



Gunshots fired outside the MUC

Anthony Watt
Assistant News Editor

SIUE police are waiting for the results of a crime lab analysis on a gun they believe was fired on campus early Sunday morning.

Police Chief Richard Harrison said one of his officers was working security at an Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity dance in the Morris University Center when she witnessed the

shots being fired. The incident may have begun as the overflow crowd from the Alpha dance milled outside the MUC.

Alpha President Sean Williams said the MUC doors were closed around midnight because there were about 800 people at the dance.

According to Harrison, the officer was responding to the report of a man passed out outside the MUC when she heard a gunshot and then saw

muzzle flashes and heard the sound of three more shots coming from the grassy area between the MUC and Parking Lot E.

Harrison said the shots were fired about 1 a.m.

He added that the weapon appeared to be fired into the air and in an easterly direction.

Harrison said the officer then saw the suspects leaving in a black sport utility vehicle heading toward Circle Drive

immediately after the shots were fired.

Another officer pulled over the SUV near Woodland Hall.

Harrison said there were five people in the vehicle and four have been charged with illegal transportation or possession of alcohol.

Larry Webb Jr., 21, of St. Charles, Mo., was the driver. He has been charged with illegal transportation.

Gordon Winbush, 23,

Julius Johnson, 21, and Lamar Gayfield, 30, were charged with illegal possession of alcohol. Johnson and Winbush are also from St. Charles. Gayfield is from St. Louis, according to police.

Harrison said the gun was not in the vehicle but officers later found a blue Colt .38-caliber revolver along Circle Drive near the back entrance of the Art and Design Building.

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The men's soccer team fell to University of Tampa in overtime Friday in the Final Four.

Men's soccer falls in national tourney

DAN WALDEN
SPORTS STRINGER

Despite a valiant effort, the SIUE men's soccer team came home without the national championship trophy.

The Cougars went to Tampa, Fla., to face the No. 2-ranked University of Tampa in the semifinals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Tournament Friday.

The Cougars struck first when senior David Mwendapole received what he called an

"incredible pass" from senior Yuzuru Takami, and put the ball in the net from 15 yards out.

Mwendapole's goal came in the 14th minute of the first period. The game would remain 1-0 for the remainder of the first period and well into the second half.

Not until the 87th minute of the game would the score be equalized.

Tampa's leading scorer, Roy Fink, headed in the game-tying goal with just minutes remaining in regulation. see COUGARS, page 10

Budget cuts are in store for SIU

Anthony Watt
Assistant News Editor

Southern Illinois University will have to tighten the belt on its campuses to deal with a share of a \$25 million cut in the state's higher education budget this fiscal year.

SIU spokesman Scott Kaiser said SIU's share of the reductions would be about \$2.85 million.

SIUE will lose more than \$800,000 but Southern Illinois University Carbondale will lose more than \$2 million.

"We were hoping to get through this year without any cuts," Kaiser said. "But it appears, with the economy the way it is, that the cuts were unavoidable at this point."

The fiscal year started July 1 and ends June 30 2002.

According to Kaiser, now that the campus administrators know how much they will lose, it is up to them to decide where the cuts will come from.

He said the chancellors on each campus are adjusting the budgets to handle the coming shortfall, but the plans may not be ready for several weeks.

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Felon gets the minimum sentence

ANTHONY WATT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

SIUE student Joy Brown was sentenced Wednesday to six years in prison after being convicted of throwing hot grease on her ex-husband.

Brown received the minimum sentence for the felony charge of heinous battery.

According to the State's Attorney's office, Brown will have to serve at least 85 percent

of her sentence.

Brown has pleaded her case online, saying that her ex-husband, Damien Brown, entered her home without permission and raped her.

She said he caused the grease to spill on himself afterward because he grabbed her while she was holding the pan of heated grease.

"If you could see and realize what really happened on that night, you would know that I am

not guilty of heinous battery," she says online. "I am sorry my ex-husband got burned. I will never allow myself to be in a predicament where something of this nature could happen again."

Although she was convicted in June, Brown's sentencing was postponed several times because of complications with her pregnancy.

Brown's comments can be seen at www.upscaleweddings.com/joy

Renovations have begun



JESICA CLOSEN/ALESTLE

The renovations to the Morris University Center are under way. The Goshen Lounge is blocked off while repairs are made to the roof.

Prof will speak to seniors

AMY WINKLER
NEWS STRINGER

Sociology professor Jennifer Hamer will present "Men, Work and Parenthood Among African-American Men" at the next Dialogue with Seniors.

Hamer will give her presentation Thursday, while promoting her book, "The Myth of the Deadbeat Dad." Her focus will be on dispelling stereotypes associated with fathers living away from their families and discussing the parenting experiences of low-income and working-class African-American fathers. The event will take place at 1 p.m. in the Mississippi Illinois Room of the Morris University Center.

The presentation is just one of many that the program

Dialogue with Senior s sponsors. The program provides intellectual stimulation for senior citizens and other groups who otherwise do not have the opportunity. The events generally consist of a one-hour presentation followed by a refreshment break and a one-hour dialogue given by a professor.

The program has been a huge success, according to Director of the School of Education Anthony Traxler, the program's coordinator for the fall semester. The event draws people from as close as Edwardsville to as far as St. Louis.

The group also includes a regular crowd, at least one of whom has attended since the program began in 1974.

"(The program) serves to break down barriers and modify

attitudes towards older adults," Traxler said.

He also feels the program dispels many stereotypes senior citizens hold about college students and professors.

The program's benefits also include allowing the participants to network and make friends with other people who share similar interests in continuous education.

Although the program and its events specifically target senior citizens, anyone is welcome to attend.

The topics address many pertinent issues that are, as Traxler describes them, "as diverse as the faculty (who present them)."

For more information concerning this and other upcoming events, call the Office of Gerontology at 650-3454.

Students are offered chance to study abroad

CAROLINE CARDUCCI
NEWS STRINGER

Students who are tired of learning within the constricted walls of classrooms in the United States should take advantage of opportunities to study in Paris, France, for a couple weeks in May.

SIUE's Department of Foreign Language and Literature is offering a French language and culture course that will take place in Paris, Angers, and the Chateaux of the Loire Valley May 6 through 17, 2002.

Applications are available to all students who have taken French 202 or the equivalent, but are due as soon as possible.

"The sooner I can get people to decide, the better for them," professor Frederic Leveziel said.

Leveziel will accompany students on the trip and would like to purchase plane tickets as soon as possible in order to save the students money.

Five hundred-dollar scholarships are also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Students will be in classes every morning, learning about the language and culture of the country. Every afternoon they will go sightseeing.

"The castles are magnificent," Leveziel said.

Laura Stoeber, a junior at SIUE who went on the trip last year, had an amazing time.

"We got to see so much; I walked to the top of the Eiffel Tower," Stoeber said. "The food alone is a reason to go."

She also offered some advice.

"Understand your money, or they will try and take advantage of you," she said.

Another student that went on the trip last year, Jessica Henry, enjoyed her visit so much she decided to stay there for the fall semester. She is attending the American University in France.

Closings info on TV, radio

ANTHONY WATT
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

With winter looming, members of the SIUE community may need to know if the university is closing due to bad weather.

The Vice Chancellor of Administration's office is

responsible for canceling school and makes the decision before dawn after heavy snow falls.

Students and employees can go to the SIUE Web site at www.siu.edu to check closings or get the information from television and radio stations.

The television stations that will broadcast closings are

KTVI-Fox 2, KMOV-TV Channel 4 and KSDK-TV Channel 5. The FM radio stations are WVRV-101.1 FM, WGEL-101.7 FM, WIL-92.3 FM, WSIE-88.7 FM, WSSM-106.5 FM and KIX-106 FM. The AM stations are KMOX-1120 AM, WBGZ-1570 AM, WJBM-1480 AM, WRTH-1430 AM and WSMI-1540 AM.

Finance board finds agenda full of items

TRAVIS L ROSS
NEWS REPORTER

With just two program requests and a handful of single-semester annual allocations, the finance board had its hands full Friday.

Eta Sigma Gamma was approved for \$2,300 in funding for its program "Valentine's Fitness Day."

According to information provided by Eta Sigma Gamma, the program invites students, faculty and staff to take advantage of the health and fitness screenings that will be held Feb. 15, 2002, at the Student Fitness Center.

The screenings will include blood glucose and cholesterol checks.

The Pakistan Student Association will have some questions to answer later in the week as the request for "Pakistan Night" was tabled until further discussion.

"There was a rather large contractual amount with no explanation," finance board member Latish Adnani said. "Overall it lacked in information."

Finance Board Chair Gabe Dubois took responsibility for not having Pakistan Student Association members attending the meeting, claiming that there must have been some miscommunication.

The finance board will next convene at 1 p.m. Friday prior to the student government meeting to discuss "Pakistan Night."

Free car seat checks from fire departments

CAROLINE CARDUCCI
NEWS STRINGER

Keep your kids safe. That's the message the Madison County Health Department is sending to its residents.

Madison County SAFE KIDS is sponsoring free car seat checks at local fire departments from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 6-7 and 11-14. Parents are encouraged to bring their car seats to a certified trainer for checking.

Cassens Car Dealership (656-6070) and St. Anthony's Hospital (465-2264) have car seat checks available by appointment for those who cannot make the scheduled times.

Both locations have certified trainers.

The SIUE Police Department is also looking to schedule a free car seat check, but it will not take place until spring. Capt. Regina Hays recently led an extensive 32-hour training for officers in the force.

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Cougars give reasons to be proud



What a year for the men's soccer team.

For the first time since 1982, the Cougars made the National Collegiate Athletic Conference Final Four. Congratulations.

Despite a loss in the semifinals of the national tournament, we have a lot to be proud of. Only three other teams

in the nation made it as far as we did this year. Only two went farther.

And SIUE overcame quite a few tough obstacles. The Cougars had to face Lewis University three times. The Cougars came out 1-1-1 against the Flyers, with the biggest win coming when it was needed most, in the first round of the national tournament. Lewis may have beaten us for the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championship, but Lewis' season ended a lot earlier than ours.

The GLVC had three nationally ranked teams at one point. Along with ourselves and Lewis, the University of Wisconsin-Parkside was in the nation's top 25. We had arguably

the toughest conference in the nation, and we prevailed in the end.

I didn't go to a lot of soccer games. I went to an early season home game, the conference championship against Lewis and the quarterfinal game against Ashland University. Not only was I proud of the team that represented our school, but I took great pride in the fans as well.

A group of fans showed up and sat on the east-side bleachers at every home game. Often they were so loud, they could be heard above people who were right next to me.

The best display of team spirit was John Niebruegge, who painted his face and waved a large Kenyan flag in support of

player David Mwendapole. Niebruegge is an example to us all.

My point in all this is to congratulate the soccer team as well as point out how good SIUE athletics really are.

The men's soccer team took third in the nation. The baseball team was fifth in the nation last year. The softball team took second in the region. And, the women's basketball team went to the NCAA Division II Tournament last year.

We're good. Really good. It makes me proud to be a Cougar.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Maybe I'm getting a little too worked up over this, but the fact that the textbook rental issue is even being considered really has confused me.

First of all, why mess with a good thing? Textbook rental saves students hundreds of dollars per semester.

Also, some of the textbooks that are assigned to be used in classes are never used. I know of at least one textbook this semester that wasn't available when I first went to Textbook Service, and I never bothered going back to get it because the teacher hasn't used it.

If I bought that textbook and then tried to

sell it back used at the end of the semester, I would have probably gotten no more than a third of what I originally paid for it. That's part of the beauty of the rental system. You don't have to lose any money on textbooks you'll never use again, or even at all.

Another thing I'm confused about is why the faculty senate is discussing this? I'm not trying to be a smart aleck with that question, either. I'd like to know what difference it makes to the faculty if we students buy or rent our texts. Is there some kind of difference in some fee that the faculty has to pay? There must be some reason why it matters to the faculty.

Finally, even with textbook rental, every semester of the four years I've been here,

excluding summer sessions, I've had to pay at least \$50 for non-rental texts that I bought at the University Book Store. If I had been forced to pay for my textbooks as well, I wouldn't have been able to afford to pay my bills or even buy food.

Everybody knows that college students don't have a whole lot of money. Part of the allure of this school is that it's one of the few schools in the state that has the rental system, making going to college here more affordable.

So, I repeat my question in closing: Why mess with a good thing?

Allison Benoit
Senior

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter because of the many other students voicing opinions on the ridiculous parking situation at SIUE. I would like to share my experience as well.

The citation occurred in Cougar Village lot 4D where I was parked along the curb because there were no other places to park. I am very upset for many reasons.

The first reason is for the ridiculous gate University Housing decided to install leading to my apartment. The day I received this ticket was the first day back to campus after Thanksgiving break. I had to unload my computer, television, clothes, food, etc.

I was parked along the curb, where I received the ticket, because I had to make five long trips back to my apartment to unload. If the gate was not there, I would have made one trip and never received a ticket. Plus, I was not going to park in a different lot, because I refuse to walk a half mile to my apartment carrying all of my items.

The second reason is that SIUE boasts of its big 2,660-acre campus. Sure a large campus is great, but there is nowhere to park in the village. With so many acres of land, I do not think it would be too difficult to provide more parking.

The third reason is there is no sign saying that where I parked was illegal. I have seen other people park in the same spot all year. If this ticket were only \$5 or \$10, I would not be this upset, but \$25 is absolutely ludicrous.

Obviously, I am a college student. I am paying my own way through school with no help from my parents. I only make \$6 an hour, so I now have to work an additional four hours to pay for this ticket.

I am already unhappy with SIUE for many reasons too long to list. This ticket has put me over the edge. I am not sure if I will continue my education here next semester.

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Police incidents

Ambulance	11/9/01
11/9/01	Police took a report of a stolen purse at the East St. Louis Center.
An ambulance responded to Alumni Hall due to an unconscious student. The student refused to be taken to the hospital.	A student reported that \$300 was missing from his room at 417 Cougar Village.
11/13/01	A student reported his hangtag was stolen from his car while it was parked in Lot A.
An ambulance responded to Woodland Hall due to a student who was having a panic attack. The victim refused to be taken to the hospital.	11/12/01
11/14/01	A student reported that her car was broken into while it was parked in Lot 4C. A compact disc player was stolen from the car.
An ambulance responded to Health Services due to a student who was having a diabetic reaction. The victim was taken to Anderson Hospital.	11/14/01
11/16/01	A student reported that his hangtag was stolen while his car was parked in Lot 3.
An ambulance responded to Cougar Village 403 due to a woman who was complaining of tightness in her chest. The victim refused to be taken to the hospital.	Traffic
Arrest	11/9/01
11/13/01	Police issued a citation to Justin Lysakowski for speeding on University Drive.
Police arrested David Muser for possession of a stolen hangtag.	11/10/01
Damage	Police issued a citation to Matt Quinn for parking in a space reserved for handicapped persons in Prairie Hall Circle.
12/13/01	Police issued a citation to Karen Calhoun for speeding on University Drive.
Police took a report of damage done to one of the gates on the 400 side of Cougar Village.	Police issued a citation to William Zehnder for driving an uninsured vehicle on University Drive.
Theft	Police issued a citation to Cheryl Unterreiner for speeding on University Drive.

SHOTS

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Harrison said there were four spent rounds and two live rounds in the gun's cylinder.

Harrison said the case has been turned over to the State's Attorney's office and that additional charges would depend on the crime lab's results.

Harrison said the men were released after receiving their citations.

Four other Missouri men were in custody Monday in

Madison County after SIUE police caught them allegedly breaking into a Cadillac on campus Sunday morning.

Harrison said officers responding to the gunshots reportedly found Ashley Bogan and Yancey Fields, both 19, and Kittrel Braselman and Michael Chatmon, both 20, after they had ripped the license plate off of the Cadillac.

According to police, the four men, all from St. Louis, had already smashed the windows and cut open the top of a 1994 Cutlass convertible.

Harrison said the owner of the Cutlass identified items from his car in the suspects' vehicle.

Harrison said officers also found a box cutter on one of the men and a pry bar was found in their vehicle.

BUDGET

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SIUE Chancellor David Werner said SIUE will cover the \$800,000 loss with money from a \$2 million contingency fund and from about \$750,000 of additional tuition money from SIUE's increased enrollment. He said using this money might cause reductions in equipment purchases.

Werner said in an e-mail that the cuts are coming because the state did not receive as much revenue as originally projected. The state budget for this year also did not allow for increased expenditures because of Illinois'

group health insurance plan and the installment of anti-terrorism measures.

Carbondale Chancellor Walter Wendler said his campus was already dealing with a shortfall because of a drop in enrollment and that much of Carbondale's contingency fund is obligated to handle the loss in revenue.

He said together, the cuts and less tuition brings SIUC's loss closer to \$3 million.

According to Wendler, SIUC will also have to reduce equipment purchases, but other

areas may be affected as well.

Kaiser said the \$25 million might only be an initial cut.

"We believe there may be more cuts coming from the state but we're not sure how much," he said. "In other words, this \$2.85 million is not the end of it."

In addition to reductions this year, SIU President James E. Walker said in October that SIU could expect cuts next year as well.

Kaiser said the Illinois Board of Higher Education will unveil the 2002-2003 budget next week and the outlook is not promising.

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JESSICA CLOSEN
PHOTO STRINGER

What do you enjoy most about the winter season?



"I like the cooler air and when it snows. I like the looks of the snow."
Andrew Caldieraro
Freshman



"I like being able to get to all the Christmas sales and being able to snuggle up with your loved one. I also like hanging out with my friends over winter break."
Aisha Johnson
Junior



"I like playing in the snow... making obscene snow sculptures."
Ron Wilkerson
Sophomore



"I like bundling up, playing in the snow and I love winter break. I also like driving around to see all the Christmas lights."
Stacey Moore
Senior



"I like making snowmen."
Jon Meyer
Sophomore



"The best part is getting to go down south to get out of the cold weather. It's a good time to relax from stress. Also, many of my friends are getting to go home for a visit and get a month to relax and enjoy."
Hardik Jariwala
Freshman

Motivation drops with temperatures

ELIZABETH A. LEHNERER
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

"Burr, it's cold out here," is something that will be heard frequently in the inevitable cold months to come. It's the time of year for red noses and rosy cheeks, chapped lips and chattering teeth. Students who thought going to a school in southern Illinois would protect them from cold weather should think again. Edwardsville's average temperatures in January are highs of 36 degrees and lows of 17 degrees with a wind chill that can drop temperatures by 15 degrees.

According to weather.com, in the United States, most colds occur during fall and winter months because people spend more time indoors in close proximity to others than when the weather is warm. Cold weather also makes nasal passages drier and more vulnerable to infection.

Freemedicalibrary.com says that about 95 million Americans will get the flu this year between the months of December and March.

Although being cold does not constitute getting a cold, science has shown that being cold does lower a person's immune system that protects against viruses.

So as winter approaches, the students of SIUE prepare to guard themselves against the elements of cold weather.

Carrie Lamz, a psychology major, said, "I never look forward to going to class when it's cold out."

Lamz bundles up in a coat, gloves and a scarf to keep warm.

Area stores offer large selections of coats, gloves, mittens, hats, earmuffs, scarves, sweaters and snow-pants at affordable prices that will protect against the cold morning winds.

The winter months cause more than dropping temperatures. They can also cause dropping grades.

Students are more likely to skip class in the winter months than in the summer due to snow, cold or illness.

Matthew Hoormann, a music performance major, said, "I'm always tempted to skip class and cold weather creates an even bigger incentive."

Lamz said she would also be tempted to skip class.

"I would definitely be tempted to skip class in the snow or severe cold, but it would depend on the class and how I'm doing in it or how much I have skipped beforehand."

Beth Mehegan, an elementary education major, said, "I don't like to walk to school in the cold and the wind makes it worse. I won't go to class in the snow, but maybe in the cold."

Students who have classes early in the morning face more problems than students who have afternoon classes. In the morning the sidewalks can be covered with ice or snow if SIUE's maintenance staff has not been able to plow or salt. The ice and snow create slippery conditions for students both on- and off-campus.

Students who commute should take precautions when driving to campus. Slippery conditions can create traffic problems so commuters should be sure to leave at least five to ten minutes earlier, depending on where they come from. Commuters should also let vehicles, especially older vehicles, warm up to prevent breakdowns.

Although safety measures should be taken, students should not hide from the snow and cold, but embrace it.

Snow offers the opportunity for students to sled on the many hills the campus has to offer, as well as build snowmen or have snowball fights.



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review

sixteen down



Local band entertains friendly crowd at Stagger



MEGHAN DAUGHERTY
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Sixteen Down gave a special acoustic performance for a warm and intimate crowd Thursday at the Stagger Inn in Edwardsville. This promising band is currently touring local venues and promoting their debut compact disk.

Sixteen Down is a modern rock trio based out of the St. Louis area. The group aims to produce music that combines emotional melodies with interesting rhythms.

Their debut CD has just been released with four tracks of original electric rock. The four recorded songs and their live acoustic performance reveal an honest attempt to make genuine and substantial music. The songwriting of Sixteen Down allows bittersweet vocals, solid guitars and strong rhythms to illuminate the ambitions of the three members.

Leading Sixteen Down is vocalist, guitarist and songwriter Jacob Wolff of Collinsville. Wolff's vocals highlight the sincerity of his lyrics he says are grounded in reality. According to Wolff, listeners tend to respond to their work because they can relate to the lyrics.

"Our music has to be real on every level," Wolff said.

Next to Wolff is Paul Stelmach on bass guitar. Wolff and Stelmach have been together since 1997, working to build their strong musicianship. The rhythmic style of drummer Dan Kassing was brought in the group in 2000.

The band has performed at many venues in the area including the Hard Rock Cafe, Cicero's, Club 313, The Side Door, the Hi-Pointe and the Galaxy. The trio took the stage at Stagger to perform for a warm audience Thursday.

Students who come from small towns and remember the comfortable bars with antlers on the walls would feel very much at home at Stagger. The floor has more cozy sets of tables and chairs than standing room. Sixteen Down was scheduled to take the stage at 9:30 p.m. but technical difficulties delayed the show almost an hour.

The early part of the evening saw tables full of an older crowd. When the band began to move in, some of the older crowd began to leave. The tables were immediately seized by a younger crowd carrying pitchers of beer overflowing with foam.

Setup included placing two stools

downstage in front of a pair of microphones and propping a speaker on top of an empty keg. The drum set took the back corner of the stage.

The band fashioned the typical style of an alternative band, complete with tight T-shirts, wallet chains, shaggy hair and Converse All-Stars. Wolff sat to the right with his acoustic guitar with Stelmach on the left with his bass. Their glasses of beer and the playlist sat on the floor close by.

The band opened with "Push it Down," the third track on their CD. Unlike most local live acts, Wolff's vocals weren't completely drowned out by too much guitar, thanks to the acoustic element on his lap. The sound was strong for only three members contributing. Wolff has the perfect voice for the points of their songs that allow only him and a light guitar to be heard. His vocals are emotional and easily deciphered. He doesn't swallow the microphone to simply make the noise heard.

The floor surrounding the stage was full of an attentive crowd. The audience was warm and willing to cheer for the band's efforts. One listener sitting in front of the band shared two thumbs up with his friends. Near the entrance was the more social row of people where the bar should have been. By 11 p.m. the bar was full.

Between songs the band thanked the familiar faces in the crowd for coming and encouraged everyone to be good to the bartenders. Stelmach was occasionally caught smiling for a friendly photographer. The band also plugged their Web site and

pointed out a table in the back where their CD could be purchased.

The next song on the playlist was the well written "Found my Way." The band seemed to play the track as if they knew it is one of their best. Their songs tend to have consistently strong introductions. Wolff wasn't afraid to belt this one either and overheard was the comment, "Jake's good," followed by nods of approval.

To get the audience into the performance, the band followed the tradition of the definite crowd-pleaser by covering a familiar favorite. The last song before their break was "Just What I Needed" by The Cars. The crowd responded with more bobbing heads and singing. Everyone got a kick out of Wolff hitting the "woos" before they joined in themselves.

It is refreshing for a band to be making an honest attempt to make real music. Sixteen Down doesn't rock as hard as they can just because it's easy. Their strength is in their songwriting and successful blending of their talents to produce a great sound.

Their music has been getting airtime on WVRV 101.1 The River on the Home Grown Show Sunday nights. They also continue to play for local venues. Their next performance will be Friday, Dec. 14, at Mississippi Nights.

For more information on the band, visit their Web site at www.sixteendown.net. Fans can also sign up for the band's mailing list or purchase their CD on the site.



Binge drinking remains a common problem

ILIANA LIMON
DAILY LOBO

(U-WIRE) ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - When University of New Mexico freshman Kevin Johns died two weeks ago as a result of alcohol poisoning, he became another example of college students battling socially accepted yet excessive alcohol-related behavior.

One in every 13 adults abuses alcohol or is an alcoholic, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The same agency reports that alcohol abuse problems are highest among people between the ages of 18 and 29.

The American Medical Association reported that nearly half of all college students who abused alcohol during the 1993 academic year experienced five or more problems, including missing class, physical injury, arguing with friends and engaging in unprotected sex, which could lead to HIV infection. The association also stated that on campuses where more than half of the students drink to excess, 87 percent of students who live on campus experience one or more problems resulting from alcohol abuse.

According to police reports, Johns was dared to drink between a dozen and

20 shots Oct. 27. Following Johns' death, university organizations that deal with substance abuse are urging members of the community to take advantage of their services.

"We encourage people to just pick up the phone and call if they need help," said Carrie Bolton, who works with a UNM-affiliated research center that deals with adolescent alcohol abuse. "People of all ages battle these problems, and we do deal exclusively with those between the ages of 13 and 18, but we know of other programs that can help. The key is accepting when there is a problem and seeking help."

Each substance abuse program has its own intake evaluations to help students decide whether or not they have a problem.

One of the accepted tests to help students gauge whether they have a problem with alcohol includes the following nine questions provided by a psychologist from the University of Notre Dame.

* Do you ever lie about how much alcohol you're consuming?

* Have your grades suffered because of drinking?

* Do you typically hang out with others who are heavy drinkers and avoid socializing with acquaintances whom seldom drink?

* Do you frequently regret things you've said or done after drinking?

* Do you routinely use alcohol to reduce stress?

* Is it hard for you to enjoy social activities if alcohol is unavailable?

* Have your friends ever made comments to you about cutting back on your alcohol use?

* Do you drink to get a buzz once a week or more?

* Do you often drink alone?

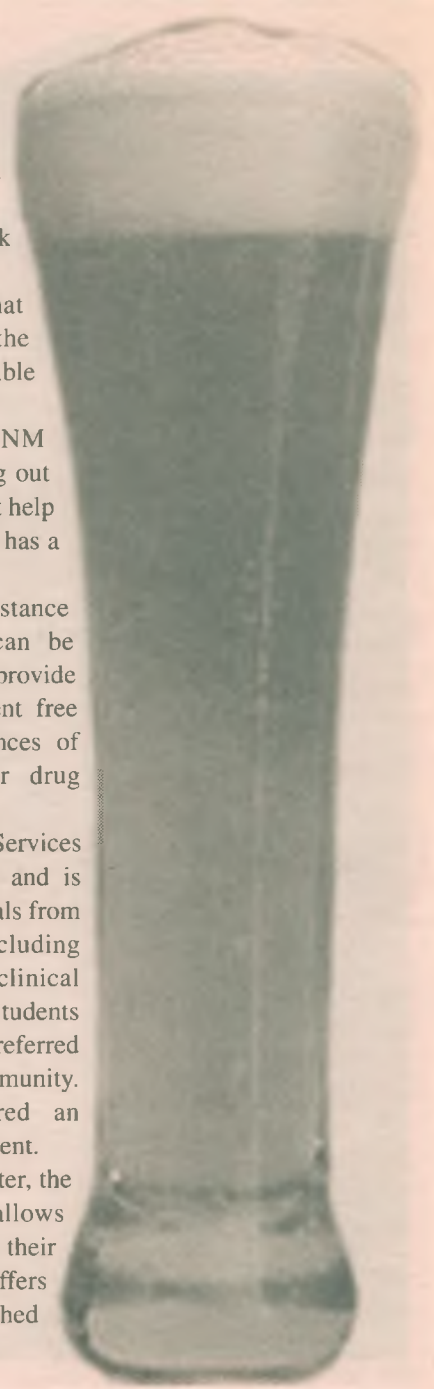
The survey states that answering yes to any of the questions constitutes a possible substance abuse problem.

If people in the UNM community need help figuring out if they have a problem or want help dealing with it, the University has a myriad of resources available.

Campus Office of Substance Abuse Prevention, which can be reached at 277-2795, aims to provide a healthy campus environment free from the negative consequences of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse.

Counseling and Therapy Services can be reached at 277-4537 and is staffed by licensed professionals from various disciplines, including counseling, psychology, clinical social work and psychiatry. Students in need of extended care are referred to professionals in the community. Confidentiality is considered an essential component of treatment.

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Sports

The Cougar soccer team fell short in the semifinals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II tournament.

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Men's basketball gets two on the road

Cougars take Quincy Hawks in overtime for second road win in two years

KELI KEENER
SPORTS STRINGER

The men's basketball team played two games on the road last week that equaled two Great Lakes Valley Conference wins.

The wins were also the Cougars' first road wins in two years.

SIUE met up with the University of Missouri-St. Louis Thursday.

The Cougars beat UMSL 80-70, handing the Rivermen their first loss of the season.

Senior guard Garrett Thomas was the leading scorer for SIUE with 20 points and scored five of SIUE's 3-pointers.

Senior forward Marty Perry followed close behind with 18 points.

He also racked up nine rebounds in the Cougars' win and went 3-for-3 from 3-point range.

Junior point guard Derrick Fomby came up with 15 points and sophomore guard Wes Pickering scored 10.

As a team, the Cougars shot 53.1 percent from the field, converting 26 of 49 shots.

SIUE was up 42-38 at the



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Garrett Thomas (right) hit five 3-pointers for the Cougars in their game against Quincy University.

half before breaking away.

The Cougars were able to convert 18 points off UMSL turnovers and SIUE got 22 points from the bench to the Rivermen's 25.

UMSL's leading scorer was

Deryn Carter, who scored 21 points.

Derrick Redd scored 18 points and Scott Kassell had 12.

UMSL moved to 1-2 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and 3-2 overall after suffering

another loss Saturday to Lewis University.

SIUE then headed to Quincy University Saturday. The Cougars slipped past the Hawks 81-79.

The Cougars were met with

a larger group of fans than they are used to, as more than 1,300 were in attendance.

The Cougars were down 34-48 at halftime.

The lead changed 11 times before SIUE was able to edge the win by one basket.

SIUE was down by 14 points at halftime but was able to overcome Quincy by outscoring them 47-31 in the final 20 minutes of play.

SIUE converted 24 points off turnovers to Quincy's 14.

The Cougars also scored 13 points off second-chance points by grabbing offensive rebounds.

The Cougars got help with 19 points from the substitutes, while the Hawks only got nine from their non-starters.

Thomas was again the top scorer for SIUE with 22 points, which included six 3-pointers. Freshman center Brent Mueller had 21 points.

Perry came up with 13, and Pickering picked up 12 and led the team in assists with five.

Quincy's leading scorer was Jackson Jones, who finished with 22 points.

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Lady Cougar basketball claims overtime win over UMSL

AMY GRANT
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The women's basketball team increased its winning streak to four games against the University of Missouri-St. Louis Thursday, but was handed its first Great Lakes Valley Conference loss against Quincy University Saturday.

SIUE's previous two games had been decided by three points or less and Friday's game against UMSL proved to be just as close.

"The last couple games have been close, so the team was used to playing like that Thursday," head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "But we can't keep putting ourselves in that situation. Our games can't always be that close."

The Lady Cougars took the lead in the game off a jump shot by Amanda Buldtman and SIUE held the lead for nearly 10 minutes before Sophia Ruffin put the Riverwomen ahead 17-16 with nine minutes remaining in

the first half.

The Lady Cougars called a 20-second timeout, but were unable to regroup.

They trailed UMSL by their greatest margin, 10 points, with one minute left in the half.

Megan Grizzle and Heather Hillebrenner cut the deficit to 24-31 going into halftime.

The momentum shifted to the Riverwomen's side in the second half as they maintained the lead until Jaque Howard put SIUE ahead with a 3-point shot nine minutes into the half.

With just over one minute left in the game, Christy Lane gave UMSL a 59-57 advantage on a 3-pointer.

However, Ruth Kipping took a shot that tied the game 59-59 and the teams were headed for a five-minute overtime period.

The Riverwomen were up by five with three minutes remaining, but SIUE refused to believe the game was over.

Guard Sarah Schweers tied the game again and Buldtman put

the Lady Cougars up by one, 68-67, with 30 seconds remaining.

Kipping hit two consecutive shots and Buldtman stole the ball on a turnover by Lane to add insurance with a layup with two seconds remaining.

SIUE won its fourth straight game 72-67.

Buldtman went seven of 12 on shots from the field and recorded five assists.

Kipping led the team with 21 points and had a season-high 20 rebounds on the night.

"We played fairly well against UMSL. It was a good win in overtime because they're a big rival," Hedberg said.

SIUE took on Quincy Saturday in another road game.

The Lady Hawks came into the game with only one loss in five games this season.

Much like their game against UMSL the previous night, the Lady Cougars started off well and took an 11-point lead five minutes into the game.

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Jaque Howard (left) has averaged 5.7 points per game in 2001.



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If the Cougars were going to advance, they would have to do it in overtime.

Early in the overtime period Tampa came out and ended the brilliant Cougar run on a play set up just for the situation.

Tampa's Kareem Escayg came out early in the extra period, flew past the SIUE defenders, and scored from 15 yards out, just seconds into overtime.

"I certainly believe they had that play set up and it certainly worked," said SIUE's leading scorer, senior Justin McMillian.

Tampa's win placed it in the championship finals where they took on Cal State-Dominguez Hills.

Tampa went on to win the NCAA Division II Championship Sunday.

Tampa's Escayg was once again the hero for the Spartans. With 3 minutes, 40 seconds left in the 1-1 game, Escayg headed in the game-winning goal, allowing Tampa to claim its third national championship.



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David Mwendapole was second on the team in points.

However, all was not lost as the Cougars had two players, McMillian and Mwendapole, selected to the NCAA All-Tournament Team of 11 players. Four Tampa players joined McMillian and Mwendapole on the list, including Fink and Escayg.

With the loss to Tampa, the

Cougars ended the season with a record of 17-3-3.

With Mwendapole's goal, the Cougars became the highest scoring team in school history.

Also, with the Cougars making it to the Final Four, they had a run as successful as the Cougar team that advanced to the NCAA Division I semifinals in 1982.



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Senior captain Justin McMillian (left) is the Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year.

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SIUE kept its lead throughout the first half, but Lisa Farrell narrowed the margin to 40-36 to end the half.

The second half wasn't nearly as one-sided.

The lead changed hands seven times and the game was knotted up five times.

Jill Unnerstall put Quincy up

55-53 with four minutes remaining in the game and SIUE wasn't able to recover.

The Lady Cougars had a few chances, but the team also had a few turnovers and missed shots as the game was winding down.

Quincy won 61-55 to remain undefeated in three conference matchups.

"We played a great first half Saturday," Hedberg said. "But we didn't come out and shoot the ball the second half. We only scored 15 points."

SIUE doesn't play again until its next road game against the Lewis University Lady Flyers Thursday in Romeoville in a GLVC matchup.



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Junior Ruth Kipping (middle) leads the Lady Cougar squad with 18.6 points per game in 2001.

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Also in double figures for the Hawks were Brian McNeil with 17 points, Tony Certa with 14 and Jonathon Edmond with 11.

Quincy moved to 0-3 in the GLVC and 2-3 overall.

The SIUE team improved its record to 2-2 in the conference and 3-3 overall.

Next up for SIUE are two more road games. The Cougars will meet Lewis University Thursday and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Saturday before leaving the following weekend for the Incarnate Word Tournament in San Antonio, Texas.

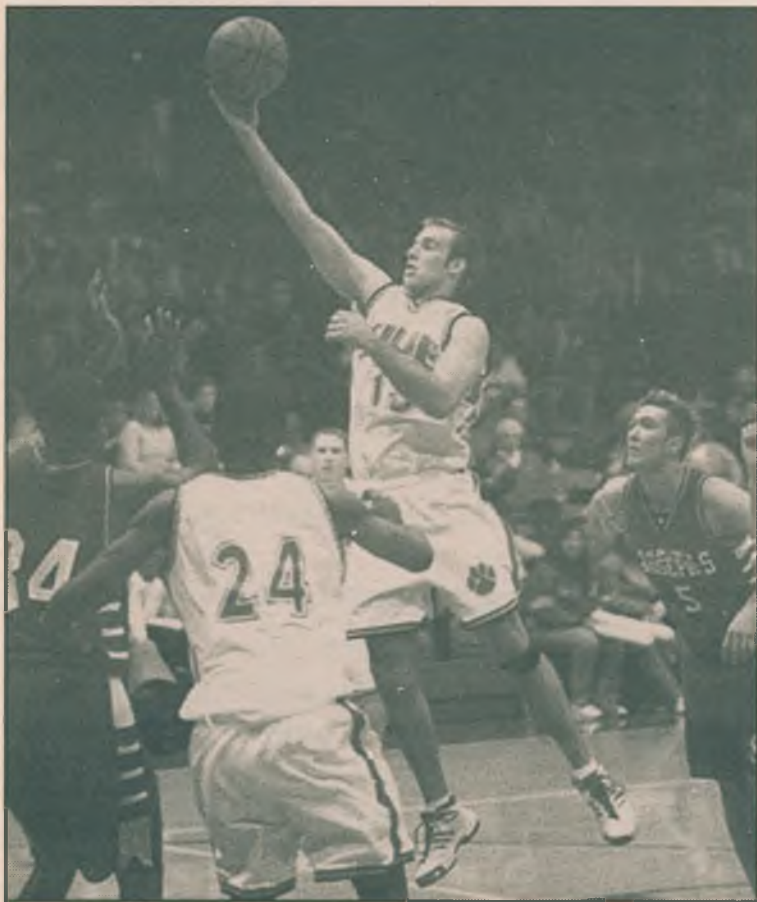


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Wes Pickering led the Cougars with five assists against Quincy.

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Program	Divisions	Registration Due	Manager's Meeting	Event Begin	Format	Day of Event	Begin Time	Location	Entry Fee	Forfeit Fee
6-Foot Basketball	Open	Jan. 15	Jan. 17	Jan. 22	League	Tuesday	TBA	SFC Cts. 1 & 2	\$20.00	\$20.00
Open Basketball	M / W / C	Jan. 15	Jan. 17	Jan. 23	League	Wednesday	TBA	SFC Cts. 1 & 2	\$20.00	\$20.00
Indoor Soccer	M / W / C	Jan. 28	Jan. 29	Feb. 4	League	Monday	5:00 pm	SFC Court #4	\$20.00	\$20.00
Roller Hockey	M / W	Jan. 30	Jan. 31	Feb. 7	League	Thursday	5:00 pm	SFC Court #4	\$20.00	\$20.00
Hot Shot Contest	M / W	At Event	N / A	Feb. 4 & 5	Contest	Mon. & Tues.	4:00 - 5:30 pm	SFC Gym	Free	N / A
Free Throw Contest	M / W	At Event	N / A	Feb. 11 & 12	Contest	Mon. & Tues.	4:00 - 5:30 pm	SFC Gym	Free	N / A
3 Point Shootout	M / W	At Event	N / A	Feb. 13 & 14	Contest	Wed. & Thurs.	4:00 - 5:30 pm	SFC Gym	Free	N / A
9-Ball Tournament	M / W	At Event	At Event	Feb. 26	Tournament	Tuesday	6:00 pm	MUC Rec Center	Free	N / A
Wallyball	Coed	Feb. 26	Feb. 27	Feb. 28	League	Thursday	5:00 pm	VC Racquetball Ct.	\$10.00	\$20.00
Bowling	Open	Feb. 27	Feb. 28	Mar. 3	League	Sunday	TBA	MUC Rec Center	\$5.00	N / A
Volleyball	M / W / C	Mar. 4	Mar. 6	Mar. 18 & 19	League	Mon. & Tues.	6:00 pm	SFC Ct. 2 & 3	\$20.00	\$20.00
Softball	M / W / C	Mar. 6	Mar. 7	TBA	League	TBA	TBA	TBA	\$20.00	\$20.00
Table Tennis	M / W	At Event	Apr. 4	Apr. 4 & 5	Tournament	Thurs. & Friday	5:00 pm	Vadalabene Center	Free	N / A
Golf Scramble	Open	Apr. 16	N / A	Apr. 24	Scramble	Wednesday	TBA	TBA	\$20/person	N / A

Officials Clinic Date	Time	Location
Basketball	Jan. 16	4:30pm VC Room 2001
Indoor Soccer	Jan. 30	4:30pm VC Room 2001
Roller Hockey	Feb. 5	4:30pm VC Room 2001
Volleyball	Feb. 26	4:30pm VC Room 2001
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