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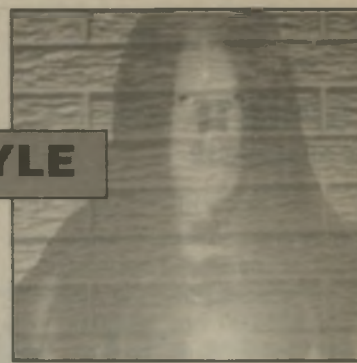
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LIFESTYLE



Bad Dreams?

It could be your Worst Night
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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

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SIUE remains a bargain

BY BARBARA DUMOULIN
NEWS STRINGER

SIUE is bucking the national college tuition trend.

The average increase in tuition and fees around the nation at four-year colleges and universities is 5 percent, according to the College Board, an information source on college costs.

But SIUE has increased those costs by only 3 percent in

the last year for resident undergraduate students and will be substantially reducing the cost of attendance for nonresident undergraduate students.

Beginning in fall 1999, the cost of tuition and fees for a nonresident undergraduate student will decrease from three times to two times the cost of a resident student.

In real dollars, full-time nonresident undergraduate students who are now paying

\$6,826 per year in tuition and fees will pay \$4,888.

According to Daniel Corbett, budget director and special assistant to the chancellor, SIUE's unique budget-planning process has helped bring about these cost-controlling measures.

Corbett said that innovative changes over the past several years by the SIU Board of Trustees have made this school the first in the state to adopt a planning process that both extends for four years and limits proposed undergraduate cost increases to the projected rate of increase in the Consumer Price Index.

"We are using a four-year budget-planning process," Corbett said. "This makes us a leader in the state. We set the tuition for first two years and project it for the next two years. That allows a parent or student to look at what the costs will be for the entire four years."

The CPI has increased around 3 percent per year for the past several years and is projected to be about the same next year.

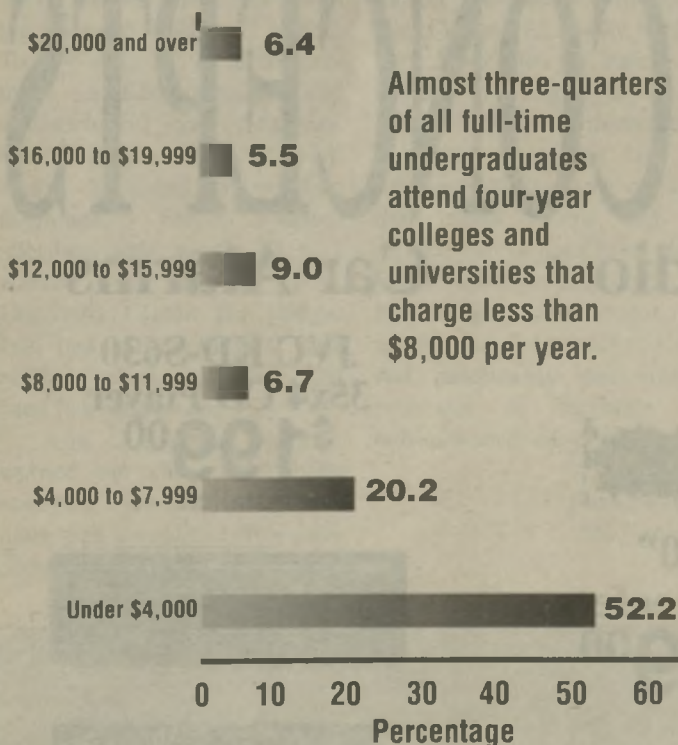
The decision to reduce the nonresident costs came about in an effort to attract and retain both international and regional students. The board of trustees anticipates that increased enrollment will result from more competitive costs. That will serve to offset any negative effect on income from the lower rates.



Bob Fehringer/Alestle

Cheryl Huber, chief clerk with the records section of the SIUE police, checks her handiwork at the Angel Tree located outside the Goshen Lounge in the Morris University Center.

DISTRIBUTION OF FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATES AT FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS BY TUITION AND FEES CHARGED, 1998-99



SOURCE: THE COLLEGE BOARD. TRENDS IN COLLEGE PRICING 1998

1700 SIUE Cougar faithful pack the gym

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Nobody walked away with \$25,000 or a new Dodge, but "Pack the Gym" night at the Vadalabene Center brought back The Red Zone and a surge in school spirit.

More than 1,700 fans of the Cougars saw both the men's and women's team chalk up victories over the Greyhounds from the University of Indianapolis. The

women's team won 83-63 while the men scored 79 points to their opponent's 66. The men's win was the 300th career victory for basketball coach John Margenthaler.

"This was the biggest crowd we ever had in December," Assistant Sports Director Nick Adams said.

Fans were treated to more than winning basketball performances Thursday.

Entertainment included the chance to win a 1999 Dodge Intrepid by sinking a 60-foot putt.

Irene Middleton was the lucky education sophomore who held the ticket called for the putting contest.

Unfortunately Middleton did not make the putt, however she did not leave empty-handed. She received a Bud Light compact disc case, a Budweiser T-shirt and a Budweiser mouse pad.

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Light candle for Kwanzaa

BY TONY WATT
NEWS STRINGER

The SIUE English Department will help light a candle for the upcoming Kwanzaa celebration.

A Pre-Kwanzaa Forum will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, in the East St. Louis Municipal Building, 301 River Park Drive.

The Pre-Kwanzaa Forum will feature a candle-lighting ritual performed by the Soular Systems Ensemble. Poetry readings will be part of the forum. The program will include poet Quincy Troupe.

Eugene B. Redmond, an SIUE English professor and head of the Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club, is organizing the event marking Kwanzaa, an African-American holiday that begins Dec. 26.

The event is sponsored by the SIUE Department of English

Language and Literature, the East St. Louis Cultural Revival Campaign Committee, the Black River Writers Press/Quiet Time Publishing and the Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club.

The candle-lighting ceremony will include readings of KwanSaba poetry, Redmond said.

"KwanSaba poetry consists of seven lines of seven words with seven letters in each word," Redmond said.

KwanSaba is a cross-cultural poetic form dedicated to Kwanzaa, and each poem must address one of the seven principles of Kwanzaa, he said. The principles are: Umoja (unity); Kujichagulia (self-determination); Ujima (collective responsibility); Ujamaa (cooperative economics); Nia (purpose); Kuumba (creativity); and Imani (faith).

SPIRIT

from page one

"I feel like Louie, the Budweiser lizard," Middleton said. "I could have been huge."

There was also the chance to win \$25,000 but again no one managed to sink two of three half-court basketball shots.

However, two students did win tuition waivers for the spring semester. One man and one woman of the six who competed during the halftime breaks sank the ball with a layup.

No one walked away empty-handed, thanks to area merchants who donated coupons and goodies, according to Jessica Neal, public relations chair for Student Government. McDonald's, Applebee's, Pizza Hut, The Bagel Tree and others were among the contributors.

Water bottles as well as hot dogs, chips and lemonade were handed out before the game. There was also a dance and free food after the games.

During the games, Cougar cheerleaders occasionally threw SIUE sweat shirts and T-shirts into the crowd.

Red T-shirts and other red clothing were much in evidence that night as boosters cheered the Cougars. The Red Zone, a particularly vocal group of fans, was loud and strong, bringing back an SIUE tradition.

Pack the Gym night "is a good way for the students to come out and have a good time while also supporting our teams," Sports Information Director Eric Hess said.

According to Neal, the event was "an exciting way to bridge the gap between faculty and students."

Event raises funds for Mitch victims

BY RICHARD GEISLEN
FOR THE ALESTLE

Catholics gathered in a Advent celebration at the Religious Center Friday and also helped the victims of Hurricane Mitch.

"People there are in a very desperate situation," said Nassef Girgif, director of the Catholic Campus Ministry.

The celebration included Scripture readings, music, dance and presentations of the devastation left by Mitch.

The presentations showed the destruction and living conditions that the Honduran and Nicaraguan people are suffering. "Houses are made out of plastic bags and cardboard boxes," Girgif said.

Donations were collected from students and faculty and \$500 was raised. The money according to Girgif will then be split and sent to Honduras and Nicaragua.

In addition to the Catholic campus ministry's efforts, Jenny

Zelaya, a graduate student from Honduras has been collecting items to send to the troubled country.

Girgif was very thankful for the efforts of everyone who participated.

"I would like to thank the community of SIUE for their show of support and global solidarity to reach out beyond our immediate surroundings and to be of help to the people of Honduras in their time of need," Girgif said.

Student newspaper seeks committed, long term relationship with dedicated reporter or copy editor.

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Musical events set for Holiday Season

Enjoy refreshments and music and help musical students at the same time.

From 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 13, the SIUE Friends of Music will sponsor the annual

"Three Holiday Musicales". For a \$10 ticket, participants visit three houses in the Edwardsville — Glen Carbon area for refreshments and music provided by faculty and

students of the SIUE Department of Music.

For more information, call the department of music at 650-3900.

Experience a little culture Dec. 11 when the SIUE orchestra performs in concert.

The event will begin at

7:30 p.m. in the Katherine Dunham Hall Theater. Tickets will cost \$3 for the public and \$2 for senior citizens

and students.

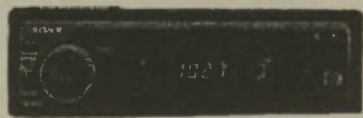
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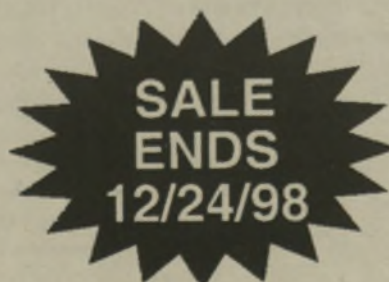


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Guest column

Food, glorious food

SIUE food services offers a variety of delicious choices but is it good for you? Or is it all just grease on a bun?

The university has taken a successful step in making residential college dining more attractive to students. The Food Service administrators have done a lot in the past four to five years to increase variety and options, but they have not really increased the quality of the food.

The Delyte W. Morris University Center has recently been renovated. The Deli Express has been relocated and Chick-fil-A is a new addition. The open self-service areas are great for those students who want to grab food quickly. Unfortunately, options are limited for the student who requires special dietary needs, seeks weight reduction or has other food-related concerns.

My primary concern is that the university offers limited options if you choose to make a healthy meal selection. So, I took it upon myself to walk around and see what my options are on campus. First, I looked in the Founders Hall food wagon. To my surprise, it offers pre-made salads, bagels and sandwich and soup of the day. Next, I journeyed to Peck Hall where I found a vending machines for gourmet microwaveable meals. Then, I walked over to the Morris University Center. The Cougar Den had garden burgers, beef phillies, chicken phillies and fried fish sandwiches.

Ann, a graduate student, warned me about the philly sandwich. She told me it has more than a small family's daily allowance of fat. Judy, a staff

employee, alerted me about the fish sandwich. She told me it has grease dripping from it.

The self-service hot-food bar had a good variety of vegetables, baked potatoes and grilled chicken. In the vicinity of the hot-food bar, there was an ample salad bar, yogurt, premade sandwiches and bagels. The Deli Express has a wide variety of sub sandwiches. Chick-fil-A has a grilled chicken sandwich that needs more than pickles to give it a tasty flavor.

Unfortunately, the food wagon in Woodland Hall did not offer the same items found in Founders Hall; instead they had the healthy choice of an apple or banana.

I realize it is hard to accommodate everyone, but I feel there should be more options for health-conscious and variety-minded students. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has failed to reach its full potential in providing a wider variety of quality foods. I have the option of eating on-campus or bringing my meals from home. Unfortunately, students who live in the residence halls can't cook in their dorm rooms and are restricted to campus meal plans. I hope that in the near future, the Food Service administrators will develop equal amounts of vision and practicality and initiate programs to facilitate the nutrition needs of all students.

Jon L. Begley
SIUE student

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The Family Resource Center will be accepting applications for a homework assistance tutoring program. All students living in Cougar Village are asked to come out and sign up as soon as possible. The program will run Monday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. till 6:00 p.m.

The program will start January 11, 1999. If you have any questions about this program or you need to set up an appointment to enroll your student, please contact Audrey Johnson at (618) 650-5367

'Tis the week before Christmas.

I can't find a thing.

The ribbon is missing.

I'll have to use string.

The Santa Claus wrapping I stored with great care got eaten by elves, and it just isn't there.

A bracelet for Ann, a sweater for Will are not where I hid them.

But there lays the bill.

I promised my family their gifts I would find.

Or else I'd bake fruitcakes.

They said, "Never mind!"

E.J. Gallo

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Dalton's Believe it or Not, Part Two...

The Worst Night

Photo by Mark Wood

BY JIM DALTON
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

** Disclaimer: The names and some of the details of this story have been changed in order to conceal the identity of the actual people involved.*

II

It was about 10:30 that evening when Denise called me. She is one of my sister's good friends and I've known her since she was a little girl. She always has a calm, easygoing personality, which is why I like her. However, she didn't sound like her usual self. Her voice trembled with fright and her sentences were barely coherent.

"Denise, is everything alright?"

"Jim, I need to leave my apartment ... something's happened, I need to ... Can I come over there?"

A minute or two later I heard her car screech into the parking lot. I hurried down the steps and out of the apartment complex. Her son was in his pajamas and looked like he'd just woke up. Denise was holding her daughter in one arm and the steering wheel in the other. Her eyes were fearfully darting around as if trying to discover some hidden ambush. Without a word, she grabbed my hand and we hustled into my apartment.

Denise told me the whole story. If I hadn't known her for so long, I'd probably call her a liar. But, I could tell in her

eyes, in her voice and in the way she securely held her baby, that she was telling the truth.

"You should probably call the police or something."

"What the hell am I gonna tell them? That some freakin' thing came in to my kitchen and started throwing stuff around. That it tried to kill my daughter with a floating plate. You know what they'd think? The next day they'd have a goddamned social worker at my house ready to assess my mental state and take my kids away."

"Sorry, I just thought ... let me get you something for your arms. They look pretty bad."

That night Denise eventually calmed down and even eventually lay on the couch, but she never let go of Amanda. I don't think she slept at all.

After Billy caught the school bus, we went over to her apartment. The place was in shambles and any doubt I had about her story was instantly erased. It looked as if a bomb had exploded in the kitchen.

As we cleaned the apartment, her daughter slept in her cradle which was never more than a few feet away from her mother. I left about noon, but promised I'd come back later that evening.

When I arrived at her apartment around 6 p.m., everything seemed a lot more calm. Billy was sprawled out on the living room carpet playing with some action figures. Denise watched the

news through groggy eyes, as Amanda lay asleep on her lap. Besides the burnt circle on the wall, the kitchen looked pretty normal.

I took a seat on the couch and immediately the television started rumbling. Not knowing what else to do, I got up and tried to hold it steady. That's when I felt what Denise had told me about. It was coming. I could feel the evil entering the room, and my stomach twisted into a burning, nauseated knot. Through the charred circle in the wall, a dark form slid into the kitchen. The television shook more ferociously and squirmed out of my hands. It crashed to the floor and began twitching like a gasping fish out of water.

The ominous form hung in the kitchen, bouncing up and down as if laughing or crying. Within the hideous mass a female visage seemed to float through the shadowy form. The mouth hung wide open and appeared to be screaming, but the only sound in the room was our own labored breathing.

From inside the mass a long appendage, much like an arm, extended from the being to a drawer next to the sink. The drawer shot out from the cheap cabinetry and spilled a pile of knives. One of the steak knives floated up from the stack and over to the kitchen wall. Guided by the will of the evil presence, it sliced into the wall with quick, reckless slashes. The possessed knife was clearly forming a word and when it lifelessly fell to the ground, the message it left was simple, yet terrifying. The word Amanda in crude capital letters lay menacingly on the wall as a dark, bloodlike liquid dripped from the newly carved inscription.

"Mommy, I'm scared," whimpered Billy who hid behind his mother. Denise put her free hand on his shoulder and took a slow step to the door.

The couch was propelled across the living room and slammed up against the door. Behind me, I heard all the windows thrown shut. We were trapped.

In a tornadolike spiral, the vile spirit spun across the kitchen. The walls, floors and ceiling began to tremble under its power, pictures smashed to the floor, light bulbs exploded, shelves ripped themselves from the wall and streams of crimson blood poured up through the carpet. In the distance, I could hear what sounded like the screams of small children.

Denise was clutching Amanda with her terrified young son crying and clenching two small handfuls of her jeans.

"Come on, let's get the hell out of here!" I yelled, grabbing a chair and running toward the sliding-glass door. I swung the chair as hard as I could, but the glass only suffered a small crack. I swung again and the glass shattered. Turning back to Denise, I saw the mass swarm upon us like a horde of enraged bees.

A reeking vomitus heat dissipated from the murderous demon and almost burned my skin. It lassoed itself around the baby's neck and the child began choking.

"You can't have her!" Denise yelled and vainly tried to free her gagging child. I hurled the chair at the hellish being, but it sailed right through it.

"Billy, run outside and get help!" I shouted and grabbed his shoulders and pushed him through the glassless sliding door.

Quickly, I looked back at Denise who was yelling and frantically swinging her fists. Amanda had turned blue and her eyes began to bulge out of her skull. Not knowing what else to do, I ran at Denise and Amanda and tackled them. The mass's deadly stranglehold was temporarily broken. The three of us fell backward onto the sharp glass fragments, which reopened the unhealed lacerations on Denise's arms. We helplessly lay on the floor as the dark soul charged toward us. For that brief moment, I was sure I was going to die.

Denise instinctively flung her wounded arms up for protection and a few drops of blood splashed upon the creature. Like a broken vial of acid eating through a table, her

blood tore small holes into the now shrieking mass. The holes steamed with thick, black smoke and the beast's form violently contorted. It let out another sickening cry that shattered all the windows.

I quickly glanced at Denise and when our eyes met, she nodded. Without any words, we both knew what to do. I grabbed Amanda from her and sprinted toward the door. Denise confidently stood, empowered by the awareness of her weapon. She cupped her hand against her forearm, letting the blood slowly pool in her hand.

The dark being retreated and howled a shaky yelp that almost sounded like a cry for help. Denise leaped at the beast and threw her vital life fluid on the demon.

The blood ripped a gaping hole in the repulsive creature. The face floating inside the mass began to melt until it burst into an indistinguishable ball of flames, and the mass harmlessly drifted across the room. As Denise cupped her hand to her forearm again, the creature quickly evacuated the apartment through the burnt hole in the wall. The evil was gone and the apartment was quiet.

Denise and her children moved out of the apartment the next day.

Epilogue

In November 1983, Vera Storm brutally murdered her two young children in her Tower Lake apartment (now known as Cougar Village). Her eight-year-old son was fatally beaten with a frying pan and Amanda, her infant daughter, was strangled to death. When authorities arrived at the scene, she allegedly repeated, "They deserved to die."

The apartment was closed by the university for the following semester, but was opened again in the fall of 1984. This is the same apartment Denise lived in when she saw the poltergeist. Despite what happened to her and probably others, SIUE students unaware of what happened, are living there this very day.

Joe Torre won the National League MVP Award in 1971 with the St. Louis Cardinals, hitting .363.

Sports & Cougars

Coming UP Next

Tuesday
Women's basketball travels to McKendree for a 7 p.m. game.

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News from the foul line

By Todd Spann

Hello

The refs are at it again. The same group of officials that were on the scene of the coin-flip fiasco Thanksgiving Day gave Vinny Testaverde and the Jets a last minute go-ahead touchdown to defeat the Seahawks. Replays and photos showed Testaverde being stopped short of the end zone.

The NFL needs to assign this group to a Rams or Bears game because only one team is finding the end zone and that's the opposition.

Bowls

Let me get this straight. Kansas State was playing for a shot at the national title game when they played Texas A&M Saturday afternoon.

When they lost to the previous 10th ranked Texas team, it dropped them down to No. 4 in the rankings and they were selected to go to the Alamo Bowl against unranked Purdue.

That makes about as much sense as Hulk Hogan running for president.

NFL Week 14

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Thursday games

Philadelphia 17, St. Louis 14

Women's basketball

Cougars grab two big GLVC wins

After thrashing Indy, Cougars squeak by Northern Kentucky

BY BRETT LICATA
SPORTS WRITER

Whether it's by 20 points or one point, the SIUE women's basketball team will take a victory any way it can get one.

A dominating win against the University of Indianapolis on Thursday was followed by an exhilarating one-point upset of Northern Kentucky University on Saturday.

A flashback to last weekend had SIUE losing to Lewis University on a controversial foul call in the closing seconds.

The Cougars received their pay back on Saturday when Misi Clark was fouled by Northern Kentucky in a tie game with less than a second remaining on the clock.

With the game knotted 61-61, Clark went to the line to shoot two, needing to sink only one to ensure victory. A miss on her first attempt made the drama even higher, but Clark drained the second free throw to give her team a 62-61 victory.

"This was a huge win against probably the toughest team in the conference," head coach Wendy Hedberg said.

Clark finished with a game-high 17 points while Kim Lowe continued to dominate the boards as she pulled down nine off the glass, six of those on the offensive end.

Lowe also chipped in 13 points to give her over 1000 career points in her SIUE career. She is only the 14th player in school history to reach this milestone.

"Reaching 1000 points was a pleasant surprise for Kim, but her goal is to become the school's rebounding leader," Hedberg said.

April Clendenin hit a big three-pointer down the stretch to give her seven points on the afternoon and Amanda Buldtman also contributed off the bench with six points.

Despite foul trouble, Crystal Gladson also played well around the basket.

The upset over Northern Kentucky preceded a thrashing of Indianapolis two days earlier.

SIUE played steady defense and shot 46 percent from the



Amy Wisneski/Alestle

The Cougars tangled with the University of Indianapolis Thursday and defeated the Greyhounds 83-63.

field to come away with an 83-63 win.

Clark and Lowe each contributed 21 points. Lowe also grabbed 13 rebounds and hit nine of 12 from the charity stripe.

Erica Cory added 10 points and four steals, while Jill Johnson had a six-point and nine-rebound performance.

"We played really good defense and shot the ball better than we had been," Hedberg said.

The Cougars will travel to Lebanon to battle McKendree College tonight and return home Saturday to take on the University of Southern Indiana at 1 p.m.

Go Cougars



Amy Wisneski/Alestle

Cougar fans show up to support the men's and women's basketball teams on "Pack the Gym Night," Thursday.

Women's soccer

Cougars have four players go All-Region

After a solid soccer season when the women's soccer team qualified for the NCAA tournament, four players were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Central Region team to top the season off.

Janece Friederich, a senior from St. Louis and Tasha Siegle, a freshman from Collinsville were both named to the All-Central Region first team for their accomplishments on the field. Both women started in all 18 games this season for the Cougars.

Senior Karin Tighe and junior Kristi Stedman were named to the All-Region's second team.

The Cougars finished the season 15-3-3 and went through the GLVC regular season 9-0-1.

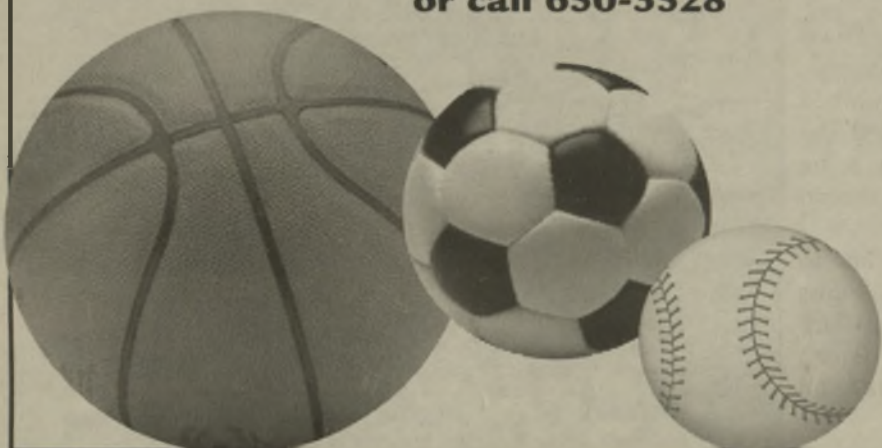
Southern Indiana University stopped the Cougars in the first round of the NCAA tournament, 2-1.

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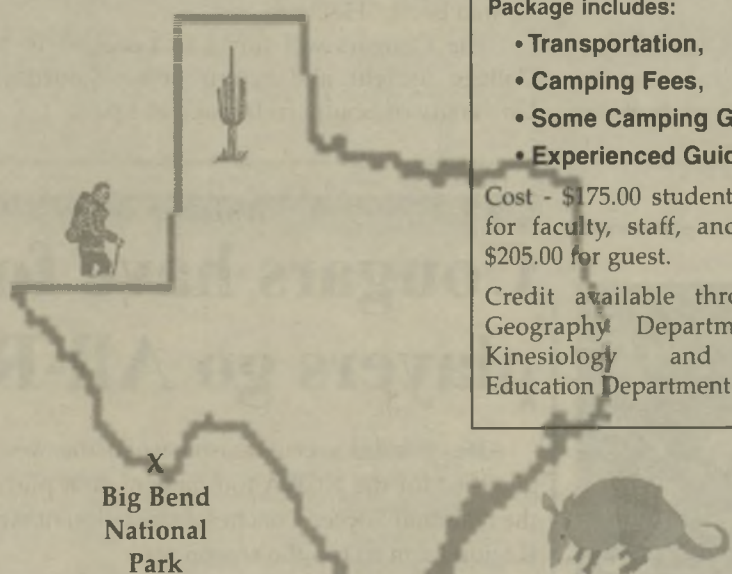
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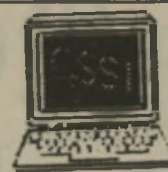
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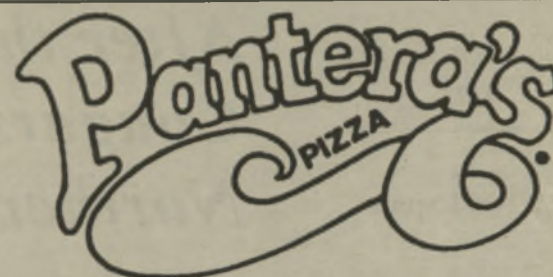
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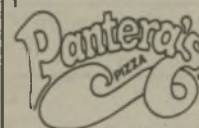
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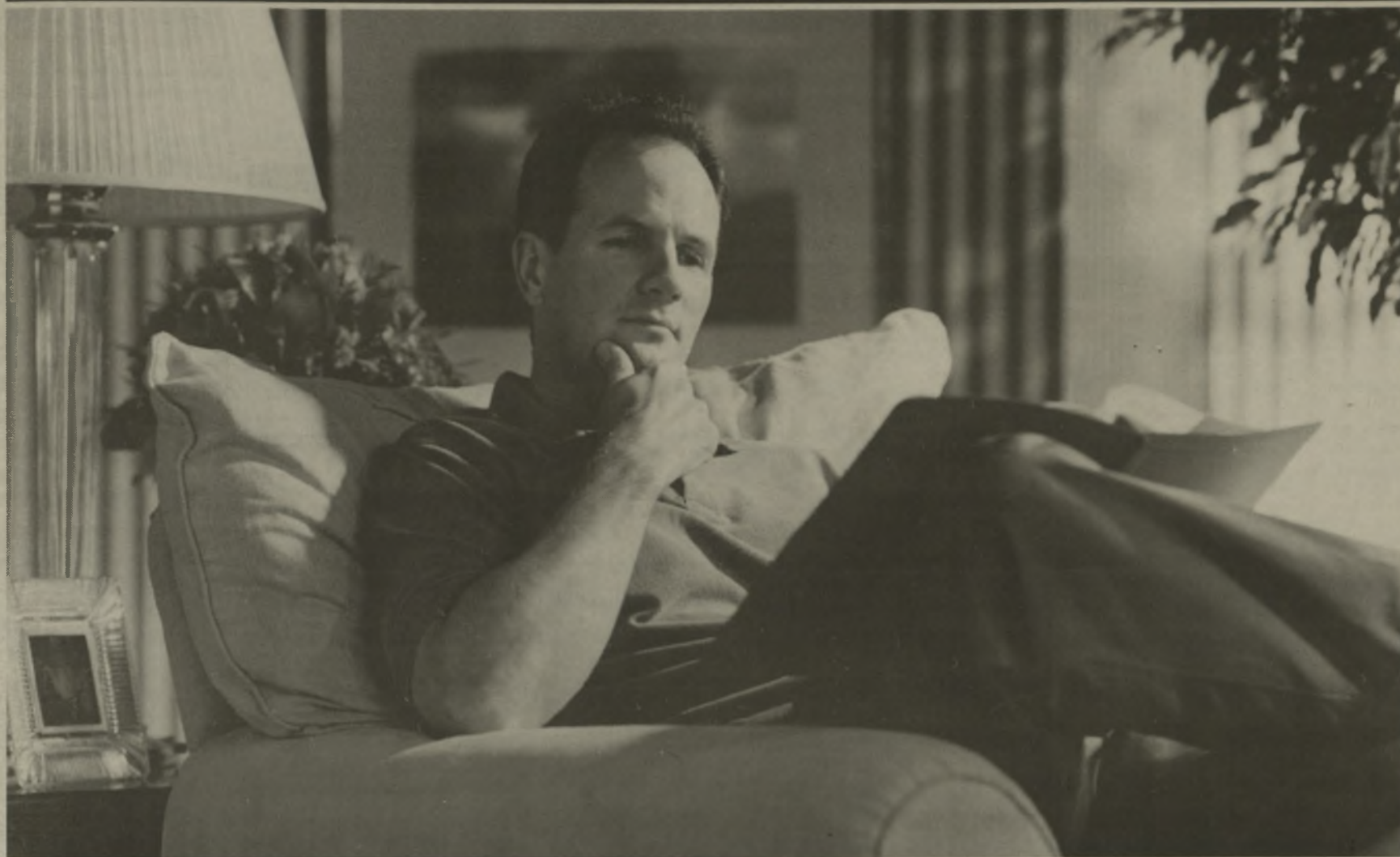
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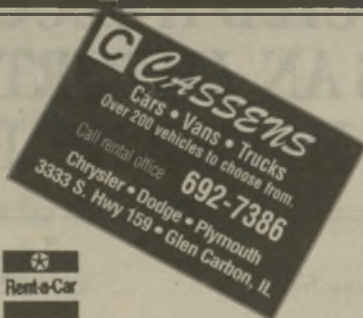
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