

Four arrested over weekend

KAYCI COMBS
NEWS REPORTER

A mini-crime wave rolled through the campus this weekend, resulting in four arrests.

Two men were charged with underage drinking early Sunday at Bluff Hall after a resident assistant asked patrol officers for help.

Officers found Matt Henline, 18, of Morton, unconscious in resident Charles Hess' bathroom. Henline, who is not a student here, and Hess, a sophomore, were arrested for illegal consumption of alcohol. Hess was also arrested for illegal possession. Both were issued a notice to appear in court Feb. 27 to face the charges.

In another weekend arrest, SIUE police stopped a car Friday in the Hairpin. Although officers

stopped the car because one headlight was not working, the officers noticed the smell of marijuana when they talked to the driver.

Upon questioning, Kodi Jackson, a freshman living in Woodland Hall, admitted having pot.

"Jackson stated he had a small amount of cannabis hidden, which he gave up voluntarily," SIUE police Capt. Regina Hays said. Jackson allegedly had 2.5 grams of marijuana in his car.

A background check found that Jackson was wanted for failure to appear in court on a traffic violation. Jackson posted two bonds totaling \$175.

Police also arrested Timothy Burger of Dwight about 1:30 a.m. Monday at the intersection of New Poag Road and Northwest University Drive.

Officers said Burger had

been meandering through the campus.

"It was suspicious to have a vehicle driving around at that time of night," SIUE Police Chief Richard Harrison said.

Officers reported they smelled marijuana as they approached Burger's car.

Burger reportedly said he had dropped some friends off at Woodland Hall and was returning home.

Officers found drug paraphernalia and charged Burger with possession of marijuana and driving without insurance.

SIUE police are still investigating a sexual assault. After going out with friends and coming home sick, a female resident awoke to find a man on top of her in Bluff Hall early Jan. 20.

No arrests have been made.

Williams challenges students



MINDI ERNST/ALESTLE

Juan Williams met with students for a question and answer session before his speech in the Meridian Ballroom Friday.

CALLIE STILWELL
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

make a difference is to use your voice.

"How rare it is that anyone exercises leadership and stands up," Williams said. By making a stand now, "you'll have a forming role in terms of setting America's future in regard to race," he said.

Williams urged potential leaders to tap into their leadership, strength and spirit to battle the cynics.

"Those people understand your power. They don't want you to become American leaders," he said.

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Student government member resigns

TRAVIS ROSS
NEWS REPORTER

Another member of student government is calling it quits.

Student Organization Advisory Board Chair Rae Williamson submitted her resignation due to personal reasons at Friday's senate meeting. Williamson's resignation comes as the fourth in the last two months.

Senator Andrew Ravanelli resigned in December because of class schedule conflicts, Senator Christina Flannery resigned to devote more time to her classes and Senator Stacey Franklin

resigned for personal reasons.

Crystal Lask was appointed to fill the SOAB chair position. Lask served as Williamson's assistant before Williamson resigned.

Jeff Twardowski was appointed as the election commissioner for the student government election in March. No date for the election has been set.

Twardowski will be responsible for distributing applications and ballots, verifying eligibility of candidates, staffing polling places, ensuring ballot box security and enforcing

election rules.

In other business, student government heard from guest speakers about the state of SIUE athletics.

One of the topics that arose was the possibility of a football team at SIUE.

"A few years ago, in response to students concerned about intercollegiate athletics on campus, the chancellor put together a task force of faculty, staff and students to determine whether or not it was in the best interest of SIUE to have a football team," Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel said. see GOV, page 4

King celebration draws diverse group from the community



BETH KRUZAN/ALESTLE

More than 200 people gathered in the Meridian Ballroom for the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon.

AMY MERRILL
NEWS STRINGER

The 20th annual celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was an opportunity for young and old to reflect on social justice and public decency.

Nearly 200 people honored King during a luncheon in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center Thursday.

"Although this is a special day, it is not just a celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr., it is truly a celebration representing all people, representing diversity and representing all of us coming together," Southern Illinois University President James E. Walker said.

Walker received a humanitarian award and gave a keynote address about his memories of King and experiences he had as a college student in the late 1950s.

"I first met Dr. King when I was 19 years old and studying at Alabama State University. He was a philosophy professor at the university and minister at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church where we would sometimes go to hear Dr. King preach," Walker said.

Walker said he did not know King would become such a great influence on the injustice of others at that time. He also said King did not "enthusiastically jump into the civil rights movement." see KING, page 2

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MINDI ERNST/ALESTLE

Williams urges student to take leadership roles in his speech Friday.

"There's no question we've made tremendous progress, Williams said with regard to a question concerning today's race relations. He said he sees such a variety of leaders in every venue.

Williams told students to be very cautious in protecting opportunities so that no racial society will be left behind. He emphasized equality in education, health care and distribution of salaries.

"That struggle is not over, that struggle goes on," he said.

Race relations on American campuses can be strengthened. Williams said some people are losing out on a life opportunity by not associating with people of

other races.

"Sadly, lots of young people are very reluctant to go beyond their comfort zone," he added.

Students can become more racially involved by joining existing diverse organizations.

"I think you need new energy in old organizations," he said.

Williams said race relations are very different from even a generation ago.

Instead of problems being just black and white, they are brown, yellow and black.

"Is American identity changing?" Williams asked. "I think yes."

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King felt the need to get involved when he realized the ill treatment shown toward blacks, especially in the South, according to Walker.

In his address, Walker spoke of King's efforts to promote equality through nonviolence. He said the letter King wrote to other ministers while in Birmingham jail was one of his most powerful contributions.

King was assassinated on Apr. 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn., where he was supporting a sanitation workers' strike.

Walker joined in a peaceful march after King's funeral in Montgomery, Ala.

"I was there to show my respect and support for a man who was put to rest and realized that he was free at last," Walker said.

In addition to Walker's speech, the luncheon was a celebration to honor those in the community who shared King's beliefs of nonviolence and equality.

The award winners included three humanitarian awards received by Al Womack, Jr., an

executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Alton; David Valley, SIUE professor and chair of the Speech Communications Department; and Angelina McLaughlin, a senior music education major.

The high school award winners were Josh M. VanRiper, a junior at Columbia High School who won the essay award; Rebecca L. Papp, a junior at Belleville East High School who won the poetry award; and Ellis Ray, a sophomore at McCluer North High School who won the visual arts award.

The luncheon had performances by Courtney Giles, a senior vocal performance major who sang a solo; McLaughlin, an award recipient who played a cello solo; Lisa Colbert Bandele, an assistant professor in department of Theater and Dance who performed a dramatic reading, Taimica Neita, a junior dance major who performed a dance tribute to African-American heroes; and performed by the SIUE Gospel Choir and the SIUE Jazz Combo.

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Athletics leaves wrestling on the mat



When it comes down to the bottom line, \$8 is not a lot of money.

Of course, when you multiply that \$8 by some 12,000 students, you can come up with a lot of money.

Our fees are likely going up again. That's not set in stone, but it is likely that we will see another increase this year.

The \$8 I'm talking about is going toward athletics. The athletic department is trying to push through a four-year deal that would raise our athletic fees a little over \$8 each of those four years. The fee went up last year, and this would be the second of the four years.

I'm not opposed to raising the athletic fees at SIUE. I've always been a big supporter of

athletics. I'm opposed to how that money is being spent, though.

There's a neat little link on the athletics Web site that shows how much money each SIUE athletic team is budgeted for a school year. Most people would not notice the link since it's hard to find, but it's there. If you go to www.siu.edu/ATHLETIC and put the cursor on "featured links," a link for gender equity will come up. I found some very interesting information there.

The gender equity report compares income and expenditures between women's and men's sports, but for our purposes, we'll just focus on men's sports. And to sharpen the focus, we'll just look at two men's sports, basketball and wrestling.

SIUE men's teams get almost \$171,000 per year. Of that, 32.7 percent, or \$56,000, goes to men's basketball.

Wrestling gets 7.6 percent, or a little more than \$13,000 per year.

It does not take a mathematician to see that there is a staggering difference between the two budgets.

I've gone to a lot of basketball games since I started at SIUE and this year I went to my first two wrestling meets. One thing I can tell you is that those disparate dollars are obvious when comparing basketball games and wrestling meets.

The basketball team can afford new warm-up outfits every year. The wrestlers are dressed in mismatched sweat suits.

Also, the basketball team has an eight- to 12-page program that has full-color pictures on the cover for every home game. The wrestling team has no programs.

The basketball team has Pack the Gym nights and the athletic department gives away T-shirts and pizza coupons. There wasn't even a person working the door at the wrestling meet.

Now, I understand that people show more interest in basketball than wrestling. That's a fact of life. But it seems to me like SIUE doesn't show any support for the wrestling team at all.

The \$13,000 the wrestling team spends has to cover travel and lodging for 13 road meets. I imagine the basketball team

won't have a problem paying for its 13 road games with \$56,000.

I'm not picking on the basketball team, but maybe athletes, coaches and the administration should take a closer look at who gets what in the athletic department.

If we bring the other men's sports into the mix, baseball gets \$56,000, soccer gets \$28,000, track and field gets \$16,000 and tennis gets \$10,500. Can you see the disparity as we go down the list?

Which brings me back to our \$8 fee increase. Where will that money go?

Athletic Director Cindy Jones will tell you that the athletic department is set up in tiers and the upper tiers will get the money first to better their programs. Teams such as the basketball and baseball teams, which receive more than half the men's budget, will get most of the fee increase.

Can you guess which tier the wrestling team is in?

Brian Wallheimer
Editor in Chief

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This is in regards to the "Drug tests violate basic rights" article by Melinda Hawkins in the Thursday Alestle.

I think the article has a lot of good points, but there are a lot of things that Hawkins is forgetting. I just think that you have to look at the situation from the employer's point of view also.

For instance, let's say a company doesn't require drug testing and a worker comes to work on drugs, which impairs his or her motor skills and judgment and kills someone, or himself or herself.

That company then has to turn around and acquire a lawyer to deal with lawsuits by the family, insurance premiums rise for the

company, clean-up cost, equipment repair and probably a few other costs, which could have been prevented by testing for drugs.

If you want to solve the problem then set into effect a law that penalizes or fines companies for misuse of the drug tests. Then those few companies that have misused the test will suffer the consequences without putting peoples' lives in danger.

Many companies give drug test for safety reasons, not to infringe on your personal rights.

Joshua Fank
Junior

Dear Editor:

With the high price of food at Center Court, a person would expect the quality of food to be excellent.

Recently while eating a sandwich from Deli-Deli, I noticed mold on my bread. Not only did I find this disgusting, but if I had eaten the mold, it could have affected my health.

Also, a friend of mine bought a sandwich from Pizza Hut Express. He found a piece of a drinking straw in his food. Some people would say go back and get another one, but when a person only has a half an hour to eat, there is not time to reorder and wait in line.

I understand that food cannot be 100 percent sanitary, however, fresh food without plastic particles would be a plus.

Summer Finkbiner
Sophomore

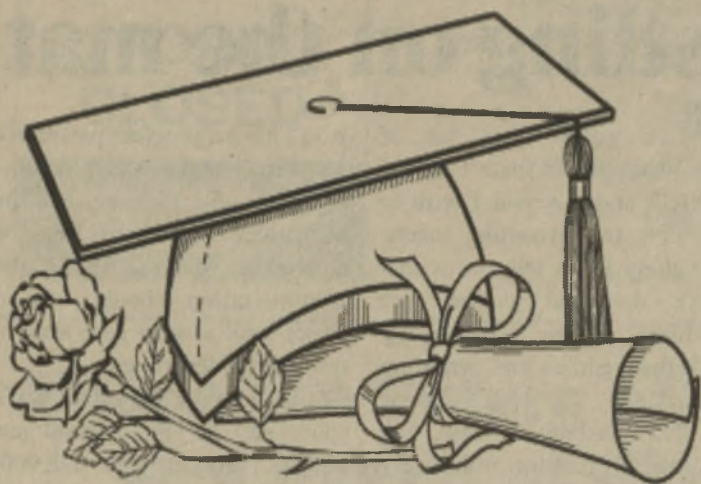
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SIUE creates museum

SARA SAPP
NEWS STRINGER

The School of Business will give the SIUE community a history lesson this fall.

School of Business Dean Bob Carver is working with Computer Management and Information Systems instructor Jim Mussulman to create a computer museum at SIUE.

Carver anticipates having about 10 working machines in the museum. He said students would benefit from seeing the significant changes in technology over time.

The museum will give students the opportunity to work with computers such as the Apple IIe, which was marketed in 1982, the IBM PCXT, which was

marketed in 1981, and even commercial failures like the IBM PC junior, which hit the market in 1984.

All machines on display will be donated or loaned.

Carver said the displays may include quotes from persons demonstrating how far the technology has come.

He said at one point in the computer history, Microsoft founder Bill Gates commented, "I don't know why anyone would want to have a computer at home."

The computer museum will be housed in the School of Business, but a permanent location has not yet been found. Carver said he expects the museum to open in the fall to all students, faculty and staff.

Walker invited to Capitol

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

When President Bush gives his State of the Union Address, a representative from Southern Illinois University will be there to hear it firsthand.

SIU President James E. Walker will attend the address as U.S. Rep. John Shimkus' guest.

"I'm very honored to be invited by Congressman Shimkus to join him in Washington to hear President Bush speak to the American people and members of Congress on the state of our

nation," Walker said in a press release. "This is a unique opportunity for me and SIU to be present in Washington for this very important address. I thank Congressman Shimkus for this opportunity."

Members of Congress are allowed to bring one guest.

In addition to attending the address, Walker will meet with members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

Walker is the first SIU president to attend the State of the Union Address.

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Emmanuel said that the task force proposed enhancing existing programs through a four-year plan instead of pursuing a football team.

"(Athletic Director) Cindy Jones has put together a four-year plan that would strengthen intercollegiate athletics over a four-year period with the women's and men's basketball programs as the flagship teams," Emmanuel said.

The four-year plan includes fee increases of more than \$8 per year. Last year the fee increase was approved by the Southern Illinois University board of trustees and athletics is looking to get the second fee increase, \$8.70, passed this year.

According to Jones, improving SIUE's athletic teams will draw more interest to the athletic department from students and the community.

"We know that you have to win in order to encourage participation. We also know that the largest program that will draw the largest spectator interest is men's and women's basketball," she said.

Jones said athletics is set up in a tier system that places emphasis on the upper tiers.

The three-tier system places the two basketball teams on the top, baseball, softball, volleyball and the two soccer programs on

the second tier and all remaining programs on the third.

The factors that influence on which tier teams are placed include spectator interest, media interest, public relations interest, fan interest and alumni interest.

Lower tier sports are expected to be more local.

"There will be different expectations upon the coaches that they be more locally orientated and that they schedule more local and regional (competitions) as opposed to regional and national," Jones said.

Emmanuel hopes that after the four-year plan is completed, school spirit will be one of the increases.

"We are hoping that as we become more competitive there will be a greater interest in our intercollegiate athletic program, which will lead to higher attendance and school spirit," he said.

The senate took no action on the athletic fee. Members of the senate are evaluating a fee and will recommend whether or not senators should approve the increase at a later meeting, though the board of trustees has final say on fee increases.

The next senate meeting will be at 2 p.m. Feb. 8, in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

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An ambulance was called to Prairie Hall due to a resident having abdominal pains. The woman was taken to Anderson Hospital.

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1/8/02

Police were called to the Prairie Hall parking lot due to someone scraping paint off cars with a key.

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1/6/02

A student reported having a tire and rim stolen from a car while it was parked in Lot 4D.

Traffic

1/2/02

Police issued a citation to Bradley Whitaker for driving with a suspended license on University Drive.

1/5/02

Police issued citations to Brian Thieme for a stop sign violation and driving without a valid license in Cougar Village Lot 4C.

Police issued a citation to Teoria Pawnell for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Aaron Wiens for improper display of license plates on Cougar Lake Drive.

Police issued a citation to Donny Sykes for speeding on University Drive.

1/6/02

Police issued citations to Reginald Simmons for parking in a space reserved for handicapped people and improper use of registration.

Police issued a citation to Cori Minkler for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Melissa Greiner for speeding in the Prairie Hall parking lot.

Police issued a citation to Erik Williamson for parking in a space reserved for handicapped people in the Prairie Hall Circle.

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Police issued a citation to Jeffrey Higgins for parking in a space reserved for handicapped people in the Prairie Hall Circle.

Police issued a citation to Michael Newlands for parking in a space reserved for handicapped people in the Woodland Hall parking lot.

Police issued a citation to Wilbur Daniel for parking in a space reserved for handicapped people in Cougar Village Lot 4D.

Police issued a citation to Chinishka James for parking in a space reserved for handicapped people in Cougar Village Lot 5H.

1/7/02

Police issued a citation to Robert Tiernan for a stop sign violation on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Justin Warrenfeltz for speeding on Stadium Drive.

1/8/02

Police issued a citation to John Smith for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Traci Dutton for a stop sign violation on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Jennifer Williamson for parking in a space reserved for handicapped people in the Woodland Hall parking lot.

1/9/02

Police issued a citation to Sandra Mitchell for having expired registration on University Drive.

Police issued citations to Mark Howell for having expired registration and driving an uninsured vehicle on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Christina Henschen for failing to reduce speed in order to avoid an accident.

Police issued a citation to Matt Vaughn for a stop sign violation on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Brion Lowry for parking in a space reserved for handicapped persons in the East St. Louis Center parking lot.

1/10/02

Police issued a citation to Kenneth Robinson for driving an uninsured vehicle on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Jeremy Bohnenstiehl for parking in a space reserved for handicapped people in Cougar Village Lot 5I.

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Police issued a citation to Leeann Losaw for parking illegally in the Woodland Hall Circle.

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Black Theatre Workshop

celebrates Black History Month with performances in Metcalf

JEREMY HOUSEWRIGHT
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

To celebrate Black History Month, the Black Theatre Workshop will feature George Wolfe's "The Colored Museum" and a collection of scenes titled "The Something Between Us."

Erica Sutherlin will direct "The Something Between Us."

"This is the first time a student has directed a production," said Lisa Colbert Bandle, an assistant professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance.

"The Something Between Us' is Erica's own compilation of poems and other things to show how African-Americans live," said Brittney Ellsworth, stage manager for both productions. "I think the productions show the identity of African-Americans; we are pretty much celebrating African-American history."

"The Something Between Us' is a collection of monologues, much like an ensemble piece that talks about African-Americans' identity in America," Sutherlin said. "It's a reflection that looks at black America. I think it's a wake-up call for some people that shows why they do what they do."

"Each culture has some differences, but not that many. We all hurt, laugh and gossip. We are all pretty equal," Sutherlin said.

Bandle will direct "The Colored Museum," which investigates stereotypes of African-Americans. The production uses humor and critical edge to draw a variety of character types.

"It was important to do this in conjunction with Black History Month. This is the fourth year for the workshop and we have been pretty successful, selling out audiences last year," Bandle said.

The Black Theatre Workshop is continuing its tradition of educating students on black theater.

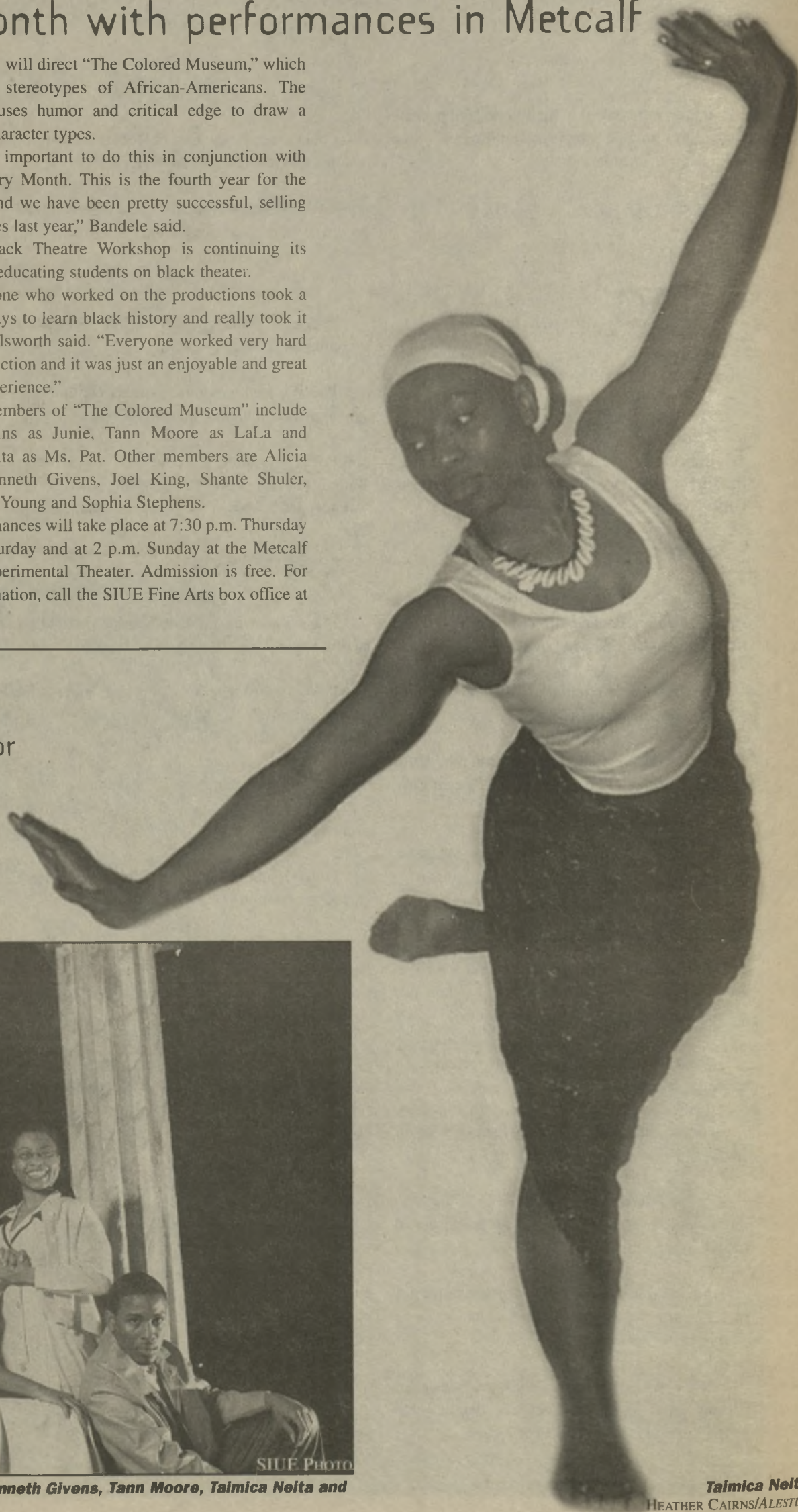
"Everyone who worked on the productions took a couple of days to learn black history and really took it to heart," Ellsworth said. "Everyone worked very hard on the production and it was just an enjoyable and great learning experience."

Cast members of "The Colored Museum" include Malik Perkins as Junie, Tann Moore as LaLa and Taimica Neita as Ms. Pat. Other members are Alicia Mosely, Kenneth Givens, Joel King, Shante Shuler, Lawanda L. Young and Sophia Stephens.

Performances will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Metcalf Student Experimental Theater. Admission is free. For more information, call the SIUE Fine Arts box office at 650-2774.

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-Erica Sutherlin



Pictured above are (left to right) Malik Perkins, Alicia Mosley, Kenneth Givens, Tann Moore, Taimica Neita and Joel King of "The Colored Museum."

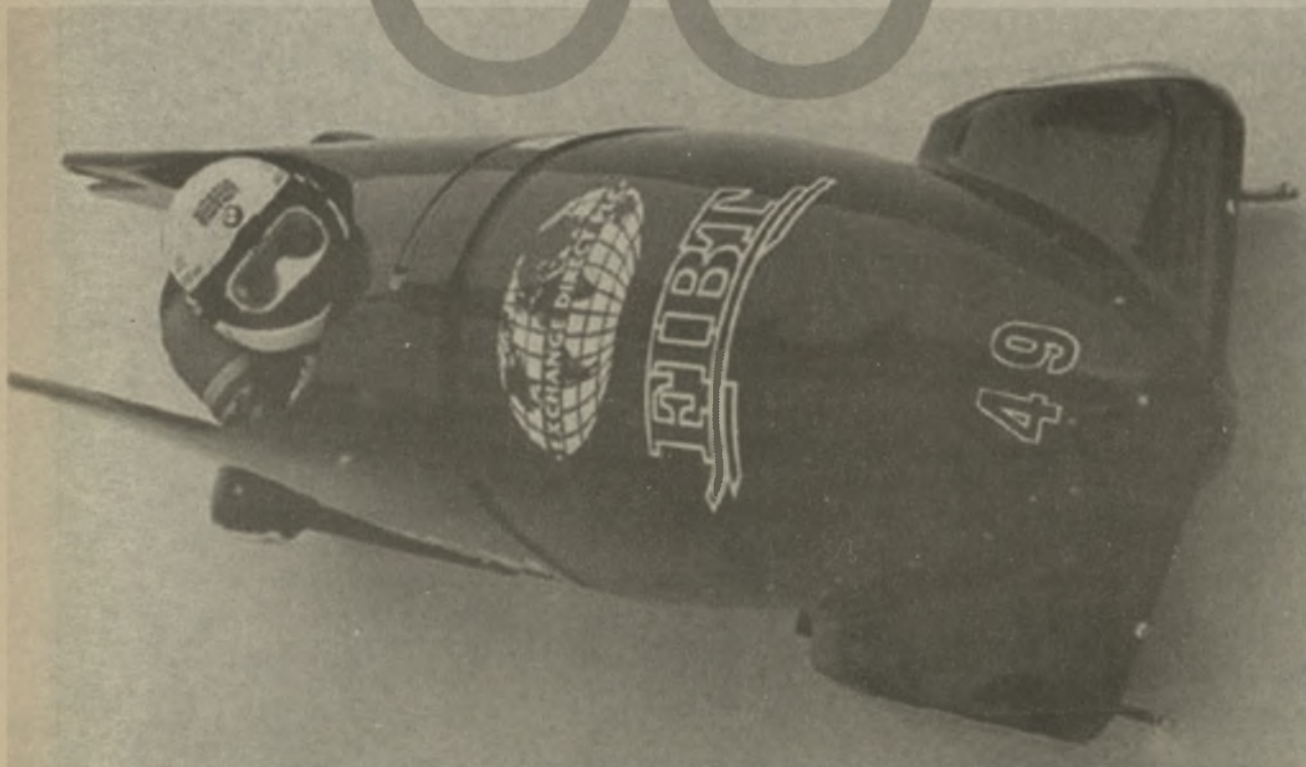
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Let the games begin

Students look forward to the Olympic Winter Games



ELIZABETH A. LEHNERER
ASSISTANT LIFESTYLES EDITOR

On Feb. 8, nearly 3.5 billion people around the world will watch the opening ceremony of the Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. The opening ceremony will include performances by the Dixie Chicks, Sting and Leann Rimes.

The 17-day winter sport spectacular will include competitions in Alpine skiing, the biathlon, cross-country skiing, bobsledding, luge, skeleton, curling, figure skating, freestyle skiing, ice hockey, Nordic combined skiing, ski jumping, short track, speed skating and snowboarding.

SIUE students Christine Boston and Chelsey McGuire are looking forward to watching figure skating.

"I always wanted to be a figure skater when I was growing up so I enjoy watching it in the Olympics," McGuire said.

Many Olympic fans are also looking forward to seeing the premiere of the U.S. women's bobsled team. The bobsled competition consists of two runs timed down to hundredths of a second. The two-woman team will compete at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Jon Douglass is a Bluff Hall resident assistant and a fan of the bobsledding event. "I've always admired women bobsledders for their dedication to such a physically demanding sport," he said.

Another sport relatively new to the games is snowboarding. Snowboarding was first introduced in 1998 at the Olympic Games in Nagano, Japan, and became very popular.

The snowboarding event includes men and women Alpine and halfpipe events.

One of the most complex sports of the winter games is the biathlon. An individual skier must complete five loops around a 15 to 20 kilometer course but, before completing the fifth lap, the competitor must shoot five targets, lying down for the first and third sequence and standing for the second and fourth. The penalty for missing a target is a minute added to his or her total time. The sport takes skill, control and concentration.

The 3,500 athletes and their officials will call the Olympic Village on the edge of the University of Utah their home for the duration of the games.

Due to the terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania, and the bombing during Atlanta's Summer Games in 1996, security is extremely tight. Athletes may enter and exit only through three access points and every person entering the village must go through a strict security check.

The federal and state governments and the Salt Lake Olympic committee are providing security expenditures reaching more than \$300 million.

NBC will cover the games from Feb. 8 until the closing ceremony Feb. 24. To check out more information about the sports and the athletes, go to www.saltlake2002.com.



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BROOK BERTELS
PHOTO STRINGER

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Sports

The Cougar wrestling squad will gear up for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical College on Thursday in Cicero.
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Lady Cougars split in GLVC matchups



BRIAN WALLHEIMER/ALESTLE

Senior Jill Johnson is averaging 6.7 points per game this season.

AMY GRANT
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The women's basketball team split its games against two Great Lakes Valley Conference opponents this weekend and remains in fourth place in the conference.

Junior forward Ruth Kipping led the Lady Cougars past the University of Wisconsin-Parkside by a score of 61-56 Thursday with a team high of 18 points.

Kipping went six of seven on shots from the field and added seven rebounds in the game.

"We've played a lot of close games like the one against Wisconsin," head coach Wendy Hedberg said. "But that's the way it goes sometimes. It's a game of momentum."

Parkside drew blood in the first four minutes of the game on a jump shot by guard Carrie Weir to give the team a 2-0 lead.

After Kipping evened the score up two minutes later, the Lady Cougars gained the lead and never looked back.

Parkside appeared within striking distance on a 3-pointer by guard Michele Pickering to put the team within one, 15-14, with just over six minutes left in

the half.

The Lady Cougars didn't allow the game to get any closer though and increased their lead to 28-16 by halftime.

The story was the same throughout much of the second half. SIUE kept the lead until Parkside guard Nicole Brunk made a 3-pointer to tie the game 46-46 with 6:05 remaining.

But SIUE pulled away and sophomore guard Jessica Robert put the game out of reach on two free throws with just three seconds on the clock to increase the score to 61-56, giving SIUE the win.

Parkside shot just 28.6 percent from the field in the first half while SIUE shot 52.2 percent.

Forward Sammy Kromm led Parkside in the losing effort with four rebounds and 13 points.

St. Joseph's College hoped to erase a 10-game winless streak and improve its 3-9 GLVC record against the Lady Cougars Saturday.

St. Joseph's went 27 of 31 on free throws in the game, shooting 84.6 percent the first half and 88.9 percent the second half.

The Lady Cougars found themselves down early in the game and St. Joseph's built a

nine-point lead, 21-12, 10 minutes into the first half. Guard Karin Morrisroe shot a 3-pointer with just three seconds left in the half to increase the Lady Pumas' lead to 44-32 going into the second half.

The Lady Cougars tried to make a comeback, but St. Joseph's kept pressuring.

Despite being down 70-55 with six minutes left in the game, SIUE came within five on a 3-pointer by Robert to make the score 79-74 with 1:14 remaining.

Junior guard Sarah Schweers shot a jumper in the final second, but it wasn't enough as St. Joseph's took the game from the Lady Cougars 89-81 in its first meeting with SIUE this season.

Robert recorded a career-high 22 points in the game for the Lady Cougars and added four assists and three of the team's six steals. Kipping was close behind Robert with 19 points on the night and made five of six free throws.

"Jessica has struggled a little bit this season in terms of scoring," Hedberg said. "It was nice to have her contribute offensively against St. Joseph's."

With the split, SIUE remains in fourth place in the GLVC with a conference record of 9-4 and an overall record of 11-8.

Cougar basketball edged out in tough conference games

KELI KEENER
SPORTS STRINGER

The University of Wisconsin-Parkside edged SIUE 95-92 in double overtime Thursday night at the Vadalabene Center at another Pack the Gym night.

The Rangers came back from 14 points down late in the second half. Parkside guard Rashad Al Uqdah hit a jumper with seven seconds left to send the game into overtime.

The Cougars led by five points in the first bout of overtime but then allowed an 8-0 run by the Rangers. The two teams went on to tie the game up five times to end up in another overtime.

The Ranger guard Dean Pogoziński hit two free throws with five seconds left in the second overtime to seal the deal for Parkside.

guard Marlon Grice led the charge for the Rangers with 23 points while fellow guard Quincey Moman added 22.

Junior forward Ron Heflin scored a career-high 28 points for the Cougars and led five SIUE players in double figures.

Senior forward Marty Perry added 20 points for the Cougars in the loss. Perry is just 12 points shy of hitting a milestone of 900.

Parkside moved to 11-8 overall and 7-6 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference after its loss at Lewis University 68-75 Saturday.

The Cougars gave St. Joseph's College its second conference win Saturday as the Pumas beat SIUE 90-86.

Center Corey Seegers led the Pumas with 25 points. Seegers had six rebounds and four steals. Guard Marlin Murphy followed with 17 points while four other players also recorded double figures for St. Joseph's.

The Pumas got 40 of their 90 points off Cougar turnovers and 16 off fast breaks.

Heflin led SIUE with 30 points, followed by sophomore guard Wes Pickering, who recorded 22. Perry had 13 points and junior guard Garrett Thomas came up with 11 in the loss.

SIUE is now at 3-10 in the GLVC and 7-12 overall. The Cougars slid down a notch to ninth in the conference standings with the two losses.



BRIAN WALLHEIMER/ALESTLE

Sophomore Wes Pickering (middle) is averaging 8.8 points per game for the Cougars this season.

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Track team runs to school records

CHENOA GLENN
SPORTS STRINGER

The men's and women's track teams competed in their third meet of the season Saturday at Butler University in Indianapolis.

Both teams set school records but yielded mixed results overall.

Overall, assistant track coach Peter Juszcyk said the team ran "terrible" with some highs and lows. Senior Ryan Gold's long jump of 6.99 meters was only a quarter-inch from SIUE's school record and earned fifth place overall.

"He would have had a really good jump if he had focused," Juszcyk said.

Sophomore Taylor Reich was similarly close to the indoor pole vault record, tying senior George Murphy's mark of 14 feet set in 1999 and placing fourth.

Sophomore Richard Skirball's run in the 800-meter

race of 1 minute, 55.98 seconds puts him at less than a second away from the provisional qualifying mark for National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II national competition. The men's four-person 400-meter relay was also close to a provisional mark, shattering the old school record by more than four seconds.

Junior Tyrone Walker, freshman Jeff Fearday, sophomore Kevin Kohler and senior Ryan Gold placed third in that event with a time of 3:19.59.

The men's top 10 finishers were rounded off by junior Josh Benton, who placed second in the high jump with a mark of 6 feet 6 inches and Bill Wolfe who placed eighth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.87 seconds.

The Lady Cougar track team had some individual race success as well.

The best performance at the meet for SIUE was senior Tamekia Howard, who placed

sixth overall in the 400-meter dash and set a new school record at 58.6 seconds.

The women's distance medley relay had a big finish as well, placing first in the meet, but was unable to match the school record of 12:43.12 set at the Illinois Wesleyan meet on Jan. 19.

"The team didn't run good and didn't run bad," sophomore Carrie Carducci said.

Carducci ran what she called a "mediocre" race in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:49.33, placing ninth overall.

Senior Desiree Barcomb, back from an injury last year, performed as expected in the 200-meter dash, running her way to a new school record of 26.18 seconds and placing 13th in that event.

Senior Sarah Turpin also performed well in the pole vault, tying her own school record of 9 feet 6 inches and placing second overall.

Wrestling starts season's final stretch

KUMAR BHOOSHAN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Cougar wrestling team will travel north to Cicero to compete against Embry-Riddle Aeronautical College at Morton East High School at 7 p.m. Thursday.

SIUE has posted a 3-7 record as a team, but some individuals on the Cougar roster have had outstanding performances this season.

Coach Booker Benford said there have been some high points and low points as far as his preseason expectations are concerned.

"I expected a lot more out of some individuals," Benford said. "But there has also been some great surprises."

So far this season six Cougar wrestlers are either above .500 or have consistently flirted with winning records.

Leading the way for the Cougar grapplers is junior Zach Stephens. Stephens has a record of 24-12 at the 174-pound division and has been ranked as high as seventh in national

wrestling polls. He was also the only Cougar to post a victory against the University of Illinois, which is ranked No. 15 in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I poll.

Benford said Stephens has become the leader on the team by letting his actions on the mat be an example for the younger wrestlers.

"He doesn't have to scream and bark at the younger guys," Benford said. "He has a great work ethic and works hard on making corrections in practice and it shows in his matches."

Benford said Stephens' work ethic has rubbed off on the younger members of the team and they are more willing to stay after practice to work on getting better.

Sophomore Omari Johnson is second on the Cougar roster with a record of 19 wins and 13 losses in the 165-pound division.

In the 133-pound division, senior Manny Herrera has posted an 18-15 record and junior Nathan Graumenz has wrestled his way to a 15-13 record at 157 pounds.

The Cougar squad has had a great deal of success at the 141-pound level with three different wrestlers competing this season.

Leading the way is sophomore Clifton Wingfield. Wingfield has posted a 10-6 record overall.

Sophomore Matt Tomanovich and freshman Tony Witt have wrestled their way to .500 records.

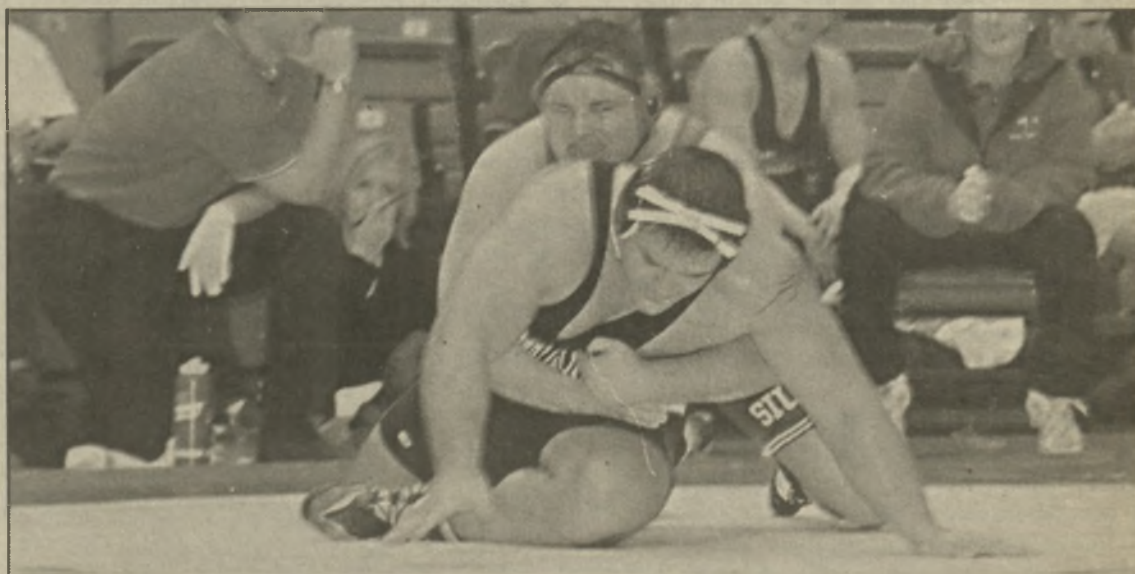
Tomanovich has posted a 13-13 record and Witt is 7-7.

Junior heavyweight Aaron Wiens will go into the Cougar meet with a 15-16 record.

The meet will also be a homecoming for Wiens who is from Cicero and attended Morton East High School where he was an all-conference wrestler.

After the Cougars' match against Embry-Riddle, the Cougars will not wrestle until 7 p.m. Feb. 8 in Dekalb to take on Northern Illinois University.

Benford said his goal for the rest of the season is to post more team wins and get five wrestlers to nationals and get some All-Americans.



BRIAN WALLHEIMER/ALESTLE

Aaron Wiens (back) will travel home to Cicero to wrestle against Embry-Riddle Aeronautical College.



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