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Riders protest horse-trail closings
Route 13 backed-up five hours to show unity for forest’s paths

By Stephanie Moletti
Environmental Reporter

Traffic was backed up for several miles Saturday as at least 100 horses, covered wagons and male teams journeyed Route 13 in protest of the closing of horse trails through natural areas at Shawnee National Forest.

"A lot of the riders gathered at the Shawnee National Forest near St. Louis," D. McGinty, an organizer and protest participant, said today.

"We’re trying to make everyone aware of what conservation is taking from riders with the closing of natural areas," McGinty said.

As part of the Illinois Forest Plan of May 1992 for Shawnee National Forest, 77 of 84 natural areas will be closed to equestrians within the next few months. Forest officials plan to post signs at entrances and exits to the closed trails. The state created the natural areas to protect rare and endangered plants.

Of the 77 areas closed, 35 have suffered damage because of horse traffic. The closings will affect 3 to 5 percent of the Shawnee’s 270,700 acres. Seven natural areas, totaling 5,740 acres, will remain open to forest visitors, according to forest officials.

The Illinois Department of Conservation and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission see TRAILS, page 5

Gus Bode

A police officer patrols the area surrounding Route 13 to protect horses and riders from traffic. About 100 riders gathered Saturday morning to protest the closing of horse trails throughout the Shawnee National Forest. See related photos, page 7.

Freeway system moving on
Illinois’ team continues to review Jackson County-East St. Louis link

By Diane Dove
City Reporter

The Southwestern Illinois Freeway Team met with the Illinois Department of Transportation and several area politicians to review a continuing feasibility study for a toll highway that will run from Jackson County to East St. Louis.

During the Friday meeting in Carbondale, Swift Chairman Dan Rettig said the study, which is based on economic, environmental and engineering considerations, looked at business locations, environmental habits and tourist attractions. U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, said he was glad one of the study’s considerations was the joint use of Scott Air Force Base in St. Clair County.

A study of the base showed that more than 15,000 jobs could be created through it.

Costello said the study will consider joint use of the military base, which he said would create a lot of traffic.

Simón says: Health plans time consuming

By Jamie Madigan
Politics Reporter

Simón’s local office was passed by a health-care plan this year, it will be 1998 before the plan becomes full coverage, U.S. Senator Paul Simon said Friday at a public forum.

"We hope to report a bill out of our committee by the end of May," said Simon. "I think there will be a bill passed this year. We have to raise that this year." Simon came to Carbondale to listen to concerns of representatives of several organizations, including the League of Women Voters, the National Association of the Advancement for Colored People and the restaurant and hospitality industry.

Simon said although he believes a bill will be passed, no one knows how much health care ultimately will cost.

"The White House has received the best estimates they can get," he said. "We’re shooting in the dark a little bit — no one knows what it’s going to cost.

"Bill Bradley, of the Jackson County League of Women Voters voiced the concerns of most representatives when she stressed the need for universal coverage.

"Health-care reform must achieve universal coverage," she said. "Incremental steps and piecemeal solutions will only slow the momentum toward reform.

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John Holmes, who represented the association supports reform, but not reform that will put many insurance agents out of work. "Our health insurance system needs reform," he said. "However, the reform should be evolutionary and not revolutionary. Probably only about five major insurance companies will be meaningful players in the health marketplace — unemployment will most certainly result.

Simon said he believes only a minority of small, specialized companies will go out of business.

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Nation battles as death-toll rises to 10,000
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — With as many as 10,000 soldiers in their blood-soaked capital, warring tribes are the central African nation of Rwanda resumed fighting following a brief cease-fire Sunday as Americans and other foreigners arrived in the relative safety of neighboring Burundi after

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CTC students recognized for high standards
By Aleksandra Macys
Special Assignment Reporter

SIF C professor Paulette Morris describes Honors Day as a beginning, rather than an end. "I know students, and they might not be receiving awards, but I've been with the college for 18 years, and I've seen the College of Technical Arts change," Morris said. "It's a chance to celebrate." "More and more offices and systems are becoming academic. This is the high point grade point average and other accomplishments also received scholarships and recognition during the ceremony.

Dean Elaine M. Vicente said she was proud to welcome students, who achieved academic excellence. "We recognize, as a matter of fact, to recognize all students, must have a cumulative minimum grade point average of 3.9 or higher for their total undergraduate studies at SITF.

The Robert W. Davis Memorial Scholarship, awarded to a senior with high academic achievement and potential, was awarded to Donna J. Porte, also an Honors Day recipient.

By Paul Eisenberg

Cult expert brings warning, message to local churches
By Angela Hyland
Religion Reporter

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Arnold's Market

Market stocked with local flavors
By Paul Eisenberg
Business Reporter

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Academic achievers honored by University

YESTERDAY MARKED ANOTHER IMPORTANT event in the scholastic calendar at SIUC University. Honors Day. A total of 1,677 freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior students from different colleges made the honor roll. These students attained a grade point average of at least 3.5 in work at SIUC in achieving this status.

A HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS goes to these students for their hard work and perseverance in attaining the standards that every student should aim to achieve. There is a prestige in knowing that one has a grade point average, that others will give their right arm for, and the competition that exists among students of the different departments on the SIUC campus makes this a healthy, motivating competition. What is it about the magical GPA's that makes some students put aside social opportunities, traditions and just amounts of college, and even sacrifice their ever-sacrificed sleep time.

The answer to this may be more easily understood if the role of an educational institution like SIUC is analyzed.

IF THE ROLE OF THE UNIVERSITY IS SOLELY to impart textbook knowledge, then the GPA is an accurate gauge of the student's ability to obtain high scores. These grades supposedly measure the ability to read, write, comprehend, retain and access this information in an examination room setting.

However, the question of whether the role of the University also is to prepare these students to find employment in an ever increasing job market is arguable. Many people refer to life in the post college "real world," where life is brutal, and all that exists is a work-anything environment. College does change you for the Harder of Life and Hard Knows. That generalized statement is often overheard in conversations, usually with the people who have never attended college being the navigators of the statement.

The working world is not an unrealistic and separate from the "real world."

THE WORKING WORLD IS NOT ANY MORE realistic than the lives we lead as college students. We are given sets of challenges that we must meet, with the constraints of time, finance, deadlines and resources working continuously against us. Some have the capacity to accomplish these goals and move forward, while others fall to the sidelines.

The concepts about this generation of students being the first generation not as well prepared as their parents, their high dropout rates and their low scores on standardized tests have been excessively discussed in the media. Some of the popular explanations for these failed generations have exceeded and in the case of Honors Day, they were singled out and awarded for that accomplishment.

Viewpoint

Sexual preference matter of identity; acceptance one of open-mindedness

A good friend made some friends.
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The commission is scheduled to meet in the closing months of the year. "People from Texas to Michigan come to ride the trails in Indiana," Miller said. "The trails have economic benefits for Southwestern Illinois and the region in general." College students, Miller said, have "a stake in making sure the trails are there for the future." The commission's actions will affect the future of the trails in the region. 

SWIFT, from page 1

Swift will be involved in a multimillion-dollar renovation of the company's headquarters in Chicago. The company is also planning to expand its operations in the Midwest, with a focus on increasing its customer base and improving its product offerings. Swift is currently investing in new technology and infrastructure to support its growth plans. Swift's management team is confident in the company's ability to meet its goals and is committed to delivering high-quality products to its customers.

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The forum will be held at the headquarters of the American Management Association, located in downtown Chicago. The forum will provide an opportunity for attendees to network with industry leaders and hear from experts on the latest developments in the field. The forum will cover a range of topics, including leadership, business strategy, and ethics.

RWANDA, from page 1

As the country continues to rebuild and recover from the genocide, the United Nations is working to provide assistance and support to those affected. The UN has been working to establish a system of justice to hold those responsible for the genocide accountable. The UN has also been working to provide humanitarian aid to those in need, including food, shelter, and medical assistance. The UN has also been working to promote reconciliation and to support the efforts of the Rwandan government to create a stable and prosperous future for the country.

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Owners of the other bars with more than 19 violations said they were not surprised by the closure. "The commission's refusal to renew a liquor license permanently could force liquor establishments out of business," one owner said. "We're just trying to comply with the rules and regulations." The commission has been working to ensure that liquor establishments are operating safely and legally. The commission has been working to enforce the rules and regulations that govern the liquor industry, and it has been working to ensure that liquor establishments are operating safely and legally. The commission has been working to enforce the rules and regulations that govern the liquor industry, and it has been working to ensure that liquor establishments are operating safely and legally.
Costello explains expansion plan, Scott Air Force Base development

By Doug Durso

General Assignment Reporter

The continued improvement of roadways, bridges and airports are a direct correlation for expanding the local and national economy and creating jobs, a local legislators says.

I.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Brockton, is working to pass a federal aviation plan.

"I share the same view that the state, the local and state government should be working to make air travel better," Costello said.

Costello explained that due to local politics, the state and federal airports have not seen the growth that should have happened.

Costello said, "If we look at the passenger numbers, we are not where we need to be.

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The infamous Van Halen cover band known as Fair Warning, rocked Dateours Friday night. Members Ed McGrady (drums), Jim Peck (bass), Paul Defrancisco (guitar) and Mike Szromba (vocals) said this is not the first time they have played Carbondale.

By Melissa Edwards
Entertainment Reporter

Fair Warning, billed as a Van Halen-tribute band, did its best to right down to a cheeks imitation of David Lee Roth's posthumous Friday night at Patty's, in Denver at 605 E. Grand Ave.

The audience seemed to appreciate the grotto, grooves and groans of the thong and chaps chad lead singer. Obviously it was not Roth providing the stage, but Michael Szromba did an admirable job portraying the narcissistic rocker.

The band was a good substitute, like a sartorial for white. But just like artificial sweetener a little bit goes a long way. For the hard Van Halen fans, this was a hit miss. For everyone else, well, at least they had stage presence.

One of the best aspects of the show was how the group involved the audience. Szromba was comfortable running around the bar, grabbing girls around the shoulders and asking guys to sing along.

Band Review

Paul Defrancisco also provided an admirable imitation of the legendary guitar player Eddie Van Halen, although sometimes he looked more like the nutperk Roth with his silly trim, than Van Halen's.

For pure entertainment value this group cannot be Szromba was showy, doing high-kick jumps, in his tight pants. as was Defrancisco with his fancy footwork and firework.

The band members did get covers of "Ice Cream Man" and "James and Frying" but they added a number of not-so-well known Van Halen tunes.

They were an derivative to what the Carbondale music scene normally sees, and judging by the size of the crowd, it was a welcome surprise.

Both bands might be more original, but this band was unapologetic, and their enthusiasm saved them from work.

Stereotypes depicted by students in 'Colorblind'

By Heather Burrow
Entertainment Reporter

Stereotypes and prejudices are common occurrences, sometimes the biases can be captured in a new and amusing light, such as in Michael Liciwiko's play "Colorblind.

"I was accused of stereotyping blacks, but I was just portray a human nature," Liciwiko, whose play premiered Friday at the Laboratory Theater in the Communications Building, said.

Liciwiko's purpose was to stereotype African-American people, however, and to show how ignorant it is to do this just on appearances.

Not only were African-Americans stereotyped, so were the typical foul-mouthed, arrogant male and typical sensitive guy. There also was a stereotype of the corrupt businessman.

The play included student actors and actresses on a small stage with only three areas an act.

All of the scenes were sparse with furniture and included two people.

The play covers a two-week period in present-day Milwaukee, with a cast of six.

Noelle, played by Heatherton Bosson is a very strong, straightforward character. Noelle is an African-American actress trying to survive in her "dark little corner of the world.

Noelle's current boyfriend is Anthony, portrayed by Paul Smith. Noelle does not like the fact that Anthony works for white people to get ahead. She feels that the only way for African-Americans to become at top in America is to remain with and for other African Americans. Therefore, there is a conflict between these two characters.

The major conflict, however, is between Noelle and Nicholas, a white male played by Jason Padgett. He is enamored with Noelle and follows her to the park, where she rehearses on a regular basis. The hostility and humor whether to open her mind and stay with Nicholas or continue with her prejudices.

"At first the play offended me, but then I realized it was just a play about stereotypes," Bosson said.

Multiculturalism, prejudices addressed in plays

By Matthew Lamacki
Entertainment Reporter

The subject of multiculturalism came to SUIC Saturday night as two 25-minute plays, "A Divorce" and "As Usual" were performed at the Laboratory Theatre in the Communications Building.

"A Divorce" is a one-act play, directed by Gregory Gerhard, about a young East Indian couple living in America about to celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary.

Bill Kirksey, writer of "A Divorce" and an SUIC graduate student in theater, was pleased with the performance of his play.

"I thought everything went fine," he said, and the audience seemed to really enjoy the performance.

Pavleen Das and his wife Rasñana, played by Aya Karim and Sumita Peacock, are very much in love. The problem arises when Pavleen makes the mistake of telling his parents that his wife is unable to bear children.

This causes the parents, Rom and Meera Das, played by Gibson Sarcomeso and Nillofor Zobart, to come to the United States and tell their son to end his marriage.

The couple does not want to get a divorce because of the way they feel about each other.

The parents indirectly threaten the life of Rasñana, which causes Pavleen to agree to end his marriage.

The play definitely does not have a happy ending," Peacock said.

"As Usual," written by Geryl Robinson, and directed by Daniel Michel is also a one-act play.

The play's main character, Shara, played by Keshu Rafie, is a young African-American female trying to become an actress who is struggling with prejudice and discrimination along many levels.

She experiences prejudice as African-American female who is a homosexual.

She also encounters prejudice because she has just came out of an interracial marriage.

Suzeanna plays Shara's co-worker, Latisha, in the play.

She said that "As Usual" contains a very serious subject matter, but there are light moments with humor involved.

"Shara is trying to come to grips with herself on a lot of levels and she has a very difficult time of it," she said.

"Her family does not even know that she is a lesbian because she is afraid to tell them. She tries to please everybody, but soon realizes that she cannot." She said.

"The play reaches its climax when Shara is finally able accept the fact that she is a lesbian. She tries to prove of who she is," she said.

Thomas said the play touches a lot of characters and storylines into a very short amount of time, but the audience usually does not find it overwhelming.

Both plays had a brief critique session after each was performed, and the feedback was positive, Thomas said.
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4. Wolf
5. Bear
6. T-Rex
7. Crocodile
8. Alligator
9. Otter
10. Seal
11. Koala
12. Penguin
13. Giraffe
14. Elephant
15. Lion
16. Tiger
17. Ostrich
18. Parrot
19. Penguin
20. Sloth
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22. Fox
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27. Elephant
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2. number
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5. bark
6. meow
7. woof
8. purr
9. chirp
10. squeak
11. quack
12. honk
13. bleat
14. moo
15. oink
16. neigh
17. growl
18. hiss
19. snarl
20. squawk
21. screech
22. chitter
23. chunter
24. mutt
25. pup
26. whelp
27. scamp
28. filly
29. colt
30. foal
31. lamb
32. kid
33. calf
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45. chicken
46. duck
47. goose
48. turkey
49. penguin
50. flamingo
51. pelican
52. stork
53. pelican
54. heron
55. crane

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Basketball players need work on fundamentals

By Michael Arace

The Hartford Courant

It has been 10 years since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar was the NBA's all-time leading scorer. It has been five years since he retired. Now, he wants to return. He wants to coach. Why?

What he sees in the league today is driving him nuts. He wants to do something about it.

"If you had asked me to coach three years ago, I'd have said 'Forget it. Are you out of your mind'? Now, it's not quite like that," Abdul-Jabbar said in a conference call last week.

"There's great need for people to teach the game. I don't think a lot of the younger players, especially the front-line players, are learning the fundamentals. That's something I know very well and could teach very well. So it's something that I would entertain, given the right offer in the right circumstances."

Abdul-Jabbar is one of a growing number of former players and former/current coaches who say offensive skills have waned considerably. That the league has expanded by five teams, thinning the talent, Abdul-Jabbar became the latest to step forward for that argument.

The statistical evidence may be incontrovertible. Ten years ago, when Abdul-Jabbar was at the top of his sport, the NBA's median shooting percentage was .491.

The lowest-scoring team was the Atlanta Hawks at .403; the worst free-throw shooters were the New Jersey Nets at 67 percent.

Today, the median field-goal percentage is down to .465. The league-wide shooting average is 101.1--lower than the 1983-84 Hawks. Today, coaches say defenses are much more complex, thus the drops. There is truth to this theory.

But how does it explain why, across the board, NBA teams today shoot 67 percent from the free-throw line--just like the worst team, the Nets, did in 1983-84?

Abdul-Jabbar returns to fundamentals, or lack thereof. He said players today, "all want to look good for the girls in the stands. They all want to see their pictures in the paper, high above the rim, jamming. Showmanship is certainly too prominent in the game."

Former Celtics forward Kevin McHale, another low-post great, said the same thing. In an interview a couple months back, McHale said, "The league is all marketing. It's almost like the game: worrying and losing."

The former All-Star had the club .500. He has, ways would come out and pose for pictures, throw down some dunks and then go home.

In the era of the dunk and fadeaway center, the art of developing post movers has been lost.

Said Abdul-Jabbar: "A lot of (college players) are held back because they don't understand the game. In Charlotte (at the Final Four), I saw one post player and he was 6 foot 7. (Arkansas forward) Corliss Williamson showed good post moves to go high-percentage shots close to the basket."

"(Otherwise), there seems to be a disdain for going close to the basket. They all want to shoot jump shots or go for the spectacular stuff. Duke's center, Cherokee Parks, is 6-11 and he shoots turnaround jump shots. There's a lot to learn and a lot is falling by the wayside. (Low-post play) is a dying art."

New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing is averaging 24.3 points. But there are some of late-season wear. In a recent four-game span, Ewing averaged 15.5 ppg and didn't crack 20. After his 4 for 17, 12-point performance against the Cleveland Cavaliers, Ewing was unavailable for comment.

Nets point guard John Andree also pulled some dunks and then go home.

In the era of the dunk and fadeaway center, the art of developing post movers has been lost.

Anderson was clearly ired that rookie guard David Wesley, a defensive specialist, played the last eight minutes of a loss to the Portland Trail Blazers. Said Nets Coach Chuck Daly: "Sunday night, David comes in and plays very well, the next night he comes in and turns it over three times, our lead goes from 10 to 2 and I've got to make a substitution. So I don't have the liberty of consistent substitutions, which I would love to have."

As for Abdul-Jabbar, Daly said: "He has got to learn that there are times when I've got to buy him minutes. But that's maturity."

Nets rookie forward P.J. Brown had 10 points and nine rebounds--and a sterling defensive effort against Dallas Manning--in a 93-87 victory over the Hawks in Jersey Thursday. Said Brown: "I'd like to play the Hawks in the first round, psychologically, we know we can beat these guys."

The Nets are in the running for the seventh seed, which would match them with the second-seeded Hawks in the first round. The Nets are 1 1/2 against the Hawks this season. Said Manning: "We know we might have to meet them in the playoffs... that's a whole different story."

The Nets should remain confident if they slip back to eighth, alhough themselves to play the Knicks in a neutral series. The Hawks also are 1-3 against the Nets this season.

The probable 1-6 series in the Western Conference is another interesting matchup. Presently, the Seattle SuperSonics are holding the top seed and the Denver Nuggets are holding off the Lakers for No. 8.

The Sonics and Nuggets met Thursday in Denver.

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one for the Salukis. They trailed Bradley's burly Doris Hayes by hanging out 16 hits. The problem was that the Salukis were not getting the key hits as they stranded 10 runners.

In the first, Koski tripled and later scored on Jenny Kloz's single. The Salukis had the bases loaded with one out, but could not score. They did manage to score in the fourth. Kloz, Wilson, and Schutte each hit RBI singles in the inning, two of which came with two outs to knot the score at four apiece.

Bradley added a run in the sixth but the Salukis did the rest of the damage themselves in the sixth. The Braves put runners on first and second and no one out. Meier, who relieved Schutte, got a strikeout and then a fielder's choice to put runners on the corners and two out. The inning looked as if it were over when Person's way but as she

trudged through the wet outfield grass she dropped the ball allowing a run to score. The Braves then took advantage of an error by Hasenstab to make it a 7-4 comeback.

The Salukis would come back though. Knotts singled with one out to start the seventh inning rally. Pecoraro blasted an RBI triple making it a two-run game. Knotts struckout, but Person singled up the middle bringing Koski, the potential go-ahead run to the plate. Koski sent a deep blast to center but it was run down to end the Salukis' hopes of a sweep.

Schutte and Person had three hits apiece and Koski, Kloz, and Miller each had two. Kloz added two RBI's and Koski scored twice to pace the Salukis.

Frehl鹧bauer said she felt SHU entered a good chance of sweeping Bradley but they did not put the key hits and were outplayed defensively.

"You're not going to win many games when you give up seven runs," she said. "I'm not disappointed with our bats, but we're unfortunately struggling with key hits."

The Salukis (18-8, 2-2) hit the road on Tuesday to face Eastern Illinois.

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He also wondered how the stress involved in coaching would affect his health. Plus, Johnson knows he'll have to make a firm commitment to coaching. It can't mirror the awkward way he left the game, retiring, then unretiring, then re-reflecting. He doesn't want to go through that emotional roller coaster, and neither does Lakers general manager Jerry West, who wants to move forward with

rebuilding this once-proud franchise. Whether Johnson will stay won't be known right away. However, evidence of improved play by the Lakers is there, especially among the team's young core.

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A No Brainer.
Weekend brings Salukis equal share of wins

By Chris Walker
Sports Reporter

The SIU softball team began its Missouri Valley Conference season this weekend by splitting a pair of doubleheaders.

On Friday afternoon No. 21 Illinois State came into town with pitcher Jodi Burch. Burch, who one hit the Salukis weeks ago, pitched the first game.

SIUC softball coach Ken Brechtel said Burch has the ability to put you away, and she did just that to the Salukis' nine-game winning streak.

Burch was tough. She had a no-hitter through three innings and was so stong that it took Laurie Wilson nine minutes and 13 foul balls to get a basehit. The Salukis touched Burch a little too late in the seventh when Christine Knotts smacked an RBI double to break the shutdown.

Burch struckout 12 to improve her record to 13-5 and lead the Lady Redbirds to the 5-1 victory. Tania Meier took the loss.

The Salukis gained a split by shutting out ISU 6-0 in the second game.

In the sixth inning with the key moment, the lightening and the darkening of the sky ended the game on ISU mounted a comeback, scoring four runs and bringing the run to the plate with one out. Fortunately for the Salukis the umpires mediated and called the game due to darkness and moved the contest into a suspended game. The Salukis scored three runs.

Salukies sacrifice fly in the third increased the Salukis lead to 9-0. In the fourth the Salukis scored three more runs. Andrea Priester ripped an RBI-single, Wilson brought home a run on a fielder's choice, and Schutke closed out the scoring with a bloop single to right field.

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