-8 overall, led from the start and were up by as many as 25 points at one point in the second half. The Flyers shot 49.3 percent from the field (34-69) and 47.4 percent from three-point range (9-19).

Josh Virostko was the leading scorer for the Flyers with 24 points. He was six of 10 in shooting threes. Austin Real recorded 15 points and Sammy Bacino added 14. Gibran Carter led the team in rebounds with 10 while also scoring seven points.

"The team is down but they played hard," Margenthaler said. "We come out strong, make a charge and then self destruct. We do things to ourselves that make it impossible for us to win sometimes."

SIUE dropped to 1-8 in the GLVC and 4-11 overall.

The Cougars will be forced to rise to overwhelming occasions for 11 more games before the season is through. The team is facing its plight head-on with only seven players.

"It is still to be determined when or if any players will return," Margenthaler said. "We'll be back at practice on Monday and we'll try to put ourselves back together again."

"I think a conference bid is still possible," he added. "We have a lot of conference games left. Undoubtedly we need to start winning. It doesn't get any easier because now we go on the road for four games. Two in particular are against top teams not only in the conference, but in the country."

Although they are sitting at the bottom of the 12-school GLVC, the Cougars aren't conceding anything.

"The effort is certainly there," Margenthaler said. "These seven guys are playing with a lot of heart and a lot of aggressiveness. It's a case where everyone's playing a lot of minutes. I know we are playing as hard as we can. That's the mark of a team that just doesn't want to give up."

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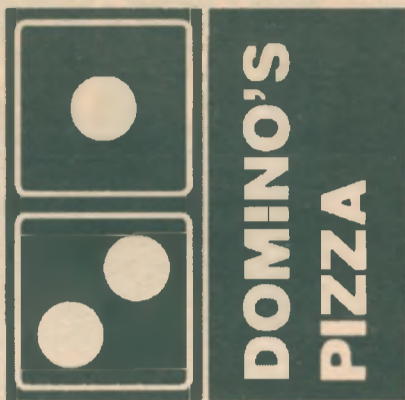
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