

Meal pricing causes doubts

TRAVIS ROSS
NEWS REPORTER

Some members of student government are having second thoughts about the meal plan proposal that was unanimously approved at the Friday student government meeting.

"In hindsight we should have tabled the proposal," Senator Melissa Glauber said. "People might not realize the loopholes at first glance."

The loopholes Glauber referred to are in proposed meal plans B and C for residence hall students in fiscal year 2004, which begins July 1, 2003.

Meal plans B and C would increase \$255 and \$524 respectively.

The plans would be referred to as the light plan, at \$1,142 per semester, and the hearty plan, at \$1,580.

Students on involuntary meal plans will only be able to use 40 percent of the money they spend on a meal plan.

The rest will cover Food Service's overhead costs. But

students on the involuntary plans would receive a 60 percent discount on food items everywhere on campus except the Commons Grill and Union Station.

"Sixty percent of the meal plan amount would go toward Food Service's direct costs, including labor and business expenses," University Housing Director Michael Schultz said. "Students would then have the remaining 40 percent, \$457 on the light plan and \$632 on the hearty plan, to spend on food."

Students can add money to either of the plans and may not be charged the 60 percent overhead costs.

Morris University Center Business Manager Jim McDermott said no decision has been made on if the university will take 60 percent from what students add to their meal plans.

Students will be refunded unspent money on their meal plans at the end of each semester.

Glauber questioned the need for the hearty plan.

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Spring election fast approaching

TRAVIS ROSS
NEWS REPORTER

Candidates for the April student government election met Tuesday and the election commission chose the order for the names to appear on the voting ballot.

The order was chosen by pulling names from a hat.

This year's candidates for student body president are Stephen Bolen and current Vice President Michelle King.

"I want to work for and with the students," Bolen said. "I want to see issues such as parking services and the rising cost of cafeteria prices resolved to everyone's satisfaction."

King said she intends to focus her campaign on the lack of communication between the students and their elected representatives.

"If elected, I will better the communication between student government and the students," King said. "I will serve the students of SIUE to the best of my ability."

The vice presidential candidates are current Senators Philip Gustafson and Ben



Michelle King



Stephen Bolen

Landfried.

"Not only will I meet the requirements of office, I will exceed them," Gustafson said. "I will continue with my efforts to improve campus life."

Landfried stressed past student government experience as his qualification for the office.

"One needs integrity, leadership and commitment to be effective," he said. "Through my proven experience as a student senator, I know that I have the skills to best represent the students."

Senators Melissa Glauber and Anthony Martin will vie for the position of student trustee.

Glauber promised to "solve student body growing pains with

additional faculty, course offerings and student services" as well as "establishing curricula and opportunity for professional experience via the national ethanol plant."

Martin said he will focus his campaign on finance reform, student representation, campus life and Food Service.

"I believe I will be a great student trustee," Martin said. "This year, I had the opportunity to work with campus administrators, gaining the experience necessary to competently serve on the board of trustees."

There will be 14 candidates running for the senate's 12 open seats. see ELECTION, page 2

Empty VC lot frustrates many



BETH KRUZAN/ALESTLE

The Vadalabene Center Parking Lot has been closed six days in the last three weeks due to high school basketball tournaments being held in the facilities. Many students have been forced to find other lots to park in, including the lot next to the Early Childhood Center, seen full at the top of the picture. The lot will again be closed Friday and Tuesday.

Threats taken seriously toward parking agents

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

SIUE police are investigating three voice mail messages left at The Alestle that threaten violence against parking service agents.

The messages, left between 5:25 and 5:31 p.m. Tuesday, threatened harm to the agents. SIUE police recorded the

messages and are trying to identify the caller.

The caller made reference to The Alestle Editor in Chief Brian Wallheimer's March 5 column. Wallheimer asked students not to use violence when addressing parking issues on campus.

The caller said Wallheimer's column was "weak."

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No paper next week

There will be no Alestle Tuesday, March 12 and Thursday, March 14 due to spring break.

The Alestle will return Tuesday, March 19.

Have a fun and safe break.

SIUE appoints coordinator

NICOLE BROWN
NEWS REPORTER

John P. Peecher has been appointed to the position of assistant director of development of SIUE's College of Arts and Sciences and will be responsible for the coordination of the university's Arts and Issues series.

Kent Neely, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences said, "We're very pleased to have John join us as coordinator of this important project.

He has an impressive background in arts programming, noteworthy success as a fund-raiser, and will be a familiar face to many members of the university and Edwardsville

communities."

Peecher served eight years as the first executive director of the Madison County Arts Council in Edwardsville.

While he was with MCAC, he mounted visual arts exhibitions of area artists and craftspeople, programmed a variety of performance events, managed the council's regrating program, established a number of fund-raising activities and helped in the creation of the annual downtown Edwardsville Halloween Walk.

Peecher has most recently served as a development consultant in St. Louis after holding the position of director of individual and corporate giving for Easter Seals Missouri. He has

also worked as director of marketing and development for St. Louis Metropolitan School and associate director of development for The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis.

Peecher fills the position of coordinator for Arts and Issues, which was previously held by Richard Walker.

Walker has been appointed to vice chancellor for administration for planning and budgeting this fall. Walker served as series coordinator for 15 years.

Arts and Issues is in its 17th season of offering Southwestern Illinois audiences quality entertainment and provocative presentations from entertainers and newsmakers from around the world.

ELECTION

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Those candidates are current Senator Latish Adnani, Kevin Howell, Rick Maurer, Anthony Albertina, current Senator Sara Guarino, Jason Jacobson, Scott Sutherland, Rick Leppo, current Senator Katie Serrano, Akbar Ahmedov, Pamela Minner, Jeffrey Johnson, Den Kieffer and Jerome Woods.

Election Commissioner Jeff Twardowski stressed the 10-foot rule, which prohibits candidates from campaigning within 10 feet of the voting booths.

"It keeps them away and lets students make their own decisions," Twardowski said.

"This year we want a good, clean election."

Campaigning begins March 18. The Meet the Candidates open forum will be from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Friday, March 29, in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center.

Voting will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 6 in Peck Hall and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 8 in Peck Hall, the MUC, the Student Fitness Center and Bluff Hall. Voting will also be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 9 in Peck Hall, the MUC, Woodland Hall, Prairie Hall and the Skywalk Cafe.

Campus Scanner

Women's History

Month: Women's Studies Luncheon Forum with Layli Miller, co-author of "Do They Hear You When You Cry?", from 12 to 1 p.m. Thursday in the University Club of the Morris University Center. Miller will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday in the MUC Conference Center. The Women's Studies Department will sponsor a reception afterward. Historyonics Theatre Company will present "Rosie the Riveter: Women at Work in WWII" at 3 p.m. Saturday in Dunham Hall Theater. The film "Dangerous Beauty" will be shown with speaker Carole Frick from 4 to 6 p.m. March 18 in Peck Hall Room 0314.

Choir concert: SIUE choirs will present a Concert of Love Songs at 7:30 p.m. March 21 at Eden United Church of Christ in Edwardsville. The theme will be "B is for Broadway" Admission is \$10 and includes a dessert buffet. For more information, call 650-3900.

Genealogical meeting: The Madison County Genealogical Society will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14, in the fellowship room of Immanuel United Methodist Church in Edwardsville. Guest speakers from the Highland Latzer Memorial Library will give a presentation on rare genealogical books not found in computer listings. For more information, call Elsie Wasser at 656-2299.

Volunteer: Volunteers are needed for the Mississippi River Clean Up from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at Chouteau Island. Volunteers will meet at the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge in Madison. A catered lunch will be provided and volunteers should wear work clothes. For more information, contact Kathi Weilbacher at (314) 416-9930, Ext. 111.

Volunteer:

Salus Place needs volunteers to assist staff with purchasing and stocking groceries. Salus Place is a home for people suffering from HIV/AIDS, mental illness or who are recovering from substance abuse. Volunteers will be picked up at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 23, in Lot B and returned there at noon. For more information, contact Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting: The Gut Level Group meets at 7 p.m. Saturdays in the Religious Center. This is an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon.

Online mentors needed: Applications are being accepted for online mentors for children in eight after-school programs in Washington Park, East St. Louis and Fairmont City. No personal contact is required. For more information, e-mail Susan Kutterer-Siburt at skutter@siue.edu.

Volunteer: Volunteers are needed to assist the Share Food Project. The food co-op program provides low-cost food through a self-help distribution system. Volunteers will be picked up at 8 a.m. Saturday, March 23, in Lot B and returned there at noon.

Blood Drive: in Godfrey at Resurrection Lutheran Church from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and in Wood River at the First Baptist Church from 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday; in Edwardsville at SIUE from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 18; in Glen Carbon at Our Health Club & Spa from 3 to 8 p.m. March 18; in Edwardsville at SIUE from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 19. Donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, not have gotten a tattoo within the last year, not be taking blood thinners or antibiotics and not have given blood within the last 56 days.



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Bush welfare plan not on target



President Bush is planning to expand on the changes made in the 1996 Welfare Reform Bill passed by President Clinton.

According to a Feb. 26 Washington, D.C., article "Bush Eyes Welfare Overhaul," the White House gushed that the 1996 law was "one of the greatest public policy successes in decades."

Since the 1996 reform, around 6 million people have left the welfare rolls. Although the bill conveniently failed to add a provision to discover the fate of former recipients, there are plenty of indications that the reform had negative side effects. Bush might do well to examine reports from overwhelmed homeless shelters and food pantries throughout the country that have seen a dramatic

increase in requests for emergency assistance.

Those alarmed at the plan to expand welfare reform have legitimate reason for concern. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson gave ample indication of the nature such reforms would take when he was governor of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin was loudly touted as a welfare reform success story because its welfare rolls were reduced by 67 percent since 1986, according to Frances Fox Piven's article in The Nation magazine in February 2001. However, Piven observed, "The earnings of the 62 percent of welfare leavers or current recipients who worked averaged only \$8,560 a year, substantially below the poverty line."

I have lived on this amount of money and can say that I couldn't do it without going progressively deeper into debt. However, one doesn't need to be a single parent on this miniscule income to do the math. Under the circumstances, it hardly seems odd that many advocacy and human rights groups fail to share the exuberant optimism about this supposed "success."

According to the article, Bush also is asking Congress to set aside \$300 million for programs aimed at pressuring single mothers on welfare into marriage. Setting aside the assumption that all poor, single mothers are driven by greed and immorality, we might consider that these mothers may have a reason for being single.

Numerous studies show connections between domestic violence and poverty, with estimates that nationwide anywhere from a third to a half of the women receiving welfare benefits are victims of domestic violence.

Not only do higher rates of domestic violence among welfare recipients explain a desire to avoid marriage, but it contradicts the underlying assumption that a marriage license will magically fix problems. Obviously the problems of impoverished, single mothers will increase if they are pushed to marry their batterers in order to keep their welfare benefits. And, in a further example of "compassionate conservatism," homosexuals already in healthy relationships aren't allowed to marry their

partners.

Bush says: Let them eat wedding cake! However, the poor mothers in this country need housing, child care and health care they can afford. They need to stop being used as target practice by politicians engaged in the popular practice of bashing the poor. Since the voices of the poor have disappeared from the national discourse, this is a particularly cheap shot.

Unfortunately, Bush's welfare reform package does nothing to address the systemic causes of poverty. The plan does not look at the lack of affordable health care, housing, transportation or child care. It does nothing to lower child mortality rates by increasing access to prenatal care. It does nothing to address the extremely serious issue of domestic violence, nor does it promote the idea that companies should pay workers a wage they can actually live on.

It looks like social Darwinism lives on.

Melinda Hawkins
Columnist

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter to the editor by E.B. Stevenson regarding the radio and news broadcasting industry.

First of all, I would like to agree with Stevenson when he said that the commercial broadcast industry is "greedy" and is currently in a downward spiral.

I worked for Sinclair Broadcasting Corporation as a disc jockey for two years. Sinclair later sold its St. Louis radio and television stations to Emmis Communications and Bonneville Corp.

I would like to disagree with Stevenson when he made the comment, "Nobody wants to hear the filth from the mouths of charlatans like Howard Stern or M.J." He then went on to compare Stern and M.J., who are considered shock jocks to broadcast journalists like Dan Rather and Julius Hunter who can be seen on CBS and KMOV-TV doing the nightly news.

How can these DJs and news anchors even be compared? I respect his negative opinion of such shock jocks, but let us be honest, one cannot rightfully compare them. Howard Stern and M.J. are not doing their radio morning shows to inform the American public of worldly issues. They are merely there to entertain, something they apparently do very well.

Both morning shows have stellar ratings throughout their respective markets and are on stations that target their specific demographics: men 18 to 34. If you are looking for informative news headlines, try switching your dial to the AM side. You have stations such as 550-KTRS, 1120-KMOX, and for sports 590-KFNS that devotes its format strictly to covering headline news and then some.

You cannot flip to 105.7-FM, The Point, and expect to be informed on the worldly news. They have news briefs, sure. But, if you need your daily fix of news, there are plenty of sources. Pick up a newspaper. Flip to the AM dial. Watch one of the many morning television news programs. My point is simple; no one is forcing anyone to get their news from Howard Stern.

I agree that the radio and news industry is losing money like mad, but what businesses and corporations are not at this point in our economy? It is not because of uninformative DJs. They are there to entertain.

Danya Artimisi
Former Disc Jockey
KPNT-FM 105.7
WMLL-FM 104.1

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to the Feb. 21 Stickman cartoon and the letter from Charles Reagan.

Like many others on campus, I too enjoy reading the Stickman cartoon. But the cartoon was extremely insulting, not only to myself and my sisters, but to Greek life as a whole.

The bake sale was held for the purpose of raising money for one of our charities, Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders. Now I know that The Alestle is not too familiar with the idea that Greeks actually do things for others than themselves, but the idea that organizations hold events such as this for social interaction and "devotion to fried achievements" is crude and insulting.

If you're going to try and make fun of Greek life in such ways, at least try to make it funny next time; something readers can laugh at rather than turn their heads in disgust.

I think it's great that Reagan, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, wrote his opinion in support of Greek life and in being upset at Stickman. But I do believe we understand what our sorority means more than anyone.

Delta Phi Epsilon is full of talented, smart women who are capable of putting two and two together to realize whom the cartoon was trying to depict.

Shelley Donahue
Delta Phi Epsilon

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Organization of the week

JANELLE LOHMAN
NEWS REPORTER

Students interested in dance can join the University Dance Organization.

"We see dance concerts, bring in guest performers and dance videos, and fund-raise to supplement what the department offers," adviser Kerry Shaul said.

Shaul said the organization was founded in the 1980s to help dance majors get involved in the department besides taking classes.

The University Dance Organization is one of three organizations that support the Theater and Dance Department and is popular with students earning a degree with an emphasis in dance.

The organization

supports all styles of dancing and performs at area schools, nursing homes and community centers.

Additionally, in the fall, the organization performs "Dance in Concert," which is choreographed by faculty and guest artists.

According to Shaul, the group's main focus for the year is "Opus," a dance concert in the Metcalf Student Experimental Theater. "Opus" is choreographed and performed by students. This year's dance concert is scheduled for April 3 through 7. The preview is April 2.

"The students are quite involved with both programs," Shaul said.

For more information on the University Dance Organization, call Shaul at 650-2785.

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BROOK BERTLES/ALESTLE
Students from India perform ethnic dances at India Night Saturday in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center.

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Quick fingers help SIUE

NICOLE BROWN
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE placed fifth in the College Bowl 2002 Regional Tournament while claiming victory over Purdue University.

College Bowl is a question-and-answer game of general knowledge and quick recall which uses a buzzer system. It is organized in levels of campus tournament, regional tournament and national championship tournament. Four players make up one team.

Team captain Joe Hinton and teammates Bill Capati, Ben Landfried and Anthony Martin represented SIUE Feb. 15 and 16 among schools in Region Nine, which consists mostly of Indiana schools and a few schools from central and Southern Illinois.

Kimmel Leadership Center

graduate assistant Danielle Stern said, "Scoring is based on correct answers to toss-up questions, which were 10 bonus points each, and bonus questions, which vary in points.

"SIUE ended up in fifth place out of eight teams. A few teams canceled at the last minute and did not compete.

"I believe we ended up with a 3-4 record. We were one win away from making the finals later that afternoon."

Hinton, Landfried and Martin, along with Rae Williamson, won the SIUE campus tournament last month to advance to the regional championship. Williamson could not participate in the regional tournament, and Capati, the alternate and top-scorer of the third-place team in the campus tournament, filled her spot.

Speakers talk of school safety

RICHARD KOERPER II
NEWS STRINGER

The SIUE community will get the chance to learn about violence in schools.

The fourth annual Violence Prevention Workshop will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday in the atrium of Alumni Hall. Barbara Shaw, director of the Violence Prevention Authority in Chicago, will be the opening speaker.

The next speaker will be Tom Simon from the federal Centers for Disease Control. He will add the national perspective on violence in schools.

The third speaker will be Peggy Dolan from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Dolan, a former middle school principal, will speak on a philosophy of violence prevention she developed. A fourth speaker will talk about how to prevent

bullying in schools.

This event is geared toward the nursing department, however, it is open to anyone interested in the subject, such as people in the field of education or those with children who wish to learn more on the subject.

"Occurrences of violence in schools have gone down over the past few years. However, the percentages of children feeling unsafe have gone up," Rita Arras, coordinator of continuing education in the School of Nursing, said. "Every child should feel safe at school."

Registration for the workshop will be at 8 a.m. Saturday in the atrium of Alumni Hall. Pre-registration is preferred and can be done by calling 650-3210.

The cost of the event is \$25 for students, \$35 for faculty and \$60 for all others. Lunch will be provided.

POLICE

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The column was in response to a flier distributed last month that urged violence against parking service agents as a way to protest parking problems.

The flier was distributed after university officials shut down the 500-space lot at the Vadalabene Center for teams and fans at a high school playoff game. A number of students were ticketed for parking on grassy areas during the shutdown.

The same lot was closed again Tuesday and Wednesday.

In the first phone message Tuesday, the caller said, "Everybody says that violence doesn't solve anything. You ever heard of the American Revolution? Talking's done. Time to get at it."

In later messages, the caller said he and 49 of his friends were not afraid of going to jail.

"We're going to egg the parking nazis all over the campus," the third message said. "Do you know how funny that's going to be?"

SIUE Police Chief Richard Harrison said police are taking the threat seriously.

"Obviously throwing

anything at anyone is a battery," Harrison said. "We definitely have an interest anytime someone threatens an employee."

The first message has been traced to students living in Glen Carbon, but police would not identify the students.

Harrison said if the identity of the person who left the messages is found, that person could be charged with assault.

If the person acts on the threats, police could charge battery.

Harrison said if a student made the threat or the threat was acted upon, the student would go through disciplinary procedures with Dean of Students Randy Rock.

"Committing a battery against an employee will get you kicked out of school," Harrison said.

A flier distributed on campus around Feb. 20 threatened similar violence against the parking service agents. Police investigated the flier but did not come up with any leads.

"We took a real close look at it," Harrison said. "We didn't have a lead trail to follow."



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Women's History Month

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Film: Dangerous Beauty
Speaker: Carol Frick PH 0314

Tuesday, March 19 4 - 6 p.m.
Film: Umm Kulthum: A Voice Like Egypt
Speaker: Steve Tamari PH 0412

Wednesday, March 20 4 p.m.
A Women's Poetry Reading: An Evening with Herstorians
Prairie Hall Multifunction Room

Wednesday, March 20 6 p.m.
Elizabeth Pacard and boundaries of Gender, Religion and Sanity in 19th Century Illinois.
Speaker: Linda Carlisle PH 0412

Thursday, March 21 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Women's Health Fair
Goshen Lounge, MUC

Thursday, March 21 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Relationship violence workshop.
Speaker: Tiffany Rahn, Counselling Services PH 2304

Thursday, March 21 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Documentary Film: When the Bough Breaks: Children of Women in Prison
Speaker: Director Jill Petzall PH 2304

Women speak out



ANDREW LEHMAN/ALESTLE

In honor of Women's History Month, "Women through the Arts" read excerpts from poetry and plays in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center Wednesday.

MEAL

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"I don't see why students wouldn't want to buy the smaller plan and then add to that," Glauber said. "I feel that further research is definitely needed."

According to Senator Philip Gustafson, the proposal being given to the senators five minutes prior to it being discussed made things a little suspicious. Personnel Director Natalie Shubert agreed with Gustafson.

Student Body President Dwayne Bess said the proposal was prepared last minute because it had to be approved by the University Housing committee and a

panel of students, including himself, Student Body Vice President Michelle King, senators and several students at large.

"Even though the proposal came quick, the meeting can take as long as it needs to," Bess said. "Unclear senators should have spoken up if they had any questions."

King felt a better proposal could have been submitted.

"It seems that in a year and a half they could come up with a better meal plan proposal," King said. "I would hope a more complete proposal would be sent to the Southern Illinois University

board of trustees."

Senator Katie Serrano said the proposal is difficult to understand.

"It is complicated and it might be hard for students to initially understand," Serrano said. "If there is another option out there, recommendations are welcome."

The proposal will have to be approved by the SIU board of trustees before it goes into effect. The board meets March 14, but SIU spokesman Scott Kaiser said he does not believe the board will hear the meal plan proposal.

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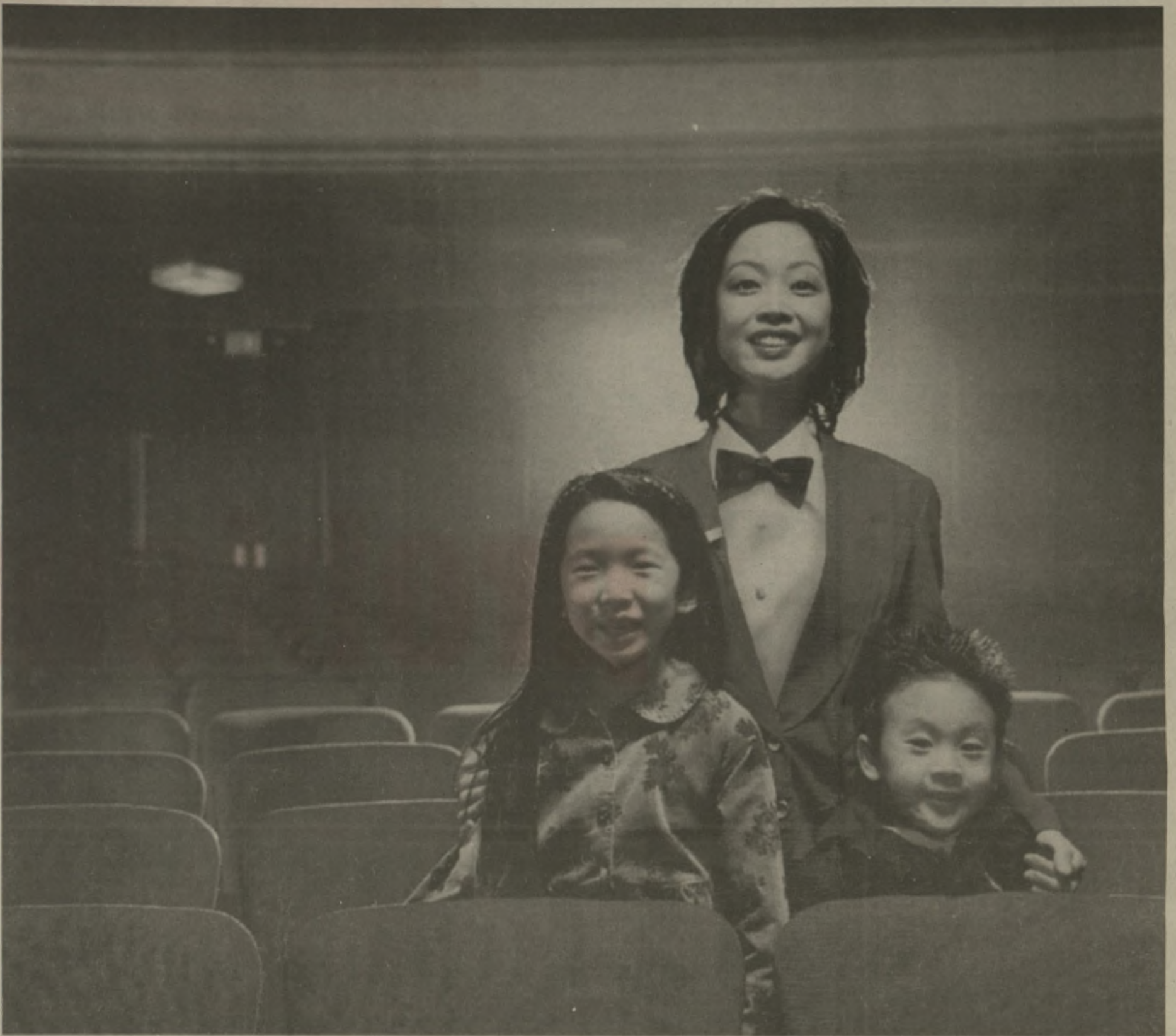
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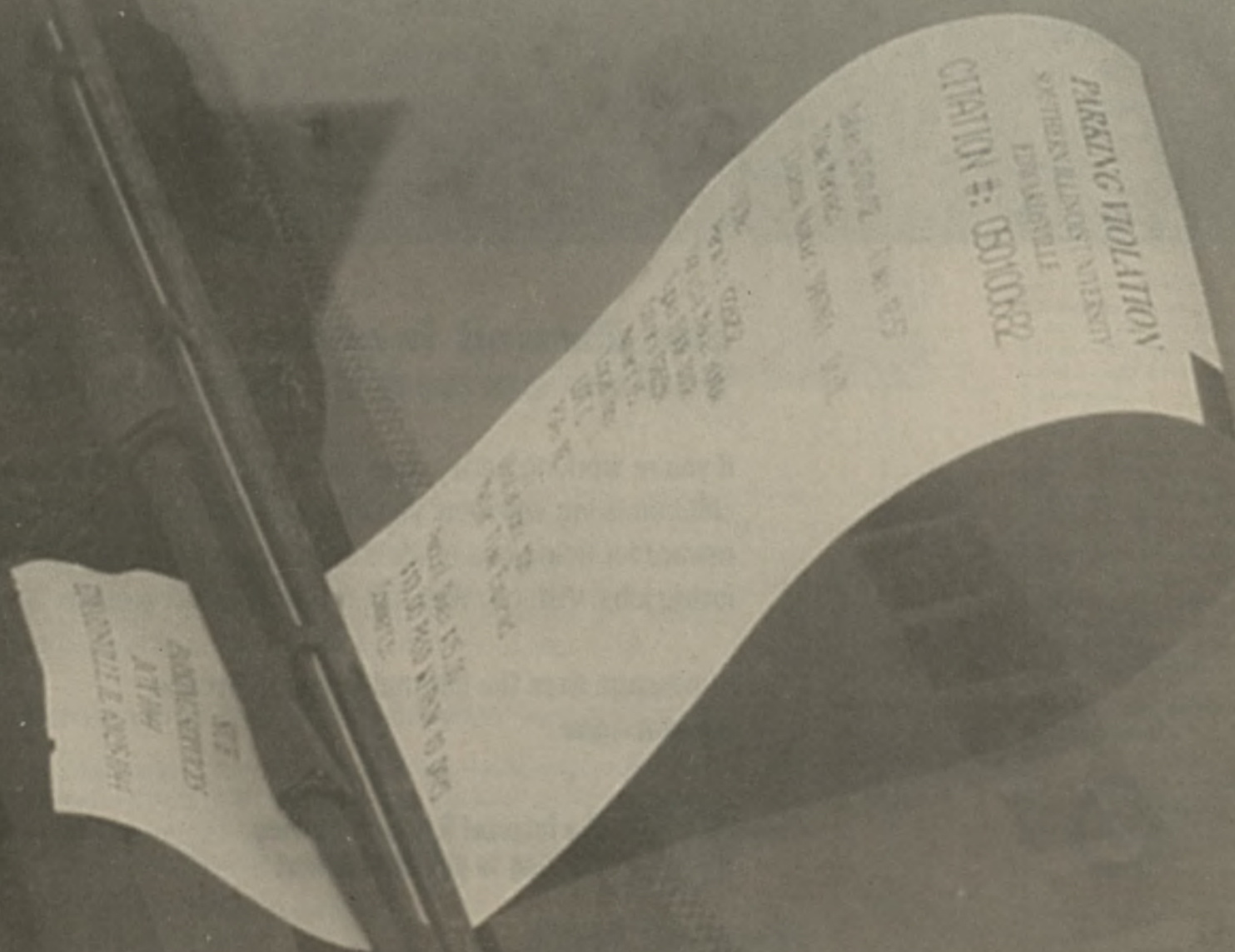
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Students wage war against so-called 'parking nazis'

JEREMY HOUSEWRIGHT
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

Many students feel Parking Services has given them the cold shoulder and several have been left with their blood boiling.

Many students have waged war on the so-called "parking nazis."

What was once just a war of words has suddenly taken a turn toward threats of violence. Fliers were recently distributed calling for a war on the "parking nazis."

Junior Brad Voelkerding, like countless other students, was upset with Parking Services, namely the appeals committee.

"I was not advocating any type of violence in writing my letter to the editor," Voelkerding said. "I just feel that, in general, the appeals committee is way too strict. I feel that the fines are way too high."

Parking Services employees would not comment.

Voelkerding also said he has seen the fliers calling for war on the "parking nazis" that were distributed and he said they were ridiculous.

On Monday, Feb. 18, many tickets were issued for vehicles parked on the grass when the Vadalabene Center parking lot was closed to students. The uproar seemed to gain momentum.

"The university didn't even put up a sign and I was late for my class because I had to drive all the way back and park like five miles out of the way," sophomore Jon Meyer said. "It was ridiculous."

"Paying \$60 to park and then having to walk five miles is ridiculous. We should get a cushioned bus seat to ride," Meyer said. "All Parking Services does is ride around and look for cars with no tags. I'm an anarchist of Parking Services."

"I always park at the VC and when it was shut down for something that didn't even involve the school, that made me really angry," sophomore Noah McCloud said.

McCloud said he thinks the university is just looking to make more money.

"The students pay \$60 a year to park and then we lose our spots for some high school tournament that has nothing to do with SIUE," McCloud said. "It is an outrage."

McCloud is not alone in his anger with the university.

"I don't like the Parking Services," freshman Sheena Ady said. "It's ridiculous."

In a poll conducted on www.thealestle.com, 86 percent of students said the university should never close the VC parking lot to students for special events.

"Even though students are complaining about the cost of parking, they don't have it as bad as students at UMSL (University of Missouri-St. Louis) or some other schools," Voelkerding said.

"My friend goes to UMSL and he pays around \$400 to be able to park there," he said.

At Pennsylvania State University, students must park nearly one mile away from campus and take a shuttle to the buildings.

Not everyone had bad things to say about Parking Services. A lot of students said they prefer the parking hangtags to the stickers and are happy the change was made.

"I think the new tags are cool," Eric Woodcock said. "If something happens and you can't use your car, you can put the tag in another one and use it."

The fliers that were distributed were right about a few things. If students want to be heard they should come together. Students can call someone in power, such as Parking Services, student government or write to The Alestle.

Voelkerding's letter to the editor got him a meeting with Dean of Students Randy Rock.

"Rock is a very nice person and just wanted some suggestions on what could be done to solve the problem," Voelkerding said. "He told me that the ticket fees and the cost of the hangtags go toward the upkeep of the lots because the university gets no money from the state to do so."

Rock also told Voelkerding the grounds crew charges Parking Services to fix any damaged grass that is parked on.

As for the VC, Voelkerding said Rock was looking into having the lot open until 2 p.m. and then towing any remaining cars still there after closing time.

"Rock said that if anyone has any reasonable suggestions, they should feel free to contact him," Voelkerding said.

"I think that there should be a shuttle that picks up students at the far red lots, especially on cold mornings," McCloud said.

"Parking Services should take it easy on the meters," Woodcock said. "There is no reason to give a ticket if the person is a few minutes late."

Woodcock also said that Parking Services should be watching for people who are parked illegally.

"I am constantly seeing tickets being given for overdue meters, even when the meter lot is empty, now that is really pushing it," Woodcock said. "What really aggravates me is seeing all these people parking in the white lines that aren't spots. A person who goes over five minutes can get a ticket but someone who has been illegally parked for three or four hours gets off with nothing. That really sucks."

There doesn't seem to be a clear solution to the parking problem, but most students agree that violence is not the answer. Contacting The Alestle or student government is the best answer for now.

What do you think about campus parking?



"There are a lot of spaces there but there needs to be some parking spots close to classes."

*Mazen Sanders
Finance*



"It would be really nice if I didn't have to pay for parking every time I bring an art project to class."

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"Parking is completely inadequate to accommodate the students here. It's completely ridiculous."

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"I personally know there is a problem with parking on campus. You should see my ticket drawer."

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"Campus parking is the worst I have ever seen."

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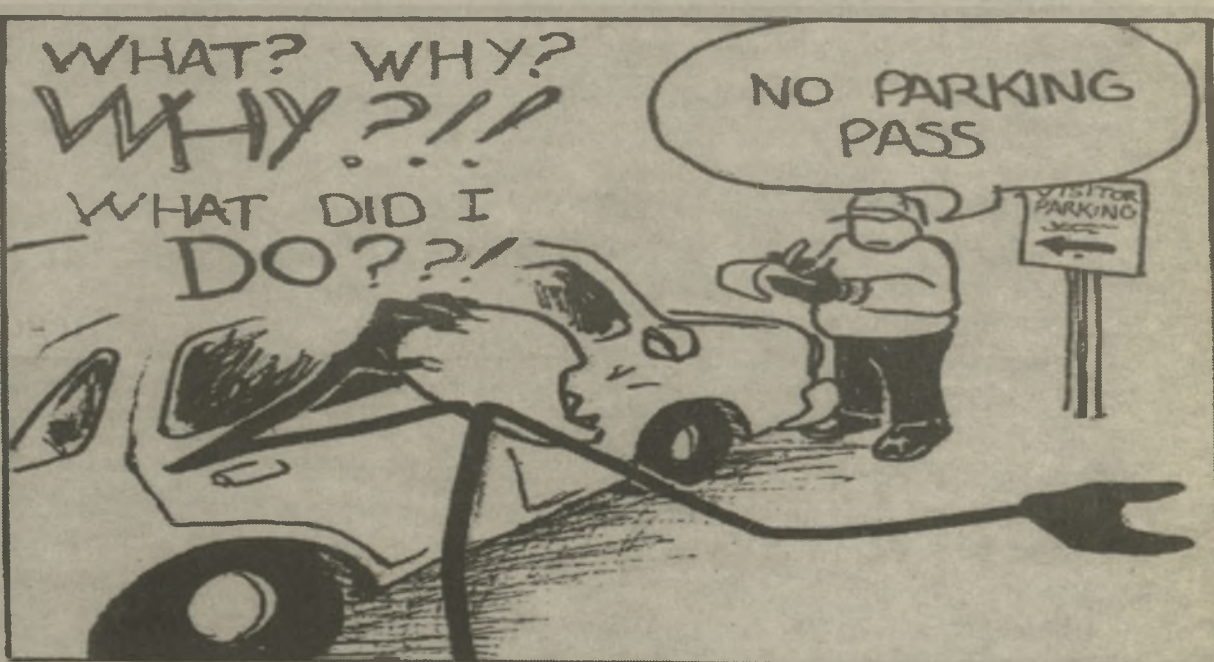
"How about a little more parking at Prairie Hall? It's not fun walking from Woodland at 3 a.m."

*Ashley Shields
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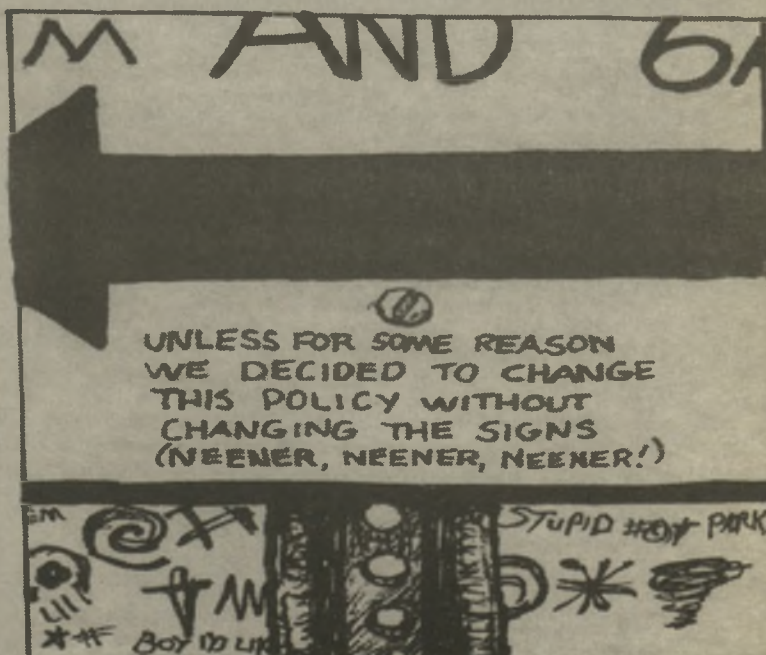
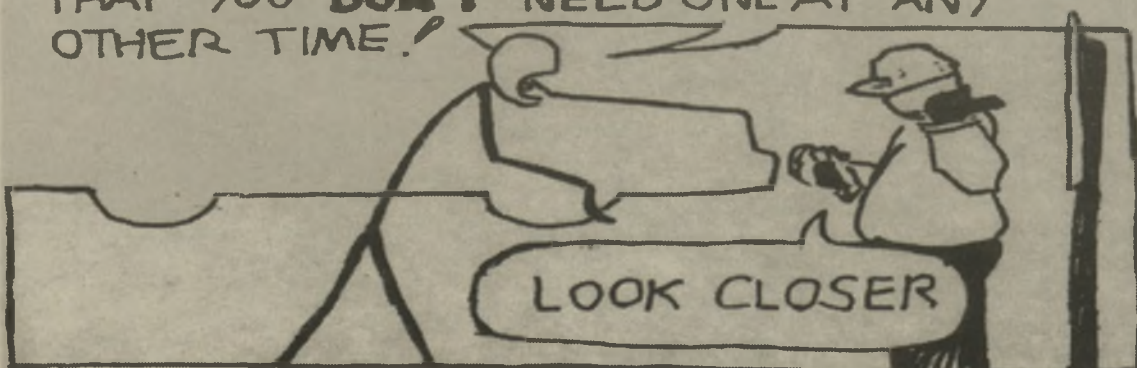


"There isn't enough space in the Cougar Village apartments and too many tickets given out."

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Lady Cougars softball travels to Orlando, Fla., for spring break to improve its 10-1 record.
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Cougar athletes ready for national meets

SIUE men's track sends two runners to National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II meet

CHENOA GLENN
SPORTS STRINGER

Although the indoor track season has come to a close, two members of the Cougar track team are still training hard.

Sophomores Richard Skirball and Kevin Koller will be the two athletes SIUE sends to Boston this week to represent the track and field team in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships.

The meet will be Friday and Saturday at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

Koller will be representing the team in the 400-meter dash and enters the meet with the 12th-fastest time in the nation.

Skirball will represent the team in the 800-meter run and has the 10th-fastest time on the national list.

He said he is "excited, but the nerves are getting to be a bit much."

Skirball said his family is enthusiastic. His parents, who have not been able to attend many of his meets this year, will be flying to Boston to cheer him on.

Skirball ran 1 minute, 52 seconds in the Butler University Invitational in Indianapolis.

That time was critical to his bid in the national arena.

However, he said, he feels his most crucial race was the Great Lakes Valley Conference meet two weeks ago at Lewis University in Romeoville.

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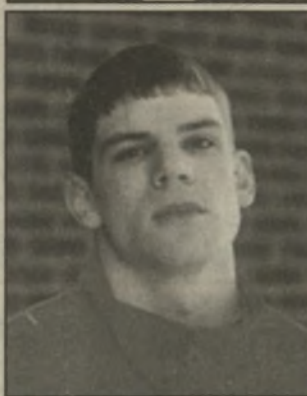


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Richard Skirball (top)
Kevin Koller (bottom)

Two SIUE wrestlers will begin their first round matches in National Championship Tournament

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Wrestlers from across the nation will strap on their headgear and meet in Kenosha, Wis., to compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Wrestling Championship Friday.

The Cougars will send two of their wrestlers, juniors Zach Stephens and Nathan Graumenz, to represent SIUE in hopes of becoming national champions.

Stephens will go into the championship meet with a record of 26-12 in the 174-pound division.

He will be coming off a first-place finish in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Feb. 24 in Aberdeen, S.D.

Stephens won in the championship round

against Cory Anderson of Northern State University, of Aberdeen.

He has been the leader of the Cougar squad all season and has been nationally ranked in the 174-pound division all year.

Stephens was one of only two SIUE wrestlers to claim a win Feb. 14 when the Cougars took on Central Oklahoma University, of Edmond, Okla., the No. 1-ranked team in Division II wrestling.

Graumenz finished the regular season with a record of 17-14 in the 157-pound division.

He placed third in regionals after defeating Ken Schmidt of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, of Kenosha.

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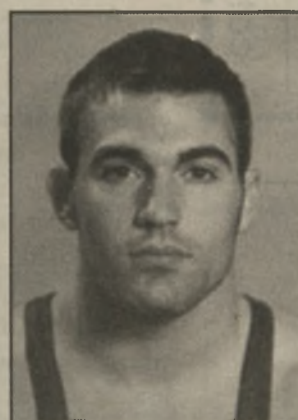


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Zach Stephens (top)
Nathan Graumenz (bottom)

Cougar baseball travels to Savannah over break

Cougars will look for better weather in Savannah, Ga., to go above the .500 mark for the season

KELI KEENER
SPORTS STRINGER

With no games played last week due to inclement weather, the men's baseball team is looking forward to its spring break trip to Savannah, Ga.

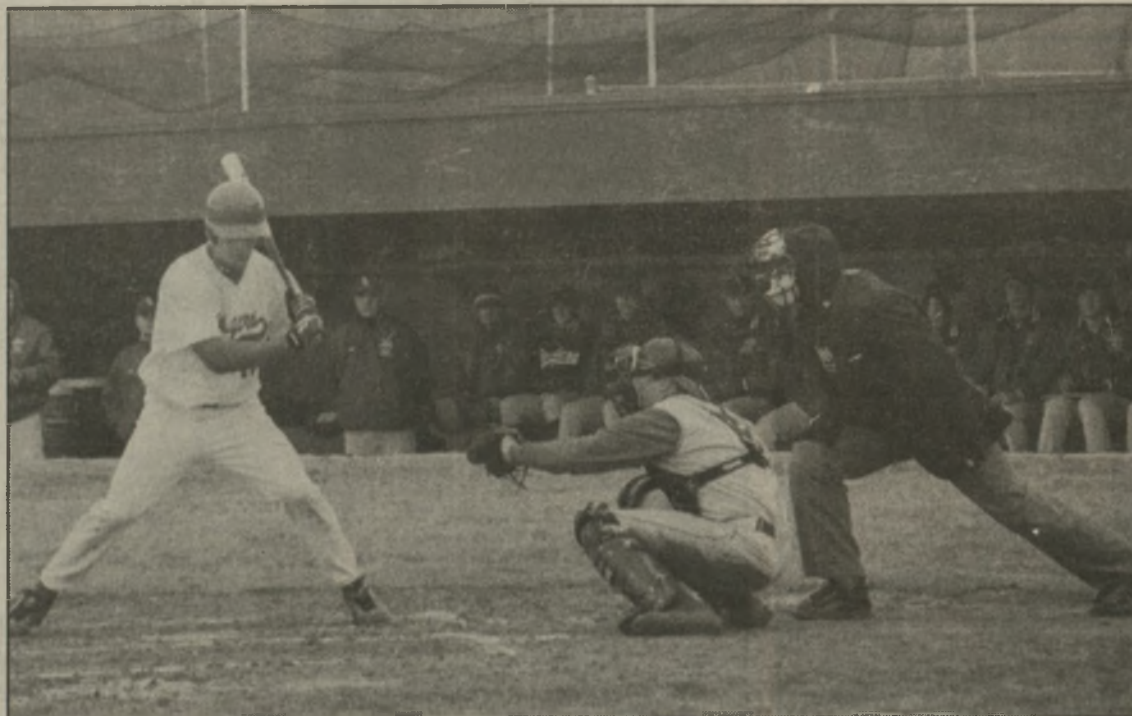
SIUE was scheduled to play host to Harris-Stowe State College, of St. Louis, Wednesday. The result of that game will be in The Alestle Tuesday, March 19.

The game against Harris-Stowe was the last one on the schedule before the team hits the road Thursday.

SIUE will take its 4-4 record to Savannah, where the Cougars are slated to play other National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II schools.

The Cougars will start off with a doubleheader against Grand Valley State University, of Allendale, Mich., at 2 p.m. Friday.

The Statesmen, of the Gulf



BETH KRUIZAN/ALESTLE

Junior outfielder Michael Bowen lets a pitch go by in a game Feb. 20 against McKendree College.

South Conference, came in third at the Division II World Series in Montgomery, Ala., in May.

GVSU took two games from the University of Arkansas-Monticello Sunday. The

Statesmen took the first game of the doubleheader 13-4 and the second 8-4. The Statesmen extended their winning streak to nine games and upped their record to 12-2 overall and 2-0 in

conference play.

SIUE will next meet up with Gannon University, of Erie, Pa., at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Under a new head coach, the Golden Knights have had two

games rained out and amassed two losses.

The Cougars will play Armstrong Atlantic State University, of Savannah, Ga., at 2 p.m. Sunday.

The Pirates have played 21 games this season and are as strong as ever at 18-3 overall and are 4-2 in the Peach Belt Conference.

Junior pitcher Mike Roga hurled the ninth no-hitter in AASU history while tying a school record by striking out 17 batters in the Pirates' 1-0 victory over Northwest Missouri State, of Maryville, Tuesday.

SIUE will have a day off before meeting Missouri Western State College, of St. Joseph, at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The Griffons, of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletic Association, are 1-2 overall after a three-game stint with Wayne State University, of Detroit.

The Cougars will play Bryant College, of Smithfield, R.I., at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

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Lady Cougar softball on its way to Florida in hopes of adding to record

AMY GRANT

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The softball team will embark on a grueling trip Saturday to play at least 11 games during spring break.

The Lady Cougars will make a brief stop in St. Leo, Fla., for the St. Leo Tournament Saturday and Sunday before heading to Orlando, Fla., to compete in the Rebel Spring Games.

A contest against the University of North Florida, of Jacksonville, is SIUE's only set opponent Saturday before the two-day double-elimination tournament.

UNF has a 6-2 record this season and has shut out teams in four of its six wins.

Junior Gina Ripper has emerged as the Lady Ospreys' leading pitcher, with a 3-0 record and a 0.67 ERA.

Ripper has allowed only two earned runs and struck out 38 batters this season.

After the tournament concludes Sunday, SIUE will head straight to Orlando for its

first games against Tiffin University, of Tiffin, Ohio, and Shippensburg University, of Shippensburg, Penn., Monday.

Tiffin will look to senior shortstop Kate Siroky as it plays its season opener Saturday against Southwest State University, of Marshall, Minn.

Siroky led Tiffin last year with a .345 batting average, 48 hits and six triples.

She also finished the season with 25 runs and 21 RBIs.

Shippensburg has started the season with a 3-5 record and has been shut out in three of the five losses.

Tiffin is coming off of a 4-3 win over Longwood College, of Farmville, Va., March 3.

Tuesday, SIUE will face Minnesota State University-Mankato and the University of South Dakota, of Vermillion.

USD lost its first two games of the season 7-2 and 10-5 March 2 in a doubleheader against the University of Northern Colorado, of Greeley.

USD senior pitcher Judy Alswager recorded the loss in the

second game after giving up seven hits and nine runs, two earned, in 1.6 innings.

Adelphi University, of Garden City, N.Y., is scheduled to face the Lady Cougars Wednesday.

The Panthers were seeded No. 1 in the New York Collegiate Athletic Conference at the start of the season.

Adelphi finished fourth in the conference last year with a 16-6 record.

Southwest State will face SIUE in its second contest of the day.

Junior Jill Clark and sophomore Lyndsay Jensen pitched 322 of Southwest State's 338 innings last season.

Clark led the Mustangs with 81 strikeouts and ranks eighth on the school's list of career strikeouts with 129 after two seasons.

Jensen finished last season with a 2.99 ERA after pitching a team-high 163.2 innings.

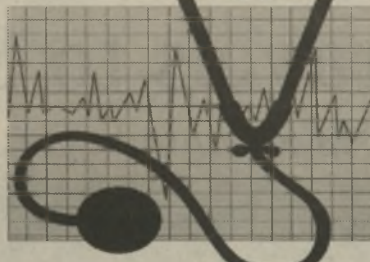
She recorded eight wins and threw two complete-game shutouts. *see SOFTBALL, page 13*

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"I went in knowing I was the heavy favorite, and there was a lot of pressure," Skirball said, "plus, the pressure of needing to run a faster time to stay up on the (national) list."

Skirball said the experience prepared him somewhat for the enormous amount of pressure that will be on him this weekend.

"I know I can do well if I stay calm," Skirball said.

In high school, Skirball's first race was the 800-meter run, which he won.

While that win seemed to indicate an illustrious high school track career, it was not to be.

Granite City High School already had a star half-miler, so Skirball specialized in the 400-meter instead.

However, when he qualified for the state championships his senior year, he did so on Granite City's four-member 800-meter team.

The team finished fifth in the state that year.

Now he seems to have come

into his own, running to the top of a team that has boasted several championship half-milers in the past.

That list of runners includes teammate and training partner, senior Dan Walden.

While he is a bit high in the clouds after his success this season, Skirball hasn't forgotten how he has gotten here.

"The biggest part of why I am at nationals is probably due to Coach (Daryl) Frerker and Dan," Skirball said.

SOFTBALL

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After a day of rest, the Lady Cougars will return to the field to face rival Truman State University, of Kirksville, Mo., and Merrimack College, of North Andover, Mass., Friday.

Truman and Merrimack have yet to play a game this season.

Truman went 41-11-1 last season, with records of 15-0-1 at home and 20-5 at a neutral site. Sophomore shortstop Elizabeth Economon led the Bulldogs in almost every category with a .389

batting average, 47 runs, 70 hits, 21 doubles and six triples.

SIUE will battle Bloomsburg University, of Bloomsburg, Penn., and Ashland University, of Ashland, Ohio, before the team returns home Saturday.

Two pitchers from Bloomsburg, senior Kerri Cooper and sophomore Amber Cowher, have received recognition at the start of the season.

Cooper was named to the second team All-Mid-Atlantic

region and Cowher was named a second team All-American.

The Huskies are coming off a 44-7 season as the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Mid-Atlantic Regional Champions.

SIUE is in first place in the Great Lakes Valley Conference with a 10-2 record. The University of Wisconsin-Parkside is a distant second with an overall record of 2-1.

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WRESTLING

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Schmidt was previously ranked No. 1 in the nation by the Division II Wrestling Coaches Association.

Graumenz was ineligible to compete with the Cougars last season, but was the champion of the Lindenwood University Open Meet as an unattached competitor, which meant he wrestled independently.

SIUE has had 19 NCAA Division II National Champions.

The first wrestler to win a championship for SIUE was Jerry Washington in the 190-pound division in 1977.

The last Cougar to win a national crown was Titus Taylor in the 165-pound division in 2000.

Taylor competed for SIUE from 1996 through 2000.

The two Cougar wrestlers competing in Friday's meet will have some championship experience on the sidelines in coach Booker Benford.

Benford held the national championship crown in 1984 at 177 pounds and repeated as national champion in 1985.

BASEBALL

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The Bulldogs, members of the Northeast 10 Conference, are 3-5 overall this season.

SIUE will play a second game against Concord College, of Athens, W.Va., at 6 p.m. Wednesday.

The Lions went 27-17 overall last season and 18-5 in the

West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. They have not begun the 2002 season.

The Cougars will finish up Thursday with a game against St. Augustine's College, of Raleigh, N.C., at 10 a.m.

Upon returning, SIUE will begin its Great Lakes Valley

Conference schedule.

The Cougars will start off by playing host to St. Joseph's College Saturday, March 16.

The doubleheader will begin at noon.

SIUE will also play a single game against the Pumas at noon Sunday, March 17.

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Millennium of Peace

Guest Speaker: Layli Miller

**"Do They Hear You When You Cry:
The Struggle for Equality of Women and Men"**

Thursday, March 7, 2002 - 7:00pm, Conference Center - Morris University Center, SIUE

Book signing and reception following the talk in Goshen

Layli Miller Bashir, the Tahirih Justice Center's founder and chair, is an attorney in Washington, D.C. at the law firm of Arnold & Porter practicing general litigation and international law. The author of numerous articles on gender-based asylum law and female genital mutilation, Ms. Bashir co-authored the book, *Do They Hear You When You Cry* with her former client Fauziya Kassindja.

In 1996, the United States Board of Immigration Appeals granted asylum to a young, Togolese woman, Fauziya Kassindja, who fled her country to escape a tribal practice known as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). After seventeen months and two weeks in maximum security prisons and Immigration and Naturalization Service detention facilities, Ms. Kassindja won her Freedom with the help of Layli Miller. Ms. Miller was still in law school during the time she worked on Ms. Kassindja's case. The case set national precedent and revolutionized asylum law in the United States, opening the door to an entirely new basis for protection, gender-based persecution. In response to an outcry for assistance from women in Ms. Kassindja's situation that was generated by international media coverage of her case, Layli Miller founded the Tahirih Justice Center to provide free legal representation to women like Ms. Kassindja who face the threat of FGM and other forms of gender-based abuse.

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SIUEVENTS

M A R C H

THURSDAY 7

Intramural Softball League Manager's Meeting

4:30p.m., Student Fitness Center

Stephen Covey Training

11:00a.m. – 12:15p.m., Alumni Hall, 2409

Visiting Textile Artist - Ilze Aviks

1:00p.m. – 3:00p.m., Art & Design Building

Spiritual Growth Group

United Campus Ministry

7:00p.m. – 9:00p.m., Religious Center

Lecture featuring Layli Miller

7:00p.m. – 8:30p.m.

Morris University Center, Conference Center

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Post-Lecture Reception

9:00p.m.

Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge

BSM Bible Study

8:00p.m., Woodland Hall

M A R C H

FRIDAY 8

Millennium of Peace 2002
"I Give Up My Voice Day"

IHSA Class "AA"

Boys Basketball Sectional

7:00p.m., Vadalabene Center

University Orchestra Concert

7:30p.m., Dunham Hall Theater

\$2 Students \$3 General Admission

M A R C H

SATURDAY 9

"Rosie the Riveter: Women at work in WWII" with Historyonic Theatre Company

3:00p.m., Dunham Hall Theater

Season For The Child – "Threads"

7:00p.m., Dunham Hall Theater

\$5 General Admission

M A R C H

SUNDAY 10

Catholic Mass

10:30a.m., Religious Center

M A R C H

MONDAY 11

Spring Break

SLDP Spring Break Trip

Through March 16th

Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma

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TUESDAY 12

Spring Break

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WEDNESDAY 13

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THURSDAY 14

Spring Break

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FRIDAY 15

Spring Break

M A R C H

SATURDAY 16

Baseball – SIUE vs. Saint Joseph's (DH)

12:00Noon, Roy E. Lee Field

M A R C H

SUNDAY 17

St. Patrick's Day

Catholic Mass

10:30a.m. and 8:00p.m., Religious Center

Baseball – SIUE vs. Saint Joseph's

12:00Noon, Roy E. Lee Field

M A R C H

MONDAY 18

Intramural Volleyball League begins

Student Fitness Center

\$20 entry fee/team \$20 forfeit fee/team

Blood Drive

10:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.

Morris University Center, Conference Center

Lunch with a Professor

featuring Anthony Cheeseboro

12:00Noon

Morris University Center, University Club

Noontime Nourishment

Shurtleff Baptist Campus Ministry

12:00Noon, Religious Center

Women's History Month Film

featuring "Dangerous Beauty"

with Speaker Carole Frick

4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Peck Hall, 0314

M A R C H

TUESDAY 19

Annual High School Exhibition

Through March 29

Art & Design Building, New Wagner Art Gallery

Blood Drive

10:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.

Morris University Center, Conference Center

MUC Band featuring Farshid Etniko

11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge

SLDP Module – "Cross Cultural

Awareness" featuring Liz Tarpey

2:00p.m.

Morris University Center, University Club

Women's History Month Film

"Umm Kulthum: A Voice Like Egypt"

with Speaker Steve Tamari

4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m.

Peck Hall, 0412

SLDP Module – "Understanding

the Organizational Climate"

featuring Al Kerth

6:30p.m.

Morris University Center, University Club

SIUE Night at Savvis Center

Blues vs. Nashville Predators

7:30p.m.

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M A R C H

WEDNESDAY 20

First day of Spring

Center Stage featuring Airbrushing

11:30a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge

Sisters Circle

United Campus Ministry

12:00Noon – 1:00p.m., Religious Center

A Women's Poetry Reading: An Evening

with Herstorians featuring Julie Dill

4:00p.m., Prairie Hall, Multifunction Room

"Elizabeth Packard and boundaries of

Gender, Religion and Sanity in 19th

Century Illinois" featuring Linda Carlisle

6:00p.m., Peck Hall, 3417

BSM Bible Study

9:00p.m., Bluff Hall and Prairie Hall

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