

Cougars advance to World Series

SIUE takes regional crown by defeating conference foe Indianapolis

SIUE (40-25)

TAMPA (49-8)

Game 1

NORTH FLORIDA (45-15)

DELTA STATE (47-9)

Game 2

KUTZTOWN (38-17)

ST. MARY'S (46-12)

Game 3

UMASS LOWELL (38-17)

CENTRAL MO. ST. (49-8)

Game 4

KELI KEENER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Cougars are World Series bound.

The men's baseball team is heading to Montgomery, Ala., for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II World Series for the first time since the team took fifth place in 1997.

The Cougars earned the No. 8 seed in the tournament after beating out the University of Indianapolis in the regional final and will face the No. 1 seed University of Tampa at 1 p.m. Saturday.

"I think our chances are pretty damn good," head coach Gary Collins said Tuesday. "We've got as good a shot as anybody else does. It's going to be tough."

This marks SIUE's eighth

national tournament appearance. SIUE has never won the national title but took second place in 1976.

Tampa won its Sunshine State Conference by two and a half games.

Outfielder Tom Carrow was the SSC Player of the Year, while Charlie Manning was the Pitcher of the Year and pitcher Joey Watts was Freshman of the Year.

They were joined on the SSC First Team by pitcher Kris Sutton, the national leader in saves.

This will be Tampa's ninth national tournament appearance and its 17th regional appearance. The Spartans are back in the World Series for the first time since winning the 1998 title.

The Cougars will bring along their own arsenal. SIUE boasts Great Lakes Valley

Conference Player of the Year Dave Crouthers and Co-Freshman of the Year Luke Humphrey, who were All-GLVC along with Bret Giaudrone, Mark Bugger, Chad Opel and Matt Wilkinson.

Giaudrone was also named Most Valuable Player of the regional tournament.

With eight teams left in the nation, SIUE is the decided underdog. The Cougars rank No. 12 in the final Collegiate Baseball NCAA Division II poll. Until now, the Cougars have not been among the top 20 all season.

The World Series will be an eight-team double-elimination tournament. After the Cougars' first game, they will play either the University of North Florida or Delta State University Monday.

To see how the Cougars got to the national finals, see page 6.

Board raises fee despite call for referendum

DANIEL TOBERMAN
NEWS EDITOR

The SIU board of trustees passed the \$8.60 athletic fee increase despite student

opposition.

The fee hike has been debated since the student senate unanimously approved it in February. Senators Jinnifer Calabrese, Michelle King and

Jeff Twardowski circulated a petition and gathered more than 450 signatures in favor of taking the issue to a referendum.

Student body Vice President Jay Salitza refused to add the issue to the senate's agenda, claiming it was not necessary because the senate had already approved the fee increase.

Student Trustee Jason Holzum presented the petition to the board of trustees at its May meeting. After hearing Holzum,

the board decided to pass the fee hike.

"I thought all along that it would pass, but it was my duty to present the petition on behalf of the students," Holzum said. "They listened, but thought that the fee was the best thing for SIUE."

The board of trustees also approved a tuition increase for the 2002 fall semester. Under the new plan, undergraduate student tuition will increase 5.5 percent

and graduate student tuition will increase 5 percent.

The revenue generated from the tuition hike will be spent on campus programs, increased instructional equipment and library acquisitions, more teachers for lower division courses and strengthening the quality of academic programs.

SIUE has experienced the second lowest fee and tuition increase in the state over the last six years.

Art project hits SIUE



Sheri McWhirter/Alestle

A new piece of art graces the SIU School of Dental Medicine in Alton. This sculpture 'Outlook,' was done by an SIUE student as part of the 'People Project.' See Lifestyles page 4 for more information.

Two new deans will join SIUE's staff

Alestle Staff Report

SIUE welcomes two new deans.

Kent Neely has been named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Elliot Lesson will take over as dean of the School of

Education.

Neely comes to SIUE from Boise State University where he was the chair of the department of theater arts and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Lesson was the associate

dean of the College of Education at Northern Illinois University as well as department chair and coordinator of undergraduate programs in special education.

"We are happy with both of our new deans," Provost and Vice Chancellor Sharon Hahs said.

SIUE may get School of Pharmacy

PETE STUMP
News Stringer

The board of trustees is expected to approve plans for a School of Pharmacy at its meeting next month.

If approved, the plans would then have to be approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education before final approval for funding by the Illinois legislature.

Keith Nichols, director of public affairs, said the pharmacy has been planned for some time.

SIUE will begin the first phase by hiring a dean and a secretary in July 2002 to start working on a pharmacy degree program in preparation for a fall 2004 opening.

The associate dean, two department chairmen, two professional staff, and three clerical staff will be hired in July 2003.

The pharmacy school will be a doctoral program, in which students will have to take two years of general education courses before the four years of pharmacy school. *see Pharmacy, page 2*

Ex-jock is fined for damage

Alestle Staff Report

An SIUE student was sentenced to one year of supervision and fined \$250 after pleading guilty to punching a hole in the wall of an apartment building in Cougar Village.

Mustafa Cetin was originally charged with intentional criminal damage to state-supported property, a felony, in January. He pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of knowingly damaging property, a misdemeanor, in Madison

County Circuit Court on May 7.

Witnesses said Cetin was at a party at 425 Cougar Village when a fight broke out. Cetin was locked out of the apartment and punched a hole in the wall of the hallway, according to witnesses.

Cetin was suspended indefinitely from the men's basketball team after the incident, but Athletic Director Cindy Jones refused comment on whether the two situations were connected.

Cetin could not be reached for comment.



Mustafa Cetin

PHARMACY

from page 1

Students who graduate from the six-year program will be awarded a doctorate in pharmacy.

The preliminary cost of setting up a School of Pharmacy is \$4.2 million dollars, not

including the cost of any new buildings.

The university is seeking out private funding to build a 27,500-square-foot building for the pharmacy school, which is

expected to cost \$6.3 million.

The school is expected to accept 75 students the first year and 75 every year afterward until the limit of 300 students is reached.

East St. Louis employee is honored

KAVITHA KARETI

News Stringer

Thirty-four years of work at SIUE finally paid off for an East St. Louis Center employee.

Carolyn Howard, a secretary in the director's office at the East St. Louis Center, was the recipient of the May Employee Recognition Award.

"I had no idea this would happen," Howard said.

Maggie Rodgers, another secretary in the office, nominated Howard for the award.

"She goes out of her way to help all the units at the center as well as volunteering numerous hours," Rodgers said.

As a recipient of the award, Howard will receive a plaque, a close parking space for a month and a \$25 gift certificate to the University Bookstore.

Three engineering students earn awards

PETE STUMP

News Stringer

Three SIUE students majoring in computer science recently received the Boeing Award.

An award of \$1,000 each was given to Erin Ecker, Elizabeth Weber and Andrew Lamonica by Robert A. Byrne Jr., department manager of Avionics Software Engineering in

Boeing's Military Aircraft and Missiles Systems group.

The three students were chosen for the award because of their interest in aerospace studies.

Police incidents

Accident	Damage	
4/25/01	4/21/01	Police issued a citation to Sharoki Mitchell for having an expired registration sticker on Circle Drive.
A motorcyclist ran into a ditch across from the Religious Center.	A student reported that his tires were slashed while parked in Lot 5H.	Police issued a citation to Clete Holiday for speeding on South University Drive.
Ambulance		
4/19/01	4/30/01	4/20/01
Health Services requested that a student be taken to Anderson Hospital for abdominal pains.	A student reported damage done to his car while it was parked in Woodland Hall Lot.	Police issued a citation to Ryan Price for speeding on University Drive.
4/25/01	Theft	Police issued a citation to Nathan Anterhaus for driving an uninsured vehicle on University Drive.
A student suffered an asthma attack in front of Woodland Hall. He was taken to Anderson Hospital.	4/20/01	4/25/01
	A student reported that her car was stolen from the Commons Building.	Angela Garavaglia received a citation for failure to stop at a stop sign in the Woodland Hall Lot.
Battery		
4/21/01	4/26/01	4/26/01
A student reported that her roommate hit her. Police told housing to relocate on the residents.	A student reported that her Laptop computer was stolen from her apartment, Cougar Village 506.	Police cited Norj Tiberiu for driving an uninsured vehicle on Cougar Lake Drive.
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	4/19/01	

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Summer is here and we are back



Welcome to summer.

For many SIUE students, summer will consist of a break from classes, and more importantly, stress. For others, summer will be a time to work and save up for the fall, which will be here all too soon. For the rest of us, summer is just another semester with classes, tests and finals.

Those of you used to picking up the Alestle on Tuesdays and Thursdays will have to adjust for a little while. During the summer the Alestle will come out once a week on Wednesdays.

Not much has changed here other than that. We have a smaller staff and we have smaller issues, but we will still bring the same news, sports and entertainment that you are used to seeing throughout the rest of the year.

Let us know what you think about the Alestle. Write letters to the editor or call the sound-off line at 841001 from any campus phone. If you have a problem on campus, let us investigate. We're always looking for story ideas.

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Don't forget to check our Web site www.thealestle.com. You can vote in our online poll of the week, leave comments about stories and much more. Let us know what you think of it. It is still pretty new.

Good luck with classes. It will be over before you know it and another semester will be here soon.

Brian Wallheimer
 Editor in Chief

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I'm responding to Travis Brown's letter to the editor in the April 26 edition of the Alestle about Springfest. When I read it I was very disturbed.

I was not disturbed about his disappointment in the Outback Bonfire. I was unable to attend because of other obligations. I don't know what happened. I was not disturbed because the event went poorly. I was disturbed mostly by the following sentence: "After attending that event, I am no longer sorry that I don't go to more school functions."

It shocks me to think he is condemning not only Springfest, but all campus events because of one unfortunately bad event. That's like sentencing an entire family to death row because one member killed somebody.

Having been a member of University Center Board for three years, I can say that it is very frustrating to plan events for this campus. We are constantly struggling to deliver quality programs, to get people to come to those programs and to make sure those people have a good time. The problem is that what Brown said was the truth. People do remember the bad things more often than the good things. What we

are trying to do is get people to remember the good things.

We aren't paid for what we do, and our membership has a tendency to be strangely low. I say strangely because the number of people I have heard complain that there's nothing to do on this campus is about as high as the number of students who live here. People do remember the bad things about events, and then they complain about them. Wouldn't it be more constructive if, instead of complaining, those people got involved? Just like the fact that people remember the bad things, inactive complainers are a fact of life, not just on this campus, but all over the country.

What does it take to motivate those complainers to actually do something to change the problems that they're complaining about? That's what UCB is trying to do with this campus. So instead of complaining, join us. Stop by our office, pick up an application or visit our Web site. It will tell you everything you need to know about how we're trying to change things around here.

Just remember, if you're going to complain about something bad, try to do something to make sure that bad thing doesn't happen again.

Allison Benoit
 University Center Board

Dear Editor:

Back in February the Alestle reported that \$33,120 of mainly student tuition moneys was used to build three kiosks for student fliers. While the intent may have well placed, it's clear the kiosks are largely ignored by passing students.

An informal survey conducted from 10 a.m. to noon on four Mondays and Tuesdays revealed only three people stopping to peruse the layers of flyers. Also, during six weeks of four daily walks across the Stratton Quadrangle, I've never witnessed anyone standing at the ones adjacent to Dunham Hall or Peck Hall. This should come as no real surprise to those who paid for them.

Essentially, the \$33,120 has succeeded in transferring most flyers from the entrance doors to these expensive "monuments." The next time some loose tuition money is lying around, I would suggest the university leadership consider other areas to throw \$33,120 at.

Give it to the department of theater and dance to help upgrade the scene shop. If you've seen any of the productions in Dunham Hall, you've no doubt noticed the world-class scenery on stage. The problem is that the painting, welding and woodworking involved in this scenery is performed inside Dunham Hall without any kind of dedicated exhaust system. Paint and welding fumes

have often filled the first floor during scenery construction and that's not healthy for anyone. A temporary solution has been to open a large door to vent the fumes outside, but this has succeeded in wasting an enormous amount of heat this past winter.

The university could use \$33,120 toward the replacement of the high number of parking lot lights that are burned out. Clearly, our parking fees and fines levied haven't been enough to keep most of the lights on this past winter. Perhaps some money could be allocated to a committee to determine why lighting maintenance is nowhere near as rigorous as parking enforcement.

The three sets of damaged exterior stairs around Dunham Hall could've used that \$33,120 a year ago. They are now a safety hazard. Some cash could even be used to light the dark stairs outside Dunham Hall that aren't damaged.

The university's requirement to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act could really use some extra cash. Witness the damaged wheelchair handrail that's been sitting next to the main entrance of Lovejoy Library for nine months. Perhaps it's actually a prospective regional history display that requires years of weathering to become a true reflection of southwestern Illinois infrastructure. Other ADA entrances suffer from neglect with rubber mats missing along with broken or missing trim that makes access

more difficult.

The university's energy fund might be able to use \$33,120. Last year, several warm days in October resulted in rotating shutdowns of the air conditioning building by building in an effort to reduce energy costs. If you were in a classroom on the third floor of Peck Hall you felt it big time and several classes were held outside to get relief from the heat.

If your classroom turns muggy and hits the mid 80s this fall, that \$33,120 just might become important.

Although much of the above involves funding from different revenue sources, I'm convinced the increasingly neglected areas of the campus could've used this money with more students enjoying a wider benefit from their educational investment. The kiosks, despite their well-intended purpose, were an absolute waste of student money. A moment of your precious time should convince you they aren't vibrant social centers of information gathering. Have a look, and you may see they're really just administrative monuments that prove leaders love to build things, yet they rarely seem to know how to routinely care for things. It will be interesting to see what these monuments look like in 10 years.

Mark L. Wilson
 Mass Communications

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PEOPLE PROJECT: SIUE

Woodland Keeper
Dan Anderson and
Caroline Bottom Anderson

Untitled
Savneet Talwar

Young Mary
Terri Schweitzer

Carpe Diem (inside MUC)
Bill Klingensmith

ANTHROP(HOT)OGENIC
Steve Brown

OUTLOOK
Paul Linden
Sculpture Located at
SIU School of Dental Medicine,
Alton, Illinois

MAP

SIUE sponsors six

MELINDA HAWKINS
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The St. Louis Regional Arts Commission and the St. Louis area have organized an exhibition entitled "People Project" which includes work from artists throughout the state area as well as some of SIUE's very own instructors. The "People Project" sculptural figures are on display throughout 11 area counties, including St. Louis, the SIUE main campus and the School of Dental Medicine in Alton.

The "People Project" participants and organizers have printed maps detailing the location of each of the sculptures so that art aficionados can tour the pieces throughout the campus. Chancellor David Werner sponsored the six pieces by SIUE instructors and artists as a way to draw area residents to campus to experience the work of SIUE's artistic community.

"We have an outstanding art department and we have this opportunity to showcase our faculty and allow them to create these unique art forms,"

Paul Linden is a second year graduate student in the SIUE art and design department. His labor-intensive sculpture, the "People Project," entitled "Outlook" is located on the campus of the School of Dental Medicine in Alton. Linden said he designed "Outlook" celebrating academic and intellectual contemplation.

"In the creation of this piece I used local white

red and white oak. I wanted to make it site specific, which is with relating the piece to the academic setting on campus, and how the faculty has influenced the work," Linden said.

Linden enjoyed the opportunity to work on the "People Project" and art enthusiasts would like to see the SIUE campus work. "I am pleased that Chancellor Werner has placed these pieces so that we could get involved and all really appreciate the work we received from Schroeder," Linden said. Schroeder worked to facilitate the project through the organization and communication between



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'Young Mary' by Terri Schweitzer.

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SIUE offers youth art

JASON ROGERS
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Youth Art Workshops will invite artists onto campus this June and July, opening up the campus to potential artists between the ages of nine and 18.

Youth Art Workshops, part of the SummerArts 2001 program at SIUE, will focus on developing and encouraging 9- to 18-year-old students' interests in the arts while they work with SIUE art students studying to become certified art specialists.

There are six individual workshops planned throughout the summer, including Ceramics/Sculpture and Drawing/Painting for 9- to 12-year old children, Drawing/Painting, Photography and Computer Graphics

for 13- to 18-year olds and Primary Children's Workshop for 6- to 8-year olds.

Ceramics/Sculpture for 9- to 12-year olds will run through July 6. The workshop sessions will be from 9 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. The interest for ceramics is in manipulating clay into hand-built objects. Sculpture deals with various multimedia involving addition and subtraction.

The Drawing/Painting workshop for 9- to 12-year olds is July 9 through 20. The sessions are from 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. The primary focus of this workshop will be communicating through art, such as drawing, painting, collage and printmaking, with an emphasis in creativity and originality.

Drawing/Painting for 13- to 18-year olds

styles

PEOPLE, ENTERTAINMENT & COMICS

unveils new "people" on campus

'People Project' pieces to support regional art, on display throughout campus

SIUE administration and the artists.

Some of the other "People Project" sculptures to be found on campus include Savneet Talwar's untitled mosaic figure, bristling with shards of color. Talwar, an assistant professor in art therapy, utilized the creative assistance of her art therapy graduate students to design the piece. The mirrored face of the female figure allows viewers to contemplate its broken reflections. Talwar's piece is located on the northern part of the ellipse between North and South University Drive where it is visible to drivers and pedestrians.

Art and Design Professor Dan Anderson, who specializes in ceramics, and Caroline Bottom Anderson created a piece that can be viewed in SIUE's arboretum. This spirited figure is a fascinating collage of found objects and patterned mosaic, particularly appropriate to the quiet seclusion of the site. When looking at the piece up close, viewers can see that many of the ceramic shards have tiny pictures imprinted on the surface.

Terri Schweitzer, an art education instructor, created a diminutive figure that invokes the wonder of childhood. Located near Parking Lot A between Peck Hall and Lovejoy Library, Schweitzer's piece, entitled "Young Mary," was created in collaboration with her students in the art education department.

Art and Design Assistant Professor Bill Klingensmith, who specializes in graphic design, created a flag-swathed figure that projects a series of digital images from its computer monitor head. Klingensmith's piece, entitled "Carpe Diem," can be observed on the first floor of the Morris University Center.

Assistant Professor Steve Brown, who specializes in photography, is the creator of a piece which relates to the ancient burial rites and practices of the Cahokia Native Americans. Brown's piece will be installed sometime this summer for viewing southwest of the Art and Design Building.

The "People Project" figures will be on display until October, when the majority will be auctioned off over the Internet. The money raised from the auction will go to support similar public art projects that engage the community in the artistic process. Schroeder said SIUE plans to participate in the auction in hopes of purchasing at least one of the pieces created by SIUE faculty and students.

"SIUE was the biggest university sponsor of figures in the 'People Project,'" Schroeder said. "We funded six of the figures for this exhibition. For example, Washington University sponsored one figure for the exhibition."

Students interested in the "People Project" exhibition should watch for a closing ceremony to be held in early fall. Although the closing reception date is still unofficial, the department hopes to raise money for the purchase of as many

of the figures as possible.

"There's nothing official yet, but there may be another similar project next year. This project was really successful, and if they do another one, we would love to be involved again," Schroeder said. She also praised the work of the SIUE participants in the "People Project" as having created some of the best work in the exhibition.

Students, faculty, staff and visitors are encouraged to stop and contemplate the "People Project" figures and take advantage of the opportunity to see the work of SIUE's artistic community.



'Untitled' by Savneet Talwar.

SHERI McWHIRTER/A



'Outlook' by Paul Linden.

SHERI McWHIRTER/ALESTLE

t workshops this summer

through 20 and sessions are 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. The work will be a studio area intensive study involving painting and drawing, with multiple approaches on both media. Extra attention will be paid to mastering composition, subject selection and techniques.

Photography for 13- to 18-year olds is June 11 through 29 and sessions will be 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. This course will touch upon ground-level work involving black-and-white photography, including camera maintenance and film development. Added attention will be spent introducing this device as an expressive tool.

Computer Graphics for 13- to 18-year olds is June 11 through 29 and sessions will be 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. The session will serve as a corridor to visual

communication involving a computer. A review of computer graphic design and involved elements will be included and a zip disk will be added at no additional charge.

Primary Children's Art Workshop is June 11 through 22 and sessions will be 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. This workshop will serve as an introductory course to art, as a full palette of arts and crafts are offered. The emphasis will be on expression and understanding through art.

All class sizes are limited to 10 students and costs are \$80-\$85, depending on the workshop chosen. For questions or enrollment information, call the SIUE art and design department at 650-3183.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2001◆

Cougars take region, head to World Series

SIUE avenges conference loss to Indy to get into the Division II national finals



KELI KEENER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Cougar's baseball season looked bleak at the beginning of the year.

SIUE started slow and had a hard time trying to even out the wins and losses. The Cougars were 13-14 at one point when head coach Gary Collins fired up his ball club. The Cougars went on a 13-game winning streak and that helped put them in position to be the host of the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament.

Team members kept their heads up after coming in second

in the conference tournament and embarked on a determined comeback trail that would lead them straight to the big showdown, the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II World Series.

Collins' squad won the GLVC South Division by four games with a record of 19-8 and were a win away from claiming the conference tournament title.

But SIUE ended up in second place while the University of Indianapolis claimed the conference title. The Greyhounds swept two games from the Cougars to take their first conference championship since 1984.

"We are disappointed we couldn't bring home the championship," Collins said in a press release. "We had it in our grasp, but let it slip away. We just didn't get the timely hitting and that was the downfall."

Collins said just making it to the championship game was an accomplishment. "This is the best tournament I have ever been involved in," he said. "Out of the 11 games, 10 games went down to the wire."

The Cougars received a bid to the NCAA Regional in Indianapolis, despite losing the conference tournament.

The Cougars earned the No. 3 seed in the NCAA North Central Region. SIUE faced No. 2 Saginaw Valley State University of Michigan in the first round Thursday and pounded out 21 hits

to take the 18-8 win.

The Cougars lost the next game to Indianapolis 6-3 Saturday, then held off elimination by defeating Ashland University of Ohio 12-2. The Cougars avenged their conference loss and beat Indianapolis twice on Sunday, winning the first game 8-7 and taking the second 6-2. The wins gave the Cougars the regional title and the chance to go on to the NCAA Division II finals.

SIUE's offense was spectacular at times. The Cougars ripped 74 hits in their five regional games and scored 47 runs.

Senior Bret Giaudrone was named Regional Most Valuable Player. He faced 50 batters in two games against Indianapolis and gave up only 12 hits and four runs. Giaudrone finished the final three and two-thirds innings in the first game and pitched the entire second game.

The Cougars will play No. 1 seed University of Tampa of Florida at 1 p.m. Saturday to start the national finals in Montgomery, Ala.



BRIAN WALLHEIMER/ALESTLE

Bret Giaudrone took home the Most Valuable Player award for the Regional Tournament (top). Despite losing to the University of Indianapolis in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament, (bottom) the Cougars beat Indianapolis in the Regional Final to advance to the World Series.



Softball team takes second place in region

AMY GRANT
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE softball team may not have won the championship this season, but the Lady Cougars have many reasons to be proud.

The Cougars finished the season with a record of 17-5 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and 41-17 overall, which marks the most wins in the school's softball history.

SIUE also posted team records with a .326 batting average, a total of 516 hits, 38 home runs and 121 stolen bases.

Only Lewis University of Romeoville finished ahead of the Cougars in the standings with a

conference record of 19-3.

SIUE faced Grand Valley State University of Allendale, Mich., in the first game of the NCAA Division II Regional in Romeoville.

Grand Valley, which posted a regular season record of 48-5-1, shut out the Cougars 1-0.

Missy Koenig allowed eight hits and one run in the 27 batters she faced. She finished the season with a record of 15-7.

SIUE fared much better in the second game against West Virginia Wesleyan College. The Cougars shut out West Virginia 8-0. SIUE totaled 16 hits to West Virginia's six.

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BETH KRUZAN/ALESTLE

Katie Waldo dives back to base in a game earlier in the season.

SIUE holds national tourney

KELI KEENER
SPORTS EDITOR

SIUE will serve as the host for the 2001 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Events are set for Thursday through Saturday at Ralph Korte Stadium.

The three-day championships will feature more than 600 athletes from Division II schools nationwide.

There will be 21 men's events and 22 women's events, including the decathlon and heptathlon. The field events will include 310 male and female

participants.

SIUE played host to this event in 1997 and 1998.

SIUE's Ben Hilby and Daniel Walden provisionally qualified for nationals in the 800-meter run three weeks ago at the SIUE Twilight Meet and are likely to make the championships.

Hilby finished second and set the school record in the event with a time of 1 minute, 51.59 seconds. Walden followed with a third place showing with a time of 1:51.69.

Hilby sits at No. 12 on the list of NCAA qualifiers in the 800-meter run while Walden ranks No. 15. The top 16 times in

each event advance to the NCAA Division II Outdoor Championships.

"Ben and Dan are very excited about having the opportunity to get to nationals," coach Darryl Frerker said in a press release. "But it is even better since they will be running on their home track."

Tickets for the event will be on sale daily at the stadium. Thursday's prices are \$3 for the public and \$2 for students. Weekend prices will be \$4 for the public and \$3 for students. A three-day pass is available to all for \$9.

For more information, call 650-2871.



SOFTBALL

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The Cougars next faced Lewis for the regional championship. The Cougars had to beat Lewis twice to win the tournament.

The Cougars forced the second game by shutting out the Flyers 4-0. Sophomore pitcher RyAnn Spann just missed picking up a no-hitter.

Lewis was not as easy to play the second time for the Cougars. Lewis scored four runs in the first inning and went on to win the regional championship 5-

1 in game two.

"We couldn't have played any better than we did in the first game against Lewis," head coach Sandy Montgomery said in a press release. "We had a letdown in the first inning of the second game and couldn't bounce back from it."

With the loss, the Cougars took second place in the region.

"I am proud of how this team handled themselves with poise, character and heart," Montgomery said.

Valerie McCoy and Erin Newman were named to the 2001 National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-American Team as well as the All-GLVC and the All-Great Lakes Region teams.

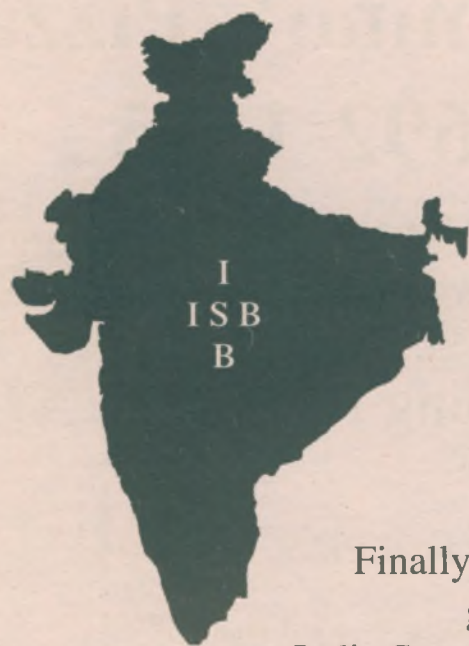
Dawn Farmer and Katie Waldo were selected to the Second Team of the Verizon Academic All-Region Team.

Kelly Clay was named to the First Team All-GLVC and she is the GLVC Freshman of the Year. Mandy Uhrhan was also named First Team All-Conference.



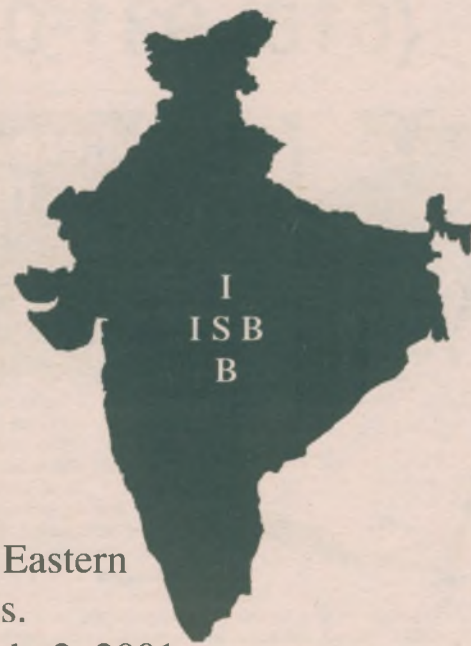
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Missy Koenig delivers a pitch against Quincy University in a game earlier this season.



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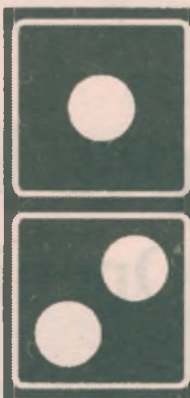
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