

Show your school spirit, vote for king and queen

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Homecoming week kicks off Monday with voting for the 2001 king and queen.

Students can vote from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

Four king and five queen candidates are vying for crowns. The candidates for king are Joe Hinton, Nicholas Hughes, Dean Kieffer and Andy Sanders. Students running for queen are Tammy Drilling, Mindi Ernst,

Debra Jaime, Tia Roth and Kelly Torrence.

This year's homecoming theme is "Mardi Gras Madness."

John Davenport, coordinator of Greek Life, is in charge of the event for the first time. Davenport said Homecoming 2001 will be different than in years past.

"We're focusing on making key events as successful as possible," Davenport said.

He anticipates more students at the pep rally and at the dance.

"We're expecting better

turnout than years past," he said. fewer than 100 people were at last year's dance.

For the first time, the king and queen will be crowned at the pep rally instead of the dance. Davenport hopes more people will see the coronation and feel like part of the homecoming celebration. The coronation and pep rally will be at noon Thursday, Feb. 22, in the Goshen Lounge. Cougar basketball players and cheerleaders will attend.

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Dean search narrows to 12

ELIZABETH GRIMSLEY
NEWS REPORTER

The College of Arts and Sciences is one step closer to finding a new dean.

The 10-member search committee has narrowed the list of candidates, selecting 12 of the 34 applications submitted.

"Actually, the way the ad went out, we may still get more applications," said Pam Decoteau, professor of art and design and search committee chair. No deadline was set for application, but it was announced that the committee would begin narrowing the search by Feb. 5.

Using a series of telephone interviews and

evaluations, the search committee will cut the list further by Feb. 26.

"From there we hope to narrow it down to the ones we want to invite to campus," Decoteau said. "We hope to start bringing those people in the week before spring break."

A group of three to five candidates will be invited to campus for personal interviews and tours.

The committee will turn in candidate evaluations and the group's final three choices to Provost and Vice Chancellor Sharon Hahs by April 6 for the final decision.

Dixie Engelman has been the acting dean since July 1 when she took over when Hahs was promoted.

Cuban research trip set for Friday

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

An SIU delegation will begin a 10-day trip to Cuba Friday.

The group consists of 30 representatives including faculty, staff, students and researchers from SIU and state and local officials.

The trip was postponed two days before its Nov. 9 departure date. Changing the date lowered the number of representatives from by one. Mass communications professor Patrick Murphy was scheduled to go but is on sabbatical in Mexico.

The group will participate in a series of

discussions with university researchers and teachers, farmers, health care workers and government officials.

The goal of the mission is to establish links with the Cuban educational system to provide programs for student and faculty exchanges.

The group also hopes to establish a link between Cuban health care facilities and the SIU School of Medicine and health care-related programs, make it possible for SIU to sponsor a symposium on Caribbean affairs and explore cooperative learning programs in agriculture, aquaculture and biotechnology.

SIUE offers free fitness screenings

DANIEL TOBERMAN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students, staff and faculty will have their chance to find out what kind of shape they're in on Valentine's Fitness Day on Friday in the Student Fitness Center.

The event will provide free physical fitness screenings, such as cardiovascular, muscular strength and flexibility along with health screenings such as blood pressure, lung function, body composition, and cholesterol and blood glucose testing.

"It's an excellent opportunity to learn what

your level of physical fitness is and find out what areas of exercise you can improve on," Fitness Center Coordinator Aimee Knitter said.

Knitter wants students to come and find out where they stand in these areas.

"The main tests that we will be conducting are the cholesterol and blood glucose levels," Knitter said.

Because there is often a correlation between elevated levels of cholesterol and heart disease, most health care providers consider blood cholesterol testing a valuable diagnostic tool.

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BETH KRUZAN/ALESTLE

James Alexander teaches self-defense moves to a student in the Student Fitness Center.

Women beware: learn self-defense techniques

MELISSA UNDERWOOD
NEWS STRINGER

The best way for women to safeguard themselves against sexual assault is to have an idea how a rapist operates.

A self-defense class teacher from St. Louis and members of his group set out to find the truth. Interviews with convicted rapists and date rapists revealed what attackers look for and what they avoid. A list of helpful and interesting facts resulted.

The No. 1 thing the men said they looked for is hairstyle. Women with a ponytail, braid or long hair are frequently targeted because their hair is easier to grab. The second thing men looked for was the woman's clothing. Clothing that can be easily removed, especially overalls, becomes a target. Women who talk on cell phones, search through their purses or are otherwise distracted while walking also make good targets.

The No. 1 place women are abducted from are grocery store parking lots. No.2 is office lots or parking garages and No.3 is public restrooms.

Only 2 percent of men interviewed said they carried weapons because rape carries a three- to five-year sentence and rape with a weapon is 15 to 20 years. The men said they looked from a distance for women carrying items that could be used as weapons, such as an umbrella. However, keys are not a deterrent because the woman would have

to get really close to an attacker to use them.

Many of the men who were interviewed said that a woman who is prepared to fight and make a scene is a very unappealing target. Yelling, wielding pepper spray or using an item such as an umbrella may scare off a potential attacker.

If a woman is being followed by a man who makes her uncomfortable, she should make eye contact and ask the time or comment on the weather. To an attacker, the victim is less appealing because she has seen his face clearly. A person who has no intention of attacking will not be offended by the small talk.

The age-old rules still apply. When walking on campus, be aware of the surrounding area, especially dark places where a person might hide. Walk in a group at night whenever possible. Don't dismiss odd behavior.

Emergency callboxes are on the walking areas throughout the main campus and in the parking lots. Blue lights flash and an alarm sounds at the push of a button. Activating one of these signals could scare away an attacker and automatically calls police.

The Student Fitness Center offers a women's self-defense class taught by James Alexander. Women interested in learning more about how to protect themselves in risky situations can attend these classes from 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday nights in the aerobics room.

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SIUE grad student becomes local hero

MIKE BIVENS
 FOR THE ALESTLE

SIUE graduate student Jim Schmieder has received the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission/Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association Outstanding Citizen Award for reporting a burglary in progress in Cougar Village.

Schmieder assisted in preventing a theft on campus and was presented the award by SILEC during a ceremony Jan. 17 in Collinsville.

Schmieder, who is a University Housing assistant area director in Cougar Village, saw three suspicious individuals tampering with vehicles and reported a crime in progress to SIUE police.

Schmieder first called the police when car alarms scared the burglars into the woods, and called again when they returned. Police arrested the three for residential burglary.

In accepting the award, Schmieder said, "I was just doing my job."

The award is given annually after SILEC asks for nominations. It is given to a citizen in recognition of a significant contribution to the course of law enforcement in Illinois.

SIUE Police Chief Richard Harrison nominated Schmieder for the SILEC/SIPCA Outstanding



ANURAG GUPTA/ALESTLE

Jim Schmieder, a graduate student in public administration, prevented a campus theft.

Citizen Award.

Schmieder is a graduate student at SIUE studying public administration.

He plans on working within University Housing and local government after his stay at SIUE. In the future, he would like to work in city planning or city managing.

Campus Scanner

Theater: Two farces by Charles Busch, "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom" and "Sleeping Beauty or Coma," will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and Friday, Feb. 23, and Saturday, Feb. 24, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. All performances will be in Katherine Dunham Hall theater. In "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom," Busch takes us from ancient Sodom to 1920s Hollywood and then to 1980s Las Vegas. "Sleeping Beauty or Coma" is an offbeat interpretation of the fairy tale, set in swinging 1960s London. Tickets are \$7; students and senior citizens, \$5. For information, call the fine arts box office at 650-2774 or from St. Louis toll-free at (888) 328-5168, Ext. 2774.

Art: A painting exhibition of the works of William Hawk is set for Monday through March 9 in the New Wagner Art Gallery, just off the atrium lobby of the Art and Design Building. There is no admission charge and the gallery is open from nine a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the art and design department at 650-3071.

Action! Days: The Action! Days program provides another opportunity for volunteer service this Saturday and Saturday, Feb. 24, at Carlyle Lake in Carlyle. The event is co-sponsored by the Student Leadership Development Program and Volunteer Services. Participants must wear work clothes, sturdy shoes and work gloves. Volunteers will assist in building spawning beds and will help with other park maintenance projects to prepare for spring, summer and fall recreation. Transportation will be provided and will depart at 8 a.m. from Lot B and return to the same location at 4 p.m. There is no fee to participate, but volunteers must make a reservation by calling the Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686 or by e-mailing carlylelake@hotmail.com.

Language: Geography honor society Gamma Theta Upsilon and the geography department will hold a special presentation on endangered languages in Nepal at 4 p.m. Thursday in Room 0207 of Founders Hall.

Business: As part of the SIUE School of Business "Business Hour" series at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Chris and Kimberly Hanck, and Jeff Herschel, co-creators of the popular "FLIPFORWARD" Web sites, will present an overview of how they struggled to make CampusDog.com a successful and profitable site. The session will be in Room 2401 of Alumni Hall.

SLDP: "Assess Your Services and Leadership

Style" is the topic of the Student Leadership Development Program module at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Faculty Club, on the second floor of the Morris University Center. A.G. Monaco, director of Human Resources, will present the module. That same day at 6:30 p.m., also in the Faculty Club, Don Holmes, of St. Mary's Hospital, and Gloria Walker, of SIUE Counseling Services, will present "Developing Self-Esteem." For more information, call the Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.

Seniors: "Pioneers of Early Narrative Cinema" is the topic of the Dialogue With Senior Citizens set for 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Mississippi Room of the Morris University Center. The topic will be presented by Steven Brown, assistant professor of art and design. For more information, call the Office of Continuing Education at 650-3210.

Music: The SIUE Gospel Choir will perform at noon Monday in the Morris University Center Goshen Lounge.

Give blood: The American Red Cross is sponsoring blood drives from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center Conference Center and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Wood River Auto Zone at 310 E. Edwardsville Road.

Poetry: SIUE English professor Eugene Redmond and saxophonist Freddie Washington will perform a guest poetry reading from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center Goshen Lounge.


Writers: The Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club will present "Homage to Gwen and Miles Davis: A Celebratory Memorial for Poet Gwendolyn Brooks and Trumpeter Miles Davis" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 2085 of the East St. Louis Community College Center, 601 J.R. Thompson Drive.

Arts and Issues: The Babes, a quartet of 40-something mothers who have established a national reputation as talented folk musicians, will perform at 7:30 p.m. March 2 and 3 in Katherine Dunham Hall theater. Tickets are \$8 for students and \$16 for the public. For tickets, call 650-2626.

Television: Tune in to "Off the Shelf" on ECTV-Channel 6 at 6:30 p.m. Friday. The program will be about reading to preschoolers and the value of family literacy. Guests Key Werner, Laverne Wilson and Dianne Koehnecke will discuss the "Book in Every Home" campaign and appropriate books for young children.

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 Module 7, 2:00 p.m.
 Leading Your Peers
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 Anthony Vinson, Jackie Joyner Kersee Boys & Girls Club
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 February 24 - Share Food Co-op, Granite City, IL
 February 24 - Computer Rehab Volunteer Project, Washington Park, IL
 March 3 & 10 - Open Door Project,
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 March 11-15 - Spring Break Trip: Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma
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Don't worry, someone voted for you



I am not represented.

In fact, there are a lot of students who are not represented on this campus. The student senate proved that Friday.

The senate passed a fee increase that will cost each student an extra \$8.60 in 2003. What's \$8.60 in the grand scheme of things?

Really, it's nothing. But what you haven't heard is what is coming to the senate over the next three years. You got it, more fee increases.

Similar fee increases will come to the senate's table over the next three years raising the athletic fee. Over a four-year period the total increase will be more than \$36 per student.

Why is the increase going up gradually? Administrators said it is so the hike is not such an economic hardship on students.

Another reason is a theory of my own. Large fee increases must be voted on by students, but small hikes do not require a vote. So, the \$8.60 increase can go straight to the board of trustees without the students ever having a say on the matter. Implementing the fee increase over four years assures that students will not be able to strike down the fee hike in a referendum.

Student Body President Phil Gersman said the increase should not have to go to a referendum because the students are represented by the senate. If students do not want to pay the higher fee, the senators' votes should reflect that.

The senators voted unanimously for the fee increase. I don't know for sure, but I think there might be a few students against this fee increase. And if there are, then the senate didn't represent those students.



I can cite another instance when the senate did not reflect the wishes of the students. Last year, the senate unanimously passed the Morris University Center fee increase. The \$90 increase was sent to a referendum and passed. But if you look closely, around 40 percent of students voted against the fee increase. Forty percent of the senate is four or five senators who should have voted no for the MUC fee increase. How were these 40 percent of students represented last year? They weren't.

To say that the senators reflect the wishes of the student body is incorrect.

Athletics are nonessential to this university. If athletics were taken away, the university would still function.

I'm not saying that students should vote on all increased in fees because some fees have to go up to keep the university running. But athletics is not one of those fees. I think if nonessential fees are raised, it should be up to the students to help make that decision just as we did with the MUC fee last year.

What it all comes down to is a lack of representation. In a way, we are being taxed without ever having a say on the matter. The senate is obviously not reflecting the wishes of the students.

The senators could still send this to a referendum if they wanted to. So, make the senators hear your side of the issue. When it comes down to it, the money is coming out of your pockets.

The student government office is on the first floor of the MUC. Senators can be reached at 650-3819. Give them a call, or stop in to see the senators and let them know how you feel about the issues.

I know I don't want money to come out of my pocket without having a say.

Brian Wallheimer
 Editor-in-Chief

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

People like Crystal Whitt and Randy Cleveland need to find better things to do with their time.

So what if Andrew Lehman is a self-assured guy? Would they consider themselves attractive? I consider myself a good-looking person. I must be conceited too.

If people are sick of reading about Lehman, then they should stop writing in about him. Maybe they should concentrate on positive reinforcement. Lehman may be a little overly self-assured, but he is a darn good writer. He also provides good illustrations for the paper. People need to look at the bigger picture, not whether they think Lehman is conceited.

I was actually going to write in praising the breast implant article. I can't believe a 15-year-old thinks she won't get anywhere in life without big breasts. As a big-breasted person, I am anxiously awaiting all the benefits, but I am just experiencing the downfalls. Then I saw Whitt's letter and thought I'd put Lehman's name in the Letters to the Editor section one more week. Although somehow I have a feeling it will pop up again.

Cathy Crater
 Sophomore

Dear Editor:

Throughout the course of this year, much has been written about supporting the athletic teams at SIUE.

While numbers have increased in attendance this year for basketball games, there is one group that the Lady Cougar basketball team would like to thank for their support- the SIUE pep band.

This group, whether it's been forced to be there or not, has come out and supported the Lady Cougars with good music, enthusiastic chants and doing the best to distract the opposing team. We appreciate it and we just wanted to say thanks for the good work and keep up the outstanding support.

Roy Gilmore
 Assistant coach

The campus sounds off

No bang for buck

Parking Services is absolutely ridiculous. The tickets already cost too much and I don't see the potholes being fixed. So, I think the rise in the parking fines is ridiculous. People are going to keep parking where they see fit.

All sound-off calls are anonymous, and as such the Alestle reserves the right to edit all calls. The views expressed in sound-off are not necessarily those of the Alestle.

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Candidates wanted for honorary degrees, awards

YALONDA MCCOY
NEWS STRINGER

Nominations are being accepted for honorary degrees and Distinguished Service Awards.

Every semester one of each of these university awards are given to nominated, qualified individuals.

According to James Grice, chair of the Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards Committee, a candidate for the honorary degree must be a person who is deeply grounded in a career of scholarship and research.

A candidate should be one who has made significant contributions to cultural, educational, scientific, economic, social, humanitarian or other worthy fields of endeavor. Involvement in creative activity that follows the academic goals of SIUE may also be a factor in the selection process.

The Distinguished Service Award may be presented to any person who has given outstanding or unusual service to the university, the region or the state. A record of the candidate's distinct public service must be included in the nomination.

"In the past, famous people like Paul Simon and Kenneth

Clark were recipients of one of these awards," Grice said. Katherine Dunham also received an honorary degree in 1962.

"On an average we only receive about three to four nominations for both awards," Grice said.

"All faculty or staff members are encouraged to nominate anyone that they think is qualified."

The honorary degrees may not be awarded to students, staff or administrators at SIUE. However, under exceptional circumstances, they may qualify for the Distinguished Service Award.

Faculty and staff should submit their nominations to Grice by March 9. The Honorary Degrees and Distinguished Service Awards Committee which is composed of faculty, staff, administrators and students will review all submissions.

A recommendation of one or two individuals will then be passed to Chancellor David Werner and the board of trustees who make the final decision in the selection process.

Awards will be given at commencement ceremonies May 5.

For more information contact Grice at 650-2054.

Cold is cause of boil order

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Residents of Cougar Village buildings 427 and 428 were under a boil order Tuesday and Wednesday.

The order came after a water main cracked because of the cold.

"It is typical this time of year because the ground heaves during the freeze/thaw cycle," said Robert Legate, associate director of University Housing. "This process cracked the pipe."

Kane Mechanical Inc., a local contractor, had the break repaired by 9 a.m. Tuesday, but the boil order remained in effect until 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Legate said a boil order typically lasts 24 hours, but the time was extended to 5 p.m. to allow a water sample to be taken and checked.

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That night both the men's and women's basketball teams take on Bellarmine College. The women's game begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the men's game at 7:45.

The Mardi Gras Madness Homecoming Dance is at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, in the Meridian Ballroom. Davenport said 4,000 strings of beads will be given out.

The basketball teams hit the court again at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, against Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Events also include the University Center Board-sponsored "Say What Karaoke," from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Goshen Lounge.

FITNESS

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"Since the tests usually cost \$10, what better time to come in than when they are free?" Knitter said.

The event is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., but anyone wishing to have cholesterol and blood glucose levels measured must arrive no later than 3:30 p.m.

An explanation of the results to the tests and recommendations for improvements will be provided.

Because participants will be performing physical activities, Knitter recommends workout attire.

Illinois breaks spending records in 2000 election

ANNE MARIE TAVELLA
DAILY EGYPTIAN

CARBONDALE (U-WIRE) — The cost of contested seats in the Illinois General Assembly surged into record-breaking territory in the 2000 election. New records were set for the most expensive Senate and House races in Illinois history, and the record number of races exceeding \$1 million doubled to eight.

The figures were compiled by the Sunshine Project and the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform from year-end reports filed with the State Board of Elections.

The last record was set in 1996 when the number of million-dollar legislative races reached four. In 2000, races in the 18th, 27th and 30th Senate districts and the 63rd, 103rd, 116th, 117th and 118th House districts jumped to more than \$1 million.

Kent Redfield, director of the Sunshine Project, said the 2000 election can be attributed to the continuing trend of rising election costs, but he was not expecting the number of \$1 million races to double.

"I was still surprised to see that kind of jump," Redfield said.

Three of the record-breaking House races were in Southern Illinois, with the 116th district race hitting \$1.36 million, the most ever spent on an Illinois House race in history.

Redfield said he finds it troubling that \$1 million is spent on campaigning for seats that pay about \$55,000.

Redfield said most of the money spent in the 116th, 117th and 118th races was

funneled to the candidates by leaders in their parties.

"Very little of the money came from those districts," he said.

The races present a power struggle between the two political parties and right now there are no regulations to stop it, Redfield said.

According to Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, Southern Illinois was a battleground because of the seats left without incumbents.

"The turnover is something we haven't seen for some time," Bost said.

When two new candidates are in combat for a seat, they are often working without the advantage of name recognition or an established presence in the area, Bost said.

He said another consideration is the boost in advertising elections create.

"The reality is, for the economy, it's great," Bost said.

Advertisers were probably reveling in the Senate's 27th District, where candidates set a new spending record with \$1.4 million.

Bost said he is in favor of regulating the current system by implementing regulation that would require candidates to match money received from outside their districts with money raised within the

SIUE authors sign pictorial book



BETH KRUZAN/ALESTLE

Donna Bardon, retired director of development of Lovejoy Library, and Stephen Kerber, university archivist and special collections librarian, signed copies of their book, "Southern Illinois University Edwardsville," Wednesday in the Morris University Center Bookstore.

district.

However, Bost said he does not support all types of campaign finance reforms.

Mike Lawrence, associate director of the Public Policy Institute, said spending has increased with each election.

Lawrence said large amounts of money are poured into a relatively small proportion of races that are highly contested. About a dozen races in the House and fewer in the Senate determine which party will control each section of the legislature.

Highly contested seats downstate can carry a large price tag because of the use of T.V. commercials in Southern Illinois

campaigns.

"A considerable amount of money is used to buy advertisements on television," Lawrence said.

The situation does warrant concern, but Lawrence said the possible ramifications of reform should be considered.

One problem with forcing matching funding is that it could provide an advantage for the incumbent, Lawrence said. Challengers, who are less known in the area, may have difficulties raising funds within the district.

"I understand the need for reform, but I think we need to be careful," he said.



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Police incidents

Accident

2/12/01

Police took a report that university employees hit a tree near Cougar Village 419.

Ambulance

2/8/01

An ambulance responded to a report that someone was having a seizure on the roof of Bluff Hall. The subject was taken to Anderson Hospital.

An ambulance responded to the Student Fitness Center for a student with a badly cut finger. The student was taken to Anderson Hospital.

Battery

2/10/01

Police arrested Justin Plummer in Cougar Village 516. Plummer posted \$100 bond and was released.

Damage

2/6/01

Meredith Walker reported that someone walked on the hood of her car while it was parked in Lot 5.

2/8/01

Police responded to a report of vandalism to a sign owned by the university on University Drive.

Police responded to a report of an arrow shot into the side of Cougar Village 416.

2/9/01

Police responded to a complaint of someone kicking in a door at Cougar Village 412. Housing was contacted to repair it.

Other Violations

Police issued a citation to Laura Scherbing for consumption of alcohol by a minor in Prairie Hall.

Theft

2/2/01

A laptop computer was reported missing from Dunham Hall.

Traffic

2/2/01

Police issued a citation to Carolyn Day for driving an uninsured vehicle on University Drive.

Beau Vuagniaux received a citation for driving an uninsured vehicle on Cougar Lake Drive.

Police issued a citation to Nathan Bloodsworth for driving

an uninsured vehicle on University Drive.

2/3/01

Police issued a citation to Steven Matzker for an incomplete stop in Lot 1.

Kevin Zimmer was issued a citation for an improper turn on Cougar Lake Drive.

Police issued a citation to Jennifer Hammons for speeding on Poag Road.

Police issued a citation to Jason Woodson for speeding near Lot C.

2/5/01

Matthew Kasnik received a citation for driving an uninsured vehicle on University Drive.

Susan Carter received a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Kelly Baath received a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Corey Dent received a citation for driving an uninsured vehicle in Lot 9.

Police issues a citation to Leslie Crook for an incomplete stop on Cougar Lake Drive.

Police issued a citation to Diane Cooper for tinted windows on Cougar Lake Drive.

Tynisha Jones was issued a citation for driving on a suspended license. She was given a notice to appear in court.

Police issued a citation to Darryl Tyler for having tinted license plate covers.

2/7/01

Nan Mao received a citation for an incomplete stop on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Paul Holloway for driving an uninsured vehicle on Cougar Lake Drive.

Police issued a citation to Colby Jackson for parking in a handicapped space at Woodland Hall.

2/8/01

Police issued a citation to Nancy Albrecht for driving without a valid driver's license in Lot 7.

Police issued a citation to Ranetta Ferguson for driving an uninsured vehicle on University Drive.

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Police issued a citation to Deborah Houston-Smith for speeding on University Drive.

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SIUE THEATER OPENS DUAL PLAYS THIS WEEKEND



VAMPIRE
LESBIANS
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MELINDA HAWKINS
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The SIUE theater department is hoping for a strong turnout of the student population this weekend to see the production of "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom" and "Sleeping Beauty or Coma."

Opening night is at 7:30 p.m. Friday, with additional performances Saturday and Friday, Feb. 23 and Saturday, Feb. 24, and a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. The performance is interactive. Tickets are still available for the opening night production in the box office of Katherine Dunham Hall. Students and seniors are \$5 and general admission is \$7.

This production is actually two plays, both written by Charles Busch, a former drag actor. He played the female lead in the off-Broadway productions, and "Vampire Lesbians" is known for being the longest running nonmusical, off-Broadway production after running for five years. It was observed the plays developed a cult following, with the same people coming to see them again and again.

David Kozinski, the set designer for "Coma" talked about the set design. "As I read the script I came up with the idea of making a fashion runway that looks like a human tongue. It took approximately one month to build the set," Kozinski said.

Tiffany Cotton plays Enid in "Coma." "I think it's great that SIUE decided to do such a risky play," she said. "We're hoping to appeal to the student population with this production more than the regular adult theater-goers. These plays really fit in with the interests and humor of our generation. This is a great chance for students to see there's more to theater than tragedy and drama. This production is a comedy and a chance to have fun."

Jason Jones is sound designer and assistant technical director for the production. "Students should come and see this show. It's really lively and fun. For example, Andrew Lackey plays a maid, and his character is just hilarious," Jones said.

"One really interesting thing about this play is it is entirely student designed, with the

exception of Otis Sweezey, the director," Kozinski said.

Sean Walton is an actor in the play who also co-designed the costumes with Tim Milligan. "Designing and organizing the costumes for this show was fairly challenging," Walton said. "Some of the actors are in more than one of the plays, so we had to completely change their look from one play to the next."

Walton also expressed a hope to see a stronger student presence in the audience. "We're hoping to change the demographics of our audience for this play. Student

support for the theater department has been fairly minimal, and we think they should know the theater is here for students," he said.

An interesting side show to the upcoming production, nine church groups plan to protest the production of "Vampire Lesbians of Sodom" and "Sleeping Beauty or Coma."

"The play has been the cause of some controversy, with church groups planning to protest opening night, mostly because the title has lesbians in it," Milligan said.

"I don't know how much they actually know about the play. It's not offensive. It's just fun," Walton said.

Sweezey is the director for the production. "As far as I can tell, none of the protest groups have ever read the play," he said. "They're assuming from the title that they won't like it. There's nothing that happens on stage that you don't see regularly on television."

Sweezey emphasized that the department's goal was to attract students to the theater. "We're trying to make a major adjustment in the kind of audience we attract. With the addition of three residence halls to the SIUE campus, students who live on campus need things to do on the weekends. We want to put on plays that appeal to them so that for very little money they can come out and have an enjoyable evening of entertainment," he said.

Students coming to the opening night production are encouraged to dress in costumes. During intermission, prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. "After the show SETO (Student Experimental Theater Organization), UDO (University Dance Organization), and USITT (U.S. Institute Theater for Technology) will be sponsoring a free costume dance in the Meridian Ballroom called Voluptuous Vegas - Come Shag in Drag. This gives students the opportunity to get dressed up and have a whole evening of fun," Sweezey said.

The Come Shag in Drag dance extravaganza will be in the Meridian Ballroom from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. For more information on the SIUE theater department and upcoming productions visit its Web site at www.siu.edu/theater/season.html.



Bill Brenson/SIUE Services

St. Louis features van Gogh

MELINDA HAWKINS
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The St. Louis Art Museum is gaining national attention with its upcoming exhibition "Vincent van Gogh and the Painters of the Petit Boulevard."

This exhibition offers an extraordinary opportunity for SIUE students to learn more about the life and work of Vincent van Gogh and his contemporaries. The exhibition will present numerous works never before shown in the United States.

"Vincent van Gogh and the Painters of the Petit Boulevard," which will run from Saturday to May 13, features 68 works by van Gogh and his contemporaries in the late 19th century Paris avant-garde. This exhibition explores van Gogh's relationships with a group of post-Impressionist artists interested in creating truly modern art. The contemporaries featured in this exhibition include Charles Angrand, Louis Anquetin, Emile Bernard, Paul Gauguin, Camille Pissarro, Lucien Pissarro, Georges Seurat, Paul Signac and Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec.

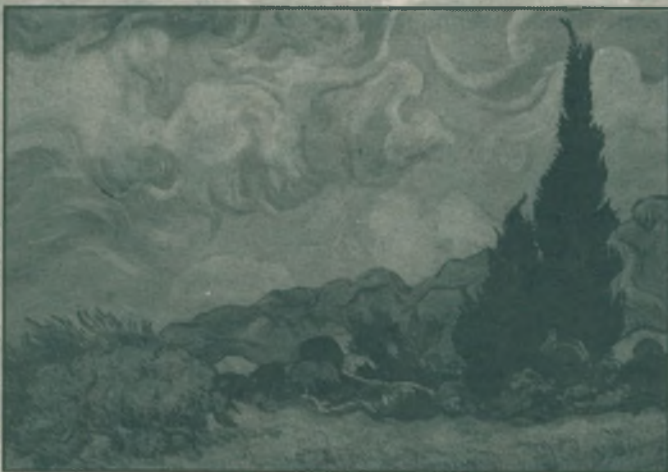
Van Gogh was responsible for styling these artists as the painters of the petit boulevard as a way of distinguishing their unique styles and techniques from the established Impressionist painters or the painters of the grand boulevard. The works of this group of artists are juxtaposed in this exhibition to allow viewers insight into the influence they had not only on each other's work, but also on the incredible range of styles and techniques that shaped the future of European modern art.

The petit boulevard artists were

interested in four major themes: the entertainment and night life of Paris, landscape and portraiture. The exhibition is organized around these themes. Particularly interesting for comparison of styles is a pair of portraits painted by van Gogh and Gauguin depicting the same woman, Madame Roulin.

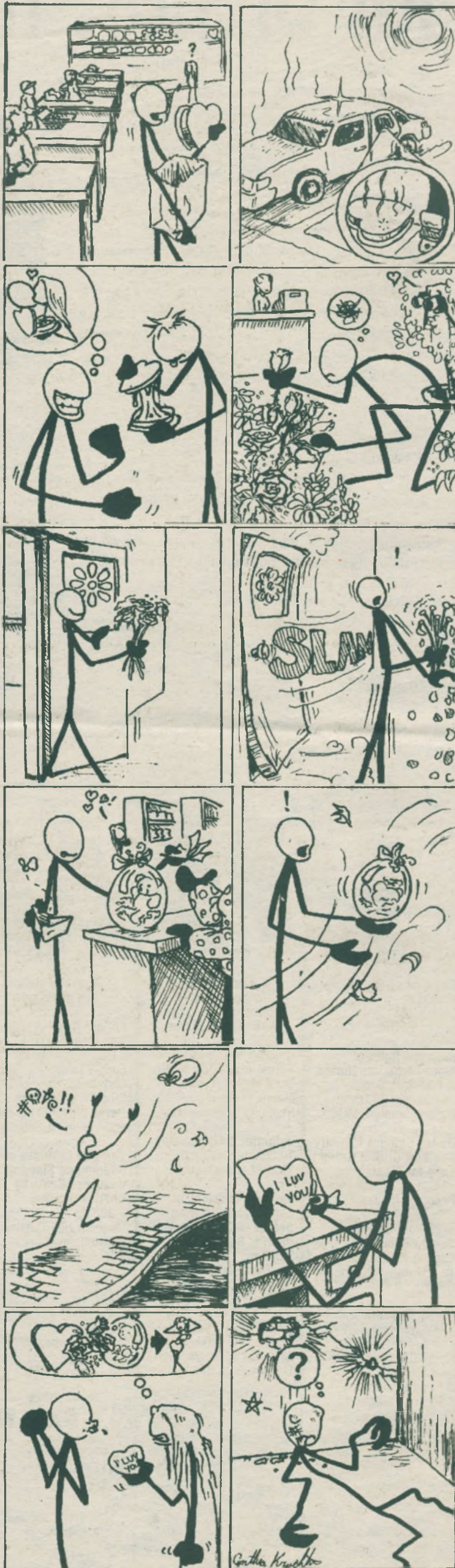
The curator responsible for the exhibition is Cornelia Homburg, who became curator of modern art at the St. Louis Art Museum in 1997. She received her doctorate in art history from the University of Amsterdam in 1994 and served as assistant curator at the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam in 1988 and 1990. Homburg is an expert on the work of van Gogh.

This exhibition promises to be an excellent opportunity to explore the exciting world of the Paris avant-garde during the late 19th century. Tickets for "Vincent van Gogh and the Painters of the Petit Boulevard" are available online at www.slam.org or by phone at (866) VINCENT with a \$2 service fee. Tickets bought at the art museum ticket center have no service fee. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$6 for children 6 to 12. Admission for children under 6 are free. Tickets are free on Tuesdays for as long as they last.



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STICKMAN



Hot or not: find out on the Web

BROOKE HEITZ
LIFESTYLES REPORTER

To most, image is extremely important in life. Now Internet users can decide for themselves.

Jim Young and James Hong, former University of California-Berkeley electrical engineering students, never could have grasped the idea of their Web site becoming one of the most popular sites. What started off as a simple idea of posting a picture on the Web turned out to be a roaring business.

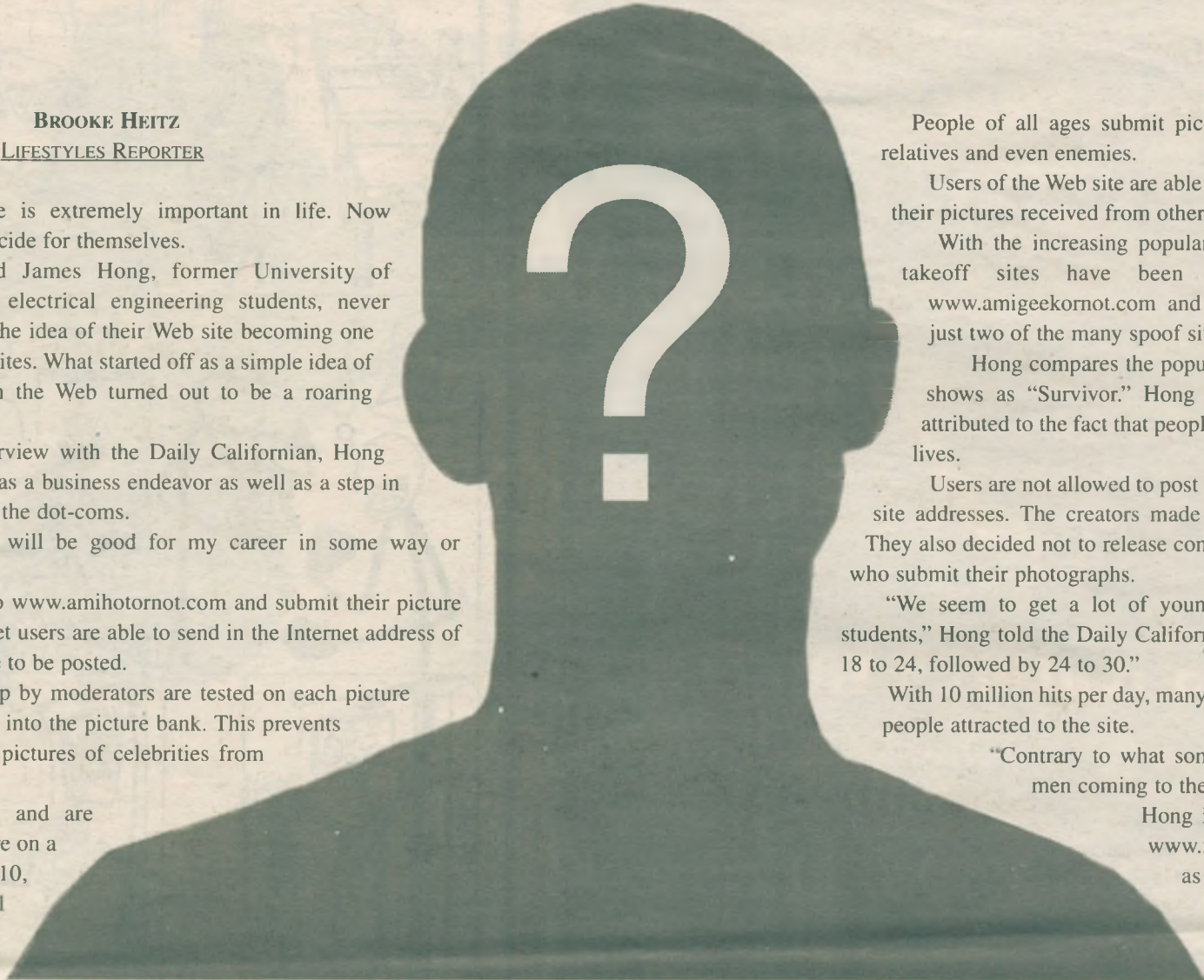
In a recent interview with the Daily Californian, Hong said he sees the site as a business endeavor as well as a step in the right direction to the dot-coms.

"Hopefully this will be good for my career in some way or another," he said.

People can go to www.amihotornot.com and submit their picture anonymously. Internet users are able to send in the Internet address of a picture they choose to be posted.

Guidelines set up by moderators are tested on each picture before entering them into the picture bank. This prevents indecent pictures or pictures of celebrities from being posted.

Visitors log on and are able to rate the picture on a scale from 1 to 10, where 10 is hot and 1 is not.



People of all ages submit pictures of themselves, friends, relatives and even enemies.

Users of the Web site are able to log in and check the scores their pictures received from others.

With the increasing popularity of the Web site, several takeoff sites have been created. Sites such as www.amigeekornot.com and www.amigothornot.com are just two of the many spoof sites out there.

Hong compares the popularity of the Web site to such shows as "Survivor." Hong said their success could be attributed to the fact that people like to watch other people's lives.

Users are not allowed to post their e-mail addresses or Web site addresses. The creators made the confidentiality decision. They also decided not to release contact information from people who submit their photographs.

"We seem to get a lot of young professionals and college students," Hong told the Daily Californian. "Our main age group is 18 to 24, followed by 24 to 30."

With 10 million hits per day, many believe that men are the only people attracted to the site.

"Contrary to what some would guess, it's not just men coming to the site," he said.

Hong is running another Web site: www.xmethod.net. The site serves as a resource for developers.

LIFE AFTER CLASS

Thursday, February 15	Friday, February 16	Saturday, February 17	Sunday, February 18	Monday, February 19	Tuesday, February 20	Wednesday, February 21
<p>Red Cross Blood Drive 10:00a.m. - 6:00p.m. Conference Center, Morris University Center</p> <p>Historical Roles of African-American Nurses in American Society 11:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. Goshen Lounge, MUC</p> <p>United Campus Ministry Spiritual Growth Group - Soup for Finals 11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. Religious Center</p> <p>SIUE Poet Laureate: Guest Reading by Eugene Redmond 12:30p.m. - 1:30p.m. Goshen Lounge, MUC</p> <p>Nepal Presentation 4:00p.m. Founders Hall, Room 0207</p> <p>3 Point Shootout 4:00p.m. - 5:30p.m. Student Fitness Center</p>	<p>Last day for undergraduate students to change Audit/Credit status.</p> <p>Reservations due for Spring Break Trip to Big Bend National Park - March 11-18 Student Fitness Center</p> <p>Valentine's Fitness Day 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Student Fitness Center</p> <p>Vampire Lesbians of Sodom and Sleeping Beauty or Coma by Charles Busch 7:30p.m. Dunham Hall Theater \$5 Students/Seniors/ \$7 General</p> <p>Dance 2001 10:00p.m. - 2:00a.m. Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center</p>	<p>Weekend classes not in session.</p> <p>Action! Days Volunteer Service 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Carlyle Lake Carlyle, IL - Student Leadership Development Program and Volunteer Services</p> <p>Vampire Lesbians of Sodom and Sleeping Beauty or Coma by Charles Busch 7:30p.m. Dunham Hall Theater \$5 Students/Seniors \$7 General</p>	<p>Catholic Mass/Social 10:30a.m. & 8:30p.m. Religious Center</p>	<p>Last day to submit Residency Appeals for Spring '01.</p> <p>William Hawk, Painting Exhibition through March 9 Reception - TBA New Wagner Art Gallery</p> <p>Homecoming King and Queen Voting 10:00a.m. - 7:00p.m. Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center</p> <p>SIUE Gospel Choir 12:00Noon - 1:00p.m. Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center</p>	<p>Homecoming King and Queen Voting 10:00a.m. - 7:00p.m. Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center</p> <p>Business Hour 11:00a.m. - 12:15p.m. Alumni Hall, Room 2401</p> <p>SLDP Module 2:00p.m. & 6:30p.m. Faculty Club, Morris University Center</p> <p>Sexual Assault Survivors Group 2:30p.m. - 4:00p.m. Rendleman Hall, Room 0214</p> <p>Just for Laughs Featuring Mike Veneman 6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. Cougar Den, Morris University Center</p>	<p>United Campus Ministry - Sisters Circle 12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m. Religious Center</p> <p>Say What? Karaoke 11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center</p> <p>Fellowship Dinner & Prayer 6:30p.m. Religious Center</p>

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Sports

BASEBALL TEAM GOES ON THE ROAD
The Cougar baseball team will travel to Memphis, Tenn., to play in a doubleheader against Christian Brothers University at noon on Sunday. The Cougars will try to improve their record after losing to the no. 4 ranked University of Alabama-Huntsville.

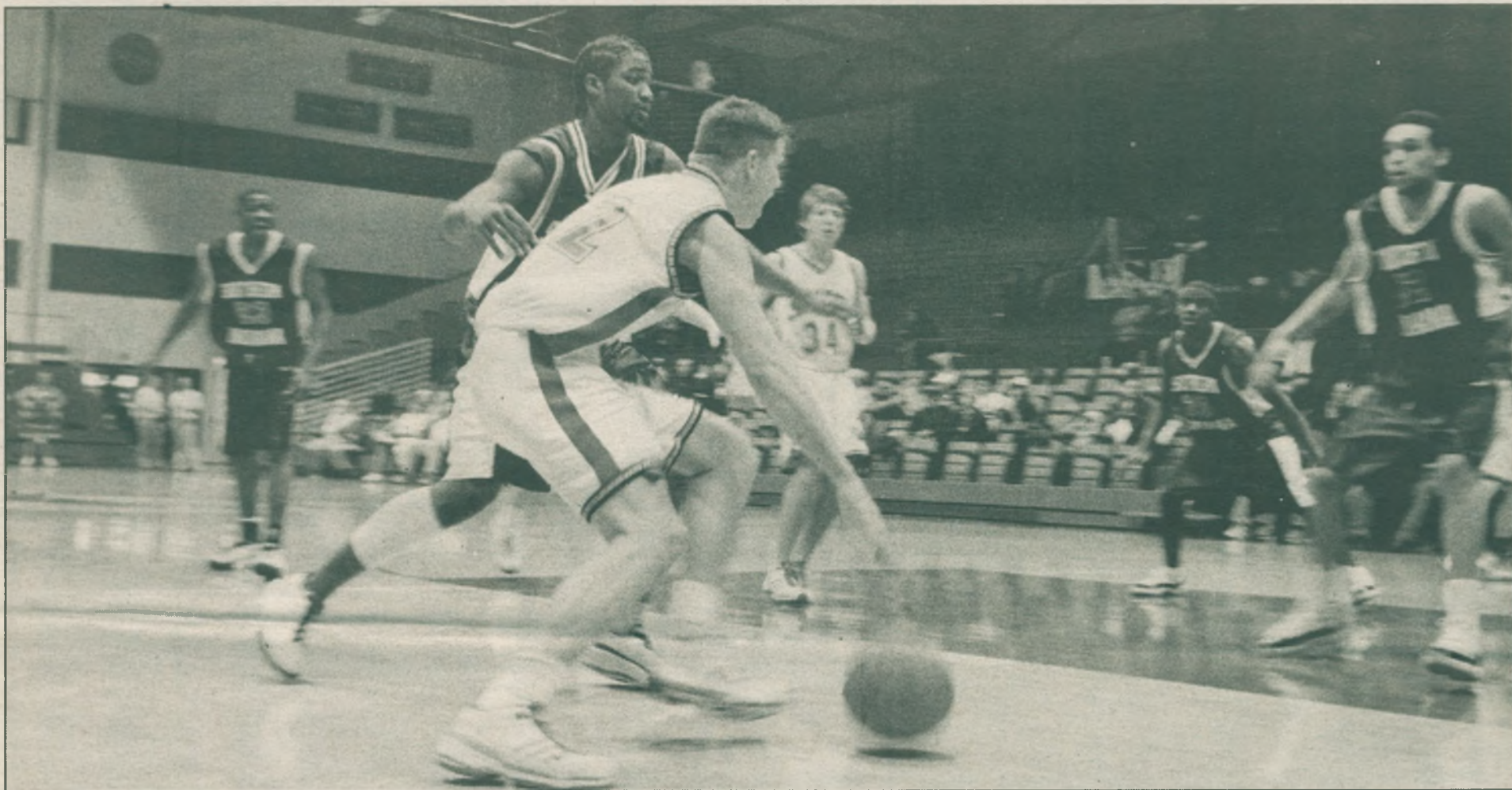
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Eagles swoop down on SIUE



SHERI MCWHIRTER/ALESTLE

Nick Hartwig drives to the lane Tuesday against the Screaming Eagles.

Southern Indiana too much for SIUE

KELI KEENER
SPORTS STRINGER

The Screaming Eagles of the University of Indiana demonstrated their national ranking.

At home, SIUE played the University of Southern Indiana. Southern Indiana dominated the Cougars 101-73. The Screaming Eagles got off to a quick start, managing to convert on three straight three-pointers.

"In watching the tapes, our game plan was to maintain their offense down low," head Coach Jack Margenthaler said. "We were able to do that, unfortunately they got hot from outside the perimeter."

The up-tempo Screaming Eagles flew up and down the court, went into halftime with a 53-31 lead and never looked back.

Southern Indiana is No. 2 in the country. The Screaming Eagles rank No. 1 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference adding to their impressive 15-1 GLVC record and 21-1 overall record.

Junior forward Marty Perry recorded another solid game with 23 points for SIUE. He also added four assists, three steals and four rebounds.

Senior Nick Hartwig recorded a double-double, finishing the game with 11 points and 11 rebounds in 31 minutes of play.

Guard Garrett Thomas also finished big with 15 points and five assists. The Cougars shot 43.7 percent (31 for 71) from the field to the Screaming Eagles' 56.8 percent going 42-74.

For Southern Indiana, reigning GLVC Player of the Week Derrick Lyons led his team with 24 points, converting 10 of 14 shots from the field.

Lyons was 4 for 4 from three-point arc, while his team as a whole connected on 11 of 22 attempts.

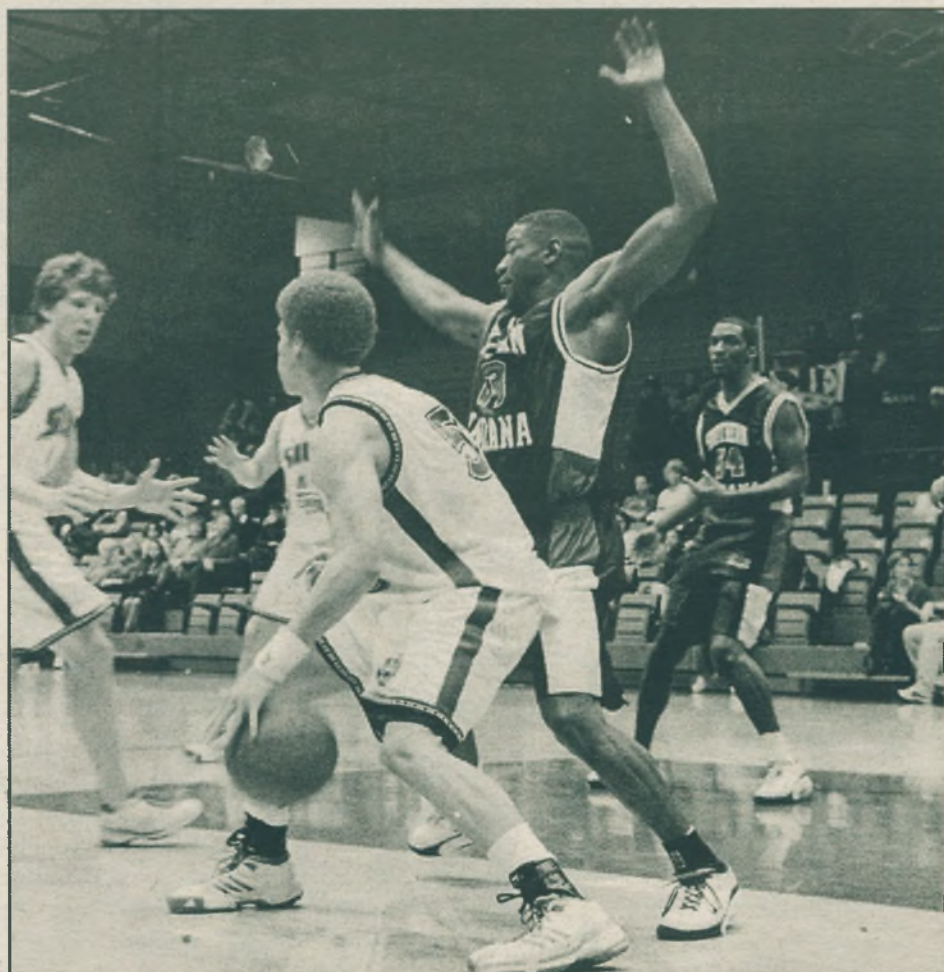
"After a while, we figured out a productive way to stop their offense," Margenthaler said. "It came in the second half, which proved to be too little too late."

Double figures were also reached by forward Marlowe Currie with 23 points, Diondre Givens with 19, LaJuan Christon with 11 and Wes Attebury with 10. The Screaming Eagles beat the Cougars 99-78 earlier this season in Evansville, Ind.

"Wednesday's practice will be very important for us," Margenthaler said. "We need to see if we can pick ourselves up after a tough loss and this coaching staff won't allow players to hang their heads."

The Cougars will follow up with two road games and try to get revenge against a couple of conference teams they lost to earlier this season.

First up Thursday is Lewis University. The Flyers are ninth in the conference with



SHERI MCWHIRTER/ALESTLE

Sophomore Brandon Hilton scored eight points against Southern Indiana.

their 6-9 record, 8-13 overall. Lewis is one of six teams fighting for the last spot in the GLVC Tournament and they are one game behind the University of Indianapolis and St. Joseph's College.

Lewis is tied with University of

Missouri St. Louis and University of Wisconsin-Parkside and are one game up on Quincy. The Flyers are coming off a five-game losing streak. Game time is set for 7:45 p.m. in Romeoville.

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Soaring Eagles win over SIUE

Lady Cougars have their three-game winning streak snapped Tuesday



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Guard Jessica Robert is second on the Lady Cougar squad averaging 10.2 points per game.

KUMAR BHOOSHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

Turning over the ball led to the demise of the Lady Cougars three-game winning streak.

In Great Lakes Valley Conference action Tuesday, SIUE fell to No. 2 University of Southern Indiana 77-63.

The Screaming Eagles, 18th in the nation, relied on defensive pressure to cage the Lady Cougars.

"Turnovers were the key in this game," head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "We were playing with them all night, but we weren't making good decisions with the ball."

The Screaming Eagles made the Lady Cougars commit 30 turnovers.

Southern Indiana was able to convert most of those turnovers into points.

"Inbounding the ball was a great problem for us," Hedberg said. "We gave our players three options to inbound the ball and we would lock in on one player

and then close out the rest of our options."

Misi Clark led the Lady Cougars with 15 points, seven rebounds and four assists. Three other players were able to finish in double figures as well. Sarah Cook finished the evening with 13 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

Center Crystal Gladson was the second-highest scoring Lady Cougar with 14 points and four rebounds.

Guard Jessica Robert scored 10 points and grabbed four rebounds.

Forward Natalie Glaser led the Screaming Eagles with 18 points and pulled down three rebounds. Elizabeth Prewett and Michelle Irwin led the Screaming Eagles with eight rebounds apiece. The Screaming Eagles also shot 7-for-17 from the three-point line.

"We knew this was a team we could compete with," Hedberg said. "At halftime we thought minimizing our turnovers would be a key to

winning, but they played extremely intense in the second half."

The win hands Southern Indiana an impressive 19-3 overall record.

The Lady Cougars, 11-5 in the GLVC and 16-6 overall, will try to claim two key conference wins this week when they go on the road.

On Thursday SIUE will travel to Romeoville to face conference opponent Lewis University.

Lewis is ninth in the GLVC with a record of 6-10 in the GLVC and 9-13 overall.

The last time these two conference opponents clashed, the Lady Cougars squeaked out a win, downing Lewis 64-61.

In that game Andrea Gunnell took most of the shots for Lewis and finished the night with 15 points and two rebounds.

Erin Watterson also played well for Lewis with 11 points and five rebounds. Bryanne Callahan led Lewis with eight rebounds.

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SIUE relies on force in the paint

Cook has established herself in the Great Lakes Valley Conference

AMY GRANT
SPORTS STRINGER



Sarah Cook

In only her second year at SIUE, senior Sarah Cook has proved herself to be one of the top players on the women's basketball team.

Cook, a native of Columbus, Ohio, transferred to SIUE last year after spending two years at University of Toledo.

As a freshman, Cook scored 13 points for Toledo in her collegiate debut against Youngstown State University. In her sophomore year, she appeared in 29 games, grabbed 47 rebounds and averaged 2.7 points per game.

In her first season as a Lady Cougar, Cook started all 27 games and was an All-Conference honorable mention. She also led the team in field goal percentage (55.7), free-throw percentage (85.5) and blocked shots (38).

Cook also scored a career-high 22 points against

McKendree College in her first game for SIUE last season. And against University of Southern Indiana, Cook recorded a career-high 11 rebounds and three assists.

"Offensively, she has some of the best moves of the post-players in our conference," head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "She is a very capable scorer for us down low."

The 6-foot-1-inch center graduated from Grove City High School in Ohio, where she was a four-year letter winner in basketball.

Cook was named to the all-league first team all four years of high school.

She was also appointed captain and awarded the team's Most Valuable Player Award her junior and senior years.

This season, Cook's play has been a contributing factor to the Lady Cougars' overall 16-6 record. She has started 20 games and is averaging 23.9 minutes per game.

"She's probably more comfortable with us now than she was last year when she came here," Hedberg said. "She's a little more familiar with our conference and the

people in our conference, and I think that whole experience has helped her."

Cook's 55.7 field goal percentage ranks her fifth in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. She has an average of 8.8 points per game, which ranks her third on the team.

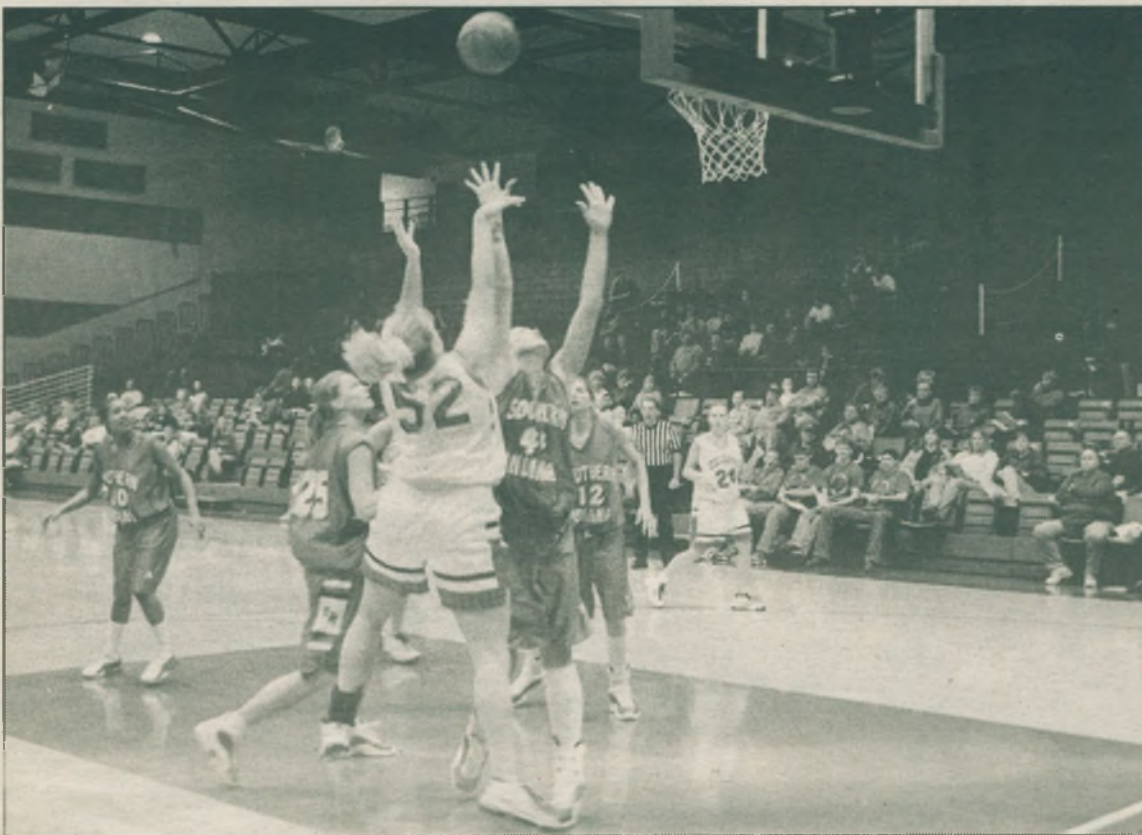
Cook recorded her season-high total of 22 points in a 71-70 win over Pittsburgh State University Dec. 18. She also has more than five rebounds in four games this season, most recently grabbing eight reboundns in a loss to Southern Indiana.

Another area in which Cook has excelled is blocked shots. She remains fifth on the Lady Cougars' all-time blocked shots list with 38.

She currently leads the GLVC, as well as the team, with 22 blocked shots in 18 games.

"She is a good defender and is capable of blocking shots," Hedberg said. "She is just intimidating in size."

In SIUE's last game on Tuesday Cook recorded 13 points and led the team pulling down eight rebounds, one blocked shot and two steals.



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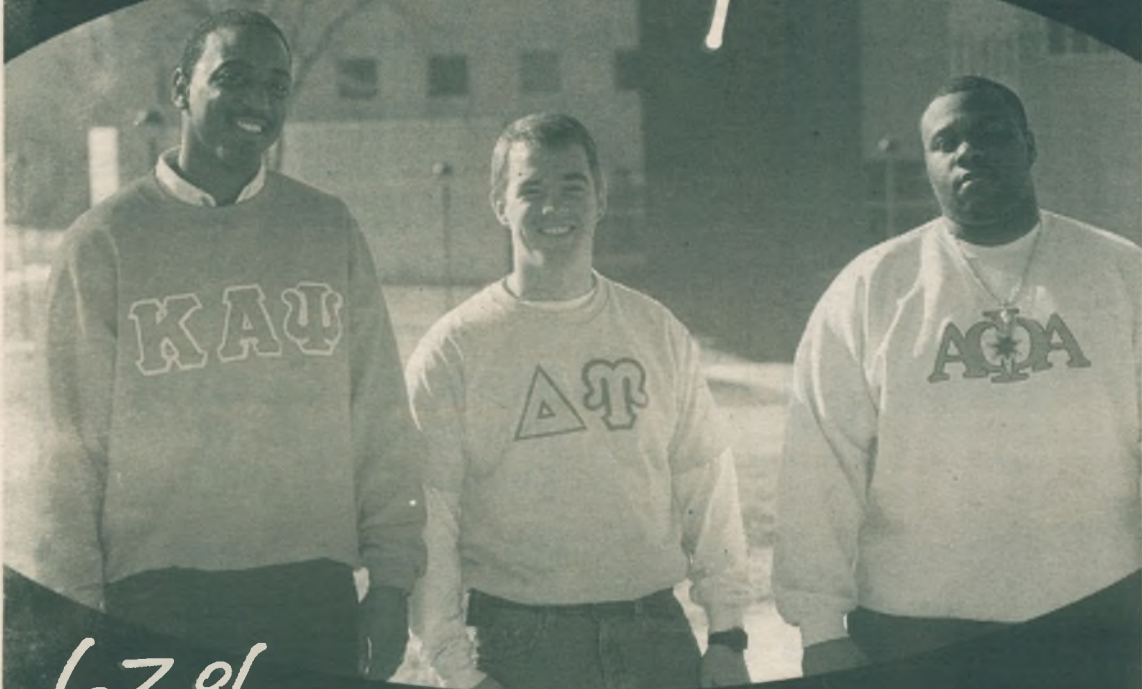
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SIUE will then head to the Wisconsin-Parkside at 3:15 p.m. Saturday in Kenosha, Wis. The Rangers are eighth in the conference standings with their 6-9 in the GLVC, 9-12 overall, record.

Senior guard Brian Coffman is averaging 17.9 points per game. He leads his team in assists with 63. Wisconsin Parkside is shooting for its first conference tournament berth in school history.

"Both of these teams have played up and down during the season," Margenthaler said. "Each game is winnable for us if we go on the road and play well."

Perry leads the Cougars with an average of 15.4 points per game. He has a 55.7 field goal percentage, an 87 free-throw percentage and a three-point field goal percentage of 46.9.

Hartwig is averaging 8.4 points per game and leads SIUE with 6.1 rebounds per game.

"We have four games left and we just need to continue getting better," Margenthaler said. "This is a very young team and confidence is a big factor."

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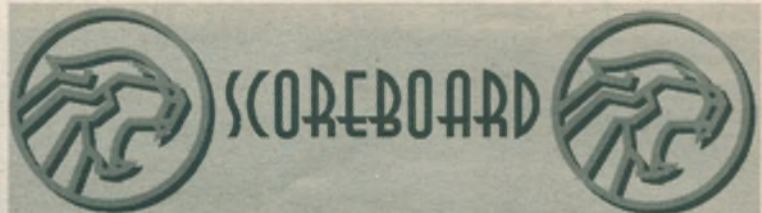
Consistency was key to the Lady Cougars' win earlier this year. Four SIUE players finished with double digits in their last meeting. The Lady Cougars hope to get another productive evening out of Clark, who scored 17 points against Lewis. Teammate Megan Grizzle was also key in the Lady Cougar win, scoring 12 points. If the Lady Cougars want to be successful again, they will have to focus more on rebounding. The Lady Cougars were outrebounded by Lewis 36-32 with Grizzle pulling down a team high eight for the game.

On Saturday the Lady Cougars will travel to Kenosha, Wis., to play the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

In similar fashion the Lady Cougars edged out the Lady Rangers 62-60 earlier this year. SIUE will have to focus on Wisconsin-Parkside's Joy Roedefer, who almost finished with a double-double in the last meeting, scoring 14 points and finishing with nine rebounds.

The Lady Rangers also had two players come off the bench and score in double digits. They will have to revolve their game plan around Clark. In their last meeting Clark poured in 20 points and pulled down five rebounds.

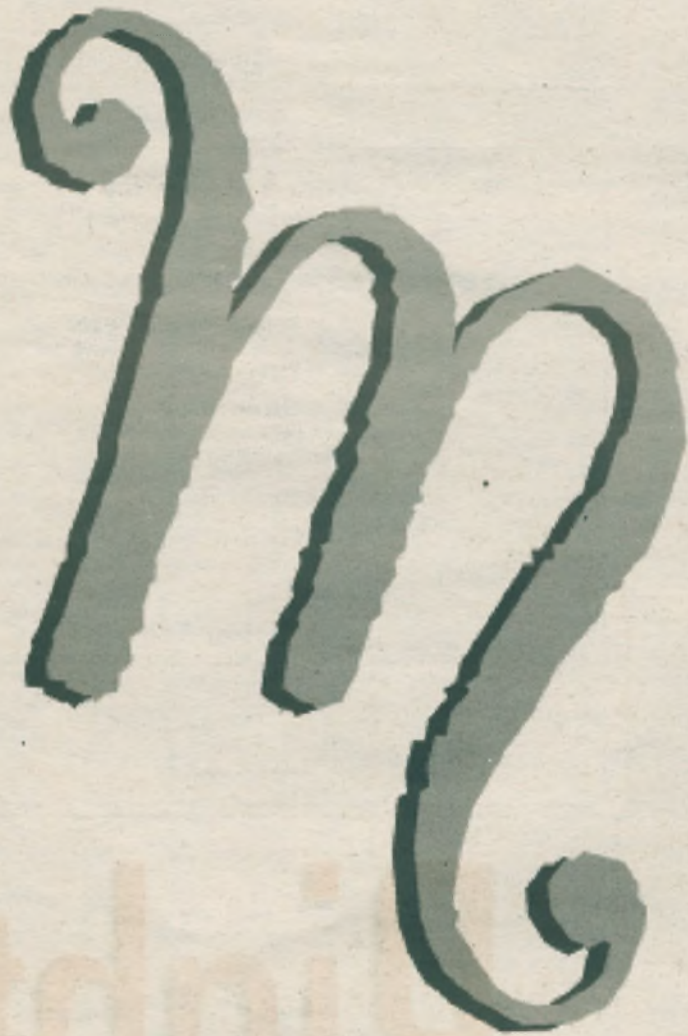
"Nearing the end of the season, we want to focus on staying consistent," Hedberg said. "For the most part our plans are pretty well made and we just want to work on fundamentals."



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEADERS

	POINTS	
NAME		PPG
1. Misi Clark		17.6
2. Jessica Robert		10.2
3. Sarah Cook		8.8
4. Crystal Gladson		8.4

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NAME		RPG
1. Misi Clark		6.1
2. Crystal Gladson		4.3
3. Jill Johnson		4.2



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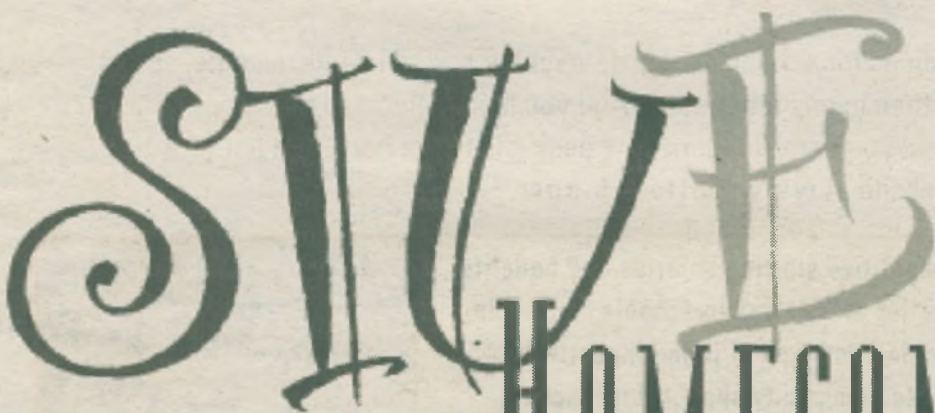
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