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Senate meeting draws large crowd

Athletic fee gets nod despite opposition from students surveyed



NICOLE GAUDREULT/ALESTLE

A large crowd gathers to listen to Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel and Athletic Director Brad Hewitt answer questions being posed by the student body Friday. Athletic teams and mascot await news on athletic fee increase, which was opposed by two-thirds of students surveyed.



TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Senator Katie Serrano, a senior, cast a vote of present because she had lingering questions.

The student senate has approved an \$8.60 athletic fee increase for fiscal year 2005, meaning that students will pay an athletic fee of about \$105 beginning July 1, 2004.

The increase passed the senate Friday on a 7-2 vote with one vote of present, neither for nor against.

Student Body President Michelle King and the student senate conducted a survey of 320 students that asked whether they felt the senators should approve the athletic fee increase.

Roughly two-thirds of the students who responded were opposed to an increase.

"I have heard from at least three tier-three teams they were told they will be the next sport eliminated if the fee isn't approved."

- Michelle King

"I am still not really clear on where the money is being spent," Serrano said. "A big problem is that (Athletic Director) Brad Hewitt is new and kind of confused as well. It is not that I think they were intentionally misleading, but I feel that they just did a poor job."

In a report to the senators see FEES, page 3

Board of trustees awards contracts and approves two honorary degrees

NICOLE GAUDREULT
MANAGING EDITOR

Students interested in intramural and recreational sports will have a place to call home thanks to a decision by the

for general work; Electrico Inc., Columbia, \$119,734 for electrical; France Mechanical, Edwardsville, \$64,000 for plumbing; and GRP Mechanical Co., Bethalto, \$12,404 for ventilation.

The complex will be across Northwest Road from the SIUE Early Childhood Center.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel said the complex would provide a quality environment for all students interested in sports.

"There is a continuing demand for expanded outdoor intramural activities," Emmanuel said in a press release.

"Since building the residence halls, we have seen a significant growth in the number of teams wanting to participate in

intramural sports."

The first phase of the two-phase project will include regrading the property and constructing a lighted softball field, along with a 1,800-square-foot support building. The final phase will be a second lighted field.

The complex will provide enhanced multipurpose use for Campus Recreation's intramural, recreational and club sports programs to give residential students more choice.

Also at the trustees' meeting, the board approved awarding two honorary degrees at the May commencement.

Recording artist John "Bucky" Pizzarelli will receive an honorary doctor of music and Roy Curtiss III, a professor of biology Washington University in St. Louis, will receive an honorary doctor of science.

"There is a continuing demand for expanded outdoor intramural activities."

- Narbeth Emmanuel

Southern Illinois University board of trustees at the monthly meeting Thursday.

The board awarded contracts totaling more than \$ 500,000 to four area contractors for construction of the first phase of an outdoor recreational complex.

The contractors are Hart Contracting Inc., Alton, \$308,497

TONI GAUEN
CHIEF COPY EDITOR

Dunham Hall had no mass communication classes Thursday but many students came for presentations by professionals as part of Mass Communications Day.

Mass Communications Chair Ralph Donald said students got a lot of beneficial information from the professionals.

"The presentations were uniformly excellent. We hope to get them back again next year," Donald said.

Mass communications professor Gary Hicks said the turnout was better for this year's one-day event rather than the previous year's weeklong event.

Professor Bob Trumpbour said the one-day event was an improvement over the previous year's one-week approach.

"I like it. It allows us to focus on building up energy so students want to come," Trumpbour said.

"The students are getting more out of it because they can get a sense about things that are occurring today."

For junior Jason Robinson, the session on "Corporate Communications" was an eye-opener.

"It changed my mind about doing producing," Robinson said.

Jay Johnson of Charter Communications told students about the job market in St. Louis.

"I've heard this stuff before but he put a different spin on it," Robinson said.

After hearing the presentation, Robinson decided to return to his original career path of journalism.

Johnson said he felt that students showed interest in his presentation, which included a couple of "horror stories" in editing.

Johnson said he told students what he has learned in his seven years since graduating from SIUE.

"It's about finding your niche," Johnson said of the job market.

A number of area employers took part in the internship fair that was part of Mass Communications Day.

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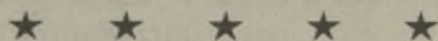
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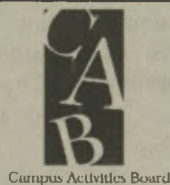
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Kimmel Scholarship and Service Award nominations now available

PRASAD NAGARAPU
NEWS STRINGER

Nomination applications for the SIUE Kimmel Scholarship and Community Service Awards are now available in the Kimmel Leadership Center.

The annual scholarship was established to recognize students for their outstanding leadership and community volunteer service contributions as well as academic excellence.

The scholarship and award was named for Carol Kimmel, a former member of the Southern Illinois University board of trustees, who has dedicated her time and talent over the years to volunteerism.

The Belleville News-Democrat cosponsors the Kimmel Community Service Award.

The awards are given at the Kimmel Awards Banquet.

"This will be the 14th banquet so we recognize community individuals as well as SIUE students for their whole outstanding community, as well as university service," Kimmel Leadership Center Director Steven Sperotto said. "The award recipient receives tuition for two upcoming semesters."

Individuals may nominate a student, or students may nominate themselves. The eligibility criteria for the scholarship is that a student must be enrolled as a degree-

seeking student at SIUE, sophomore, junior, senior or graduate standing, an accumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and should have demonstrated volunteer contributions within the last two years in leadership, service and/or citizenship, including leadership in a student organization or at least one elected office; and more than 30 hours of non-paid service to a community agency or community organization.

In addition, a nominee must provide two letters documenting community service and leadership. In order for a student to be considered for a second Kimmel scholarship, documentation submitted for previous Kimmel scholarships will not be reconsidered. The scholarship provides one full year of tuition at the SIUE in-state rate.

The Kimmel Community Service Award for SIUE faculty and staff contains six categories from education, social service and social welfare, environmental and civic betterment, regional leadership, agency and organizational concerns and special populations.

The awards were established to recognize outstanding community leaders for dedication and contributions to community volunteer service.

Organizations, agencies,

businesses or individuals may nominate those who have been citizens of Illinois or Missouri for at least two years, are at least 16 years old and who have been a volunteer with at least one agency, organization or business for at least two or more consecutive years.

In addition, nominees must have demonstrated a variety of community service contributions for an extended period of time; demonstrated voluntary community service outside of the applicant's regular job duties, as well as a commitment to the citizens of Illinois or Missouri; and must document leadership roles and responsibilities.

"Joint applications will not be accepted and also prior recipients are not eligible and posthumous applications will be considered if the nominee has died in the past 12 months," Sperotto said.

Winners will be recognized April 3 at the Kimmel Leadership Awards Banquet in the Meridian Ballroom on the first floor of the Morris University Center.

For more information about nomination procedures or for a nomination and application form, call the Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.

Applications and nomination forms can be picked up in the Kimmel office on the first floor of the MUC.

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Campus Scanner

Symposium: The Eugene B. Redmond Writers Club's annual Black Literary Heritage Symposium will be presented from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Room 0003 of the East St. Louis Campus. For more information, call 650-3991.

Poetry: A student poetry reading will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Another poetry reading, featuring professor Eugene B. Redmond, will be from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in the same location.

Storytelling: "The African-American Experience" will be

presented from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center. Rudy Wilson, assistant provost for culture and social diversity, will speak from 11 a.m. to noon and Barbara Jean Cheeseboro will speak from noon to 1 p.m.

Tribute: The Morris Center Activities Board Lecture Series presents a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday in the Abbott Auditorium of the Lovejoy Library.

Art: The Annual Undergraduate Exhibition continues through Feb. 24 in the New Wagner Gallery.

Tobacco counseling: The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. The toll-free line is staffed by registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction counselors. Counseling is free to all residents of Illinois. Those interested should call (866) QUIT-YES.

Hotline hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Alcoholics Anonymous: 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.

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prior to voting on the athletic fee increase, King was also concerned about the information student athletes were given concerning the increase.

"I have heard from at least three tier-three teams that they were told that they will be the next sport eliminated if the fee isn't approved," King said. "I have several problems with this. It seems that the athletic department is trying to stir up support for this increase by making it seem as though several sports are in jeopardy of being eliminated."

Personnel Chair Andy Ravanelli felt the increase simply comes at a poor time.

"I did not agree with the timing of the fee (increase request) because of the current economic situation, but I do agree that our athletic program needs to be enhanced before our athletic program can expand anymore," Ravanelli said. "I thought all of the senators, especially Michelle (King), did an excellent job of surveying the students, and the senator's job is to vote in the best interest of the students while upholding student opinion. I feel they did that to the best of their abilities to maintain the integrity of this university."

Sen. Sara Guarino said she feels the athletic fee increase can provide better athletic programs.

"I believe the athletic fee

increase, if used correctly, can provide the SIUE Athletic Department and athletes the chance to better their programs," Guarino said. "Next year when the athletic department asks for another increase, there are many things that will need to be looked at."

"Last year, the money from the increase did not go to what it was intended for. However, there is a new athletic director, so I think it is important to give him a chance to better the program. I think that a referendum next year would be a good idea."

Hewitt said he is just glad the fee increase passed the senate.

"I was extremely ecstatic and I think everyone in the department was pleased," Hewitt said. "Before I left the meeting, I made the commitment to be a good steward of the students money."

Hewitt said he is not worried everyone is in favor of the fee increase.

"It is what people do in a democratic society — they analyze research and share opinions, and people have different opinions," Hewitt said.

"You have to garner input, share opinions and then put things to a vote."

According to Hewitt, the goal of the Athletic Department is to have everything be about quality.

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"This has been our third year here," Karen Lanter, of Gateway Regional Medical Center, said. "We often get real quality interns when we recruit here. It's a real win-win situation."

Both Craig Unger from KTRS-AM The Big 550 and Stephen Axelrad of KDHX-FM said the experience was beneficial since their organizations don't receive many interns from SIUE.

"I think being present at the internship fair is important because it gives us a chance to talk to students here," Axelrad said.

Unger said his station gets most of its interns from Webster University but said SIUE has a "very nice communications

program." Unger said campus station WSIE-FM benefits students.

"They know what's going on and have some experience in a radio station."

Other sessions were "Getting That First Job," "Diversity in the Newsroom" and "The Future of Radio."

The "Future of Radio" was a "full house" according to Hicks, while the "Diversity in the Newsroom" started at 9 a.m. and had the lowest attendance.

"I was disappointed about the turnout," Hicks said.

He said he didn't think it was from lack of student interest but rather from the early start time.

Trumpbour said he felt that

the students who went to the session had a good discussion.

The day wasn't all shoptalk. Students and faculty had a barbecue and trivia contest. The contest pitted faculty against students. A student team beat the instructors and four other student teams by one point.

"We had our hot dogs and our soda. We were pretty comfortable," senior Neal Hamm said.

Hamm was on the student team that beat the faculty.

Other students on the winning team were Teri Lynn MacZura, Jon Quinlan and graduate student Jon Pike.

As for the hot dogs, Trumpbour said, "They were magnificent."

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BLACK HERITAGE MONTH

2003 Schedule of Events

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday, February 18	11:00 AM-11:30 PM	Book Reading and Signing, Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge Associate Professor Venessa Brown
	11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Student Poetry Reading
	12:30 PM-1:45 PM	Poetry Reading featuring Professor Eugene Redmond, East St. Louis Poet Laureate
	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	Black History Program and Reading, SIUE East St. Louis Center, 411 E. Broadway, Room 025, East St. Louis
Wednesday, February 19	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Storytelling: The African American Experience, Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge
	11:00 AM-12:00 Noon	Rudolph Wilson, Assistant Provost for Cultural and Social Diversity
	12:00 Noon-1:00 PM	Fanny Lebbey
Thursday, February 20	7:00 PM	Fifth Annual Black Heritage Month Talent Show, Morris University Center, Meridian Hall
Saturday, February 22	7:00 PM-10:00 PM	CAB Lecture Series — Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring Barry Scott, Morris University Center, Meridian Ballroom
Tuesday, February 25	12:00 noon-12:50 PM	SIUE East St. Louis Center for the Performing Arts Dance Company, Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge
Wednesday, February 26	11:00AM-1:00 PM	Panel Discussion: Reparations: Another Handout or Hypocrisy at its Worst, Morris University Center, Goshen Lounge Moderator — Assistant Professor Maurice Mangum, Political Science Panelists — Alvin Brown, Co-Chair of the St. Louis Chapter of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America; Associate Professor Dallas Browne, Anthropology; Graduate Assistant Chris Drew, SIUC; Assistant Professor Jameca Falconer, Psychology; Professor John Farley, Sociology; Departmental Information Supervisor Roland Smith, East St. Louis Center
February 27-28, March 1	7:30 PM	Black Theater Workshop, Metcalf Student Experimental Theater
Sunday, March 2	2:00 PM	

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Viewpoints

Pike views Paine as legendary figure



It's always nice visiting with old friends. Some acquaintances are always there for you to pick up just where you left off.

Because of my decreased responsibilities this semester, I've had the opportunity to reconnect with an old friend. I've gotten back to reading Thomas Paine.

It's been said America is the only country founded on ideas as opposed to nationality, ethnicity or religion.

If that's the case, then Paine is this country's true father. The people acknowledged to be our Founding Fathers took most of their ideas from him.

Thomas Jefferson eagerly admitted he took most of the Declaration of Independence from the pamphlet "Common Sense."

Paine's writing of pamphlets was as serious as a heart attack. He wrote to win.

Paine was the first modern political propagandist, and I mean that in a good way. His major works form a consistent arc of his life's work.

He wrote "Common Sense" to persuade his fellow countrymen to break from England.

He wrote a series of 13 pamphlets called "The Crisis" to keep their eyes on the prize during the revolution.

He then wrote "Rights of Man" to defend the French Revolution and to bring about revolution in his home country, England.

He capped his career of propaganda with "The Age of Reason" to free people from what he regarded as superstition, so people could live glorious futures as citizens of republics.

He hated slavery, monarchy and capital punishment. He was often needlessly argumentative and frequently alienated those who would otherwise be his allies.

He waged moral warfare, not because he thought he was perfect, but because he thought his ideas were as good as anyone else's.

I don't know what Paine would think of the country he helped found.

Paine believed in taking up arms but believed republics only fought to defend their homelands, not project their power over the globe, like empires.

Congress has progressively abdicated its power to the president. As Paine waged a life-long war against one-man rule and believed in accountability, he could not approve of the way Congress has abdicated its powers to the president.

And as he believed in accountability, I don't think he could have envisioned the power of unaccountable transnational corporations, nor would he have approved.

He loved newspapers. But, I don't think he would recognize today's sheets that too often are written by stenographers to the powerful.

He would wonder what happened to the combative, see PAINE, page 5

Letters to the Editor

Defining peace – it takes two, baby

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to all the anti-war propaganda I am seeing. I do not want to come off as a warmonger, but I believe war is necessary. To all who believe war is unjustified, I ask them to go on a visual expedition with me.

Imagine for a moment that you have received a videotape marked urgent, must see! You pop the video into your video cassette recorder and to your surprise you see your loved one (mom, dad, sister, brother, son, daughter, husband or wife) sitting in a chair blindfolded.

Wondering if this is some cruel joke on film, you see a man enter the room wearing Iraqi military fatigues.

This man rolls a cart next to his victim and pulls off the cover.

On the cart are many different torturing devices. You watch in horror as the man takes a pair of pliers and slowly rips off the fingernails of your beloved. You hear the excruciating screams coming from the television.

Due to weak stomachs, I am not going to continue. But, I do ask all those opposed to war if

this does not cause concern in their minds. Should we let these actions continue? I would hope the answer is a resounding no!

For those who still think giving peace a chance is the only option, I say to them that peace, as defined in Webster's dictionary is, "...a cessation or absence of hostilities between nations." I believe the operative word here is between. It takes two to create peace and harmony. What will it take to show that Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden do not want peace with the United States of America? Another attack on the twin towers? Oh wait, those are still gone from the previous attack. Maybe start bombing universities—they could start at SIUE; after all, we want peace and not war—we would not strike back.

As much as I do not want to go to war, I also realize that sometimes war is necessary to rid the world of evil people doing evil actions.

Sincerely,

Terry Delaney
Sophomore
Philosophy

Political Humor



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Anyone who can identify the object in the picture should e-mail the editor by noon Friday at alestle_editor@hotmail.com.

We will draw a name from those who have correctly identified the object and its location. The winner will receive a \$5 movie pass. We will post the name of the winner in the Feb. 25 issue of the Alestle.

The winner must present a valid SIUE identification card in order to claim his or her prize.

Connie Schmidt correctly identified Tony Kukich's earthenware sculpture, "Source," on the third floor of Rendleman Hall.

Thanks to everyone for playing.



Opinions

Spare the enemy, become a legend

The legend of Pocahontas lives on.

She was a real person according to history books, but what lives on is the legend of her compassion at such an early age of 14 when she convinced her father to spare the life of Capt. John Smith, a man she did not know.

To her father, Smith was the enemy; but to her, he was a person. It took the eyes of a young, hopeful girl to allow her father Chief Powhatan to see Smith as a person who deserved to live.

Maybe, events that happened after that have not been all great for some people, but we are left with hope from a risk, which a compassionate 14-year-old girl took.

She knew John Smith was a person, not the enemy. In remembering the legend of Pocahontas, I find it risky but fitting to beg the president to acknowledge two people instead of two enemies. George W. Bush's spirit could live on someday to spark hope in our lives and our children's lives if he can put all aside and think of these men as people and not "the enemy."

Dear Mr. President, I ask you to spare the lives of people. Please spare the lives of Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein in order to spare the lives of many people. I know these men represent "the enemy" to you and to many American people, but they are real people, and we are challenged with the act of doing something vengeful or hopeful.

I choose hopeful. Hopeful lives on forever. Hopeful is what makes legends and we know legends live on forever.

Legends are like spirits, their consistency is not of matter; you cannot grab them physically and destroy them. Spirits bend, move around and move on when confronted by anything in the spirit's path. You cannot trap a spirit.

Some people have been known to "break a spirit." An

example is when a trainer breaks a horse.

The trainer doesn't really break the horse's spirit. It turns the spirit free.

The horse that used to seem like an enemy is now loyal to its owner or trainer. The spirit has not been broken or the enemy killed or destroyed; its shape has been changed.

The legend of Pocahontas means so much to me because I recently read some family history pointing out that Pocahontas could be a relative of mine.

"The Thomas Eldredge Family, from whom Victorine (Matthew Isaiah's wife) was descended, through family history, are believed to be descended from the marriage of John Rolfe and Pocahontas in April 1614."

This quote comes from history compiled by Mary B. Peck and titled "South Carolina to Southern Illinois." The research is ongoing and not totally proven yet because of one generation where there were two people with the same name as a descendent of Pocahontas and an ancestor of my family. One of these men went northeast, and one went southeast. I know there's a great possibility the family connection is not real, but it gives me hope to think I may be related to someone as compassionate as Pocahontas is in the legend. Her legend lives on three centuries later.

Please, father of our country, I ask you to spare these men, bin Laden and Hussein, as Pocahontas asked her father, the Chief of 30 tribes, to spare the life of Smith, a man not the enemy. Chief Powhatan's domain was an Indian empire that was the most politically complex in Virginia by 1607, (www.nps.gov/colo/Jthanout/IndianaAct.html).

Sincerely,

Vicki Kruse
Senior

Mass Communications

Viewpoints

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political press that fueled the controversies of his day.

I can't put Paine's words to today's issues, because the 21st century is just too different from the 18th.

I simply love the man too much to make him say what he didn't intend.

But I do know this about

him. He was wonderfully naive enough to believe his words could bring about the world he wanted. I hope my old friend would approve of me doing the same.

Jon R. Pike
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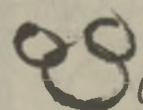
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'Brighton Beach Memoirs'

NANCY McDONALD
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21 and 22 and at 2 p.m. Feb. 23 at SIUE Dunham Hall Theater.

The comedy/drama, part one of Simon's autobiographical trilogy, is set in Brooklyn during 1937.

The plot of the play revolves around Eugene Jerome, a teenager living with two families in a cramped home, who daydreams of a better life outside of his own. The Jerome family faces financial difficulties, problems with their living arrangements and tragedies of World War II. On the other hand, Eugene is more concerned with making friends and getting to know the opposite sex.

The decision to do the play came after the events of Sept. 11. Lana Hagan, theater and dance instructor and the production's director, said the play was

appropriate because of the national climate.

"It is a show that people can relate to, it parallels what is happening now the impending war. It shows that families do survive and it is important, especially now, to pull families closer."

"Brighton Beach Memoirs" opened on Broadway in 1983 to rave reviews. It became a major motion picture in 1986.

The cast includes senior Brad Synder as Stanley, junior Jeff Saunders as Eugene, Matt Paris as Jack, senior Jaclyn Marshall as Laurie, sophomore Melissa Davis as Nora, senior Sarah Jones as Blanche and freshman Vanessa Sotomayor as Kate.

Tickets for the public are \$7. Admission for faculty, staff, senior citizens and non-SIUE students is \$5. SIUE students with a valid identification card get in for free.

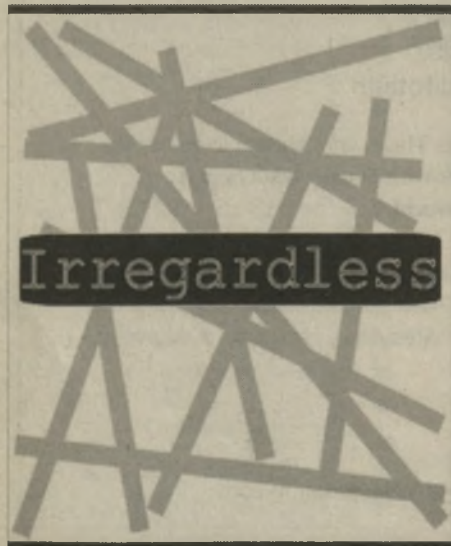
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Jeff Saunders and Melissa Davis star in the main stage production of Neil Simon's 'Brighton Beach Memoirs.'
The memoirs will continue through this weekend.

Irregardless - Desperate Times... Comic



By: J. Edwards

‘Daredevil’ tries hard, falls flat

Good performances by cast cannot overcome lack of character development

DANIEL HAMAMURA
DAILY TROJAN (U. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - Besides the “Superman” and “Batman” franchises, the more recent successes of “X-Men” and “Spider-Man” have proven comic-book-to-film adaptations aren’t just for comic fans. The latest property to try its luck is Marvel Comics’ “Daredevil.”

With an interesting hero, a top-notch cast and passionate director, it seems that nothing could go wrong, right? Unfortunately, “Daredevil” comes off flat and uninspired, rather than exciting and interesting.

For those who haven’t read the comic, “Daredevil” follows Matt Murdock (Ben Affleck), a blind man who works for justice during the day as an attorney and at night as a superhero. Murdock lost his sight when he was 10 years old in an accident. When he awoke, however, he found he could still “see” through the sound waves his now-superhuman hearing picked up. Daredevil’s fight takes place primarily in Hell’s Kitchen, which is controlled by the evil Kingpin (Michael Clarke Duncan).

As Murdock attempts to free his town of the Kingpin’s influence, he also crosses paths with another vigilante, Elektra

(Jennifer Garner) and the Kingpin’s hired assassin, Bullseye (Colin Farrell).

There’s a lot to like about “Daredevil,” however, despite its problems. The fight choreography of Cheung-Yan Yuen is well crafted, showing off the skill, energy and creativity of Hong Kong cinematic stunts. The actors were well cast, as Affleck and company put together good, if not great, performances throughout. In particular, Farrell steals the spotlight every time he’s on screen. Playing up a one-dimensional villain to perfection, Farrell looks like he’s genuinely having fun, and it fits Bullseye perfectly.

Also, the sequences between Daredevil and Elektra are nice, for the most part. Affleck and Garner have good on-screen chemistry and brought the romantic angle to the story without seeming too out of place or pointless. Finally, director Mark Steven Johnson’s work shows that he really cares about “Daredevil” - both as a movie and a comic. His passion comes through as he focuses the story on Murdock, rather than taking the approach of splitting the character development between the hero and the villain.

This approach is, however, the biggest problem with the film. Because the movie



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Colin Farrell, Jennifer Garner, Ben Affleck and Michael Clarke Duncan star in ‘Daredevil.’ The film is in theaters now.



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Jennifer Garner, star of television series ‘Alias,’ plays Elektra, Affleck’s love interest in the film.

focuses so much on Daredevil, there is not enough attention paid to the supporting cast. The lack of development for Elektra’s, Kingpin’s and Bullseye’s characters not only takes away the background of three genuinely interesting characters but also means that Daredevil has to carry the story by himself.

The problem here is that Johnson attempted to show too much development of Murdock, as he goes through several rushed metamorphoses rather than one or two well-developed ones. With less Daredevil and more about the supporting characters, the story could have been much more interesting.

The other significant problem with the movie lies in the action sequences. Most of the sequences are far too dark, almost to the point of making the images unrecognizable. Although the original goal was to make the film feel gritty and more “real,” many sequences simply come off as unclear. This is inexcusable because the darkness masks the creative stunt choreography.

Johnson proves that in almost every fight sequence he doesn’t know how to film Hong Kong-style action, choosing to push the camera in and cut quickly rather than letting the camera sit back and take in the sequences fully. Hong Kong-fight choreography has sometimes been compared to a complex dance; instead of showing the beauty of the entire dance, “Daredevil” chooses to direct the audience’s attention by showing only portions and hiding the rest of the dance from the screen.

While “Daredevil” had its moments, these were few and far between. For every cool and stylish sequence, there is another that is too slow or too dim. For every good fight scene, there is one that is almost impossible to decipher. And for every layer of character development the filmmakers reveal about Matt Murdock, there’s less for the supporting characters. While there was a lot to like about “Daredevil,” ultimately it falls short both of expectations and its potential.

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LAUREN WESCOAT
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

Frank's is a restaurant that opened in late October but is already causing quite a stir, especially among college students. Frank's is a casual dining restaurant with a bar and live entertainment.

The restaurant is owned by Frank Ferrara Sr., Frank Ferrara Jr. and Dave Cooper.

The menu offers a selection of steak, seafood and pasta, ranging from \$12.99 to \$39.99. Items on the menu include anything from fried cod and hamburgers to the surf 'n' turf containing a 12 oz. filet and an 8 oz. lobster and even turtle soup.

Lunch and dinner specials are offered daily with a soup of the day and vegetarian entrées. Frank's has three televisions showing CNN and MSNBC during weekdays and major sporting events on weekends.

Dinning hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and 4 to 11 p.m. Saturday. The bar is always open later, depending on customer demand. The restaurant is closed Sundays.

A banquet room is available to any customers upon request, and reservations are available. The banquet room is free to rent as long as reservations are made in advance.

Anthony Martin is the entertainment director for Frank's.

"The banquet room is open to anyone and for any activity," Martin said. "We've had parties with as many as 90 people in the banquet room for activities ranging from bridge games to sorority parties and awards shows."

For banquet room reservation information, call 656-2978.

"We are open to any suggestions from the public as well," Martin said. "If there is a large enough demand, we will work with customers concerning entertainment or activities." A variety of entertainment and activities is already available at Frank's. Live karaoke takes place every Thursday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A different band is showcased every Friday night to entertain diners.

Soul Café jazz trio will perform for diners Friday. The performance will begin at 9 p.m.

Every Wednesday night there is a chess tournament starting at 6 p.m.

February is a month of firsts for the restaurant. The first Frank's book club meeting will be Tuesday. The book of the month is "A Tale of Two Cities."

The book club is free of charge, and Martin suggests anyone interested in attending the first meeting to do so.

Tuesday Feb. 25 will be the first Frank's trivia night. Both the book club and trivia night start at 8 p.m.

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Sports Quote of the Day

"People think we make \$3 million and \$4 million a year. They don't realize that most of us only make \$500,000."

-Pete Incaviglia, baseball player, 1990

Sports Update

Baseball, softball season openers canceled due to inclement weather. Cougars will return to action this weekend.

SIUE's wrestling team will finish up regular season schedule by traveling to Warrensburg, Mo., Tuesday.



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Women's basketball brings home two wins



SIUE defeats Parkside and Lewis

AMY GRANT
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE women's basketball team continued its surge through the second half of its schedule this week with its two latest wins coming on the road.

leading up to the (Great Lakes Valley Conference) Tournament," assistant coach Lee Green said.

"I think we have a shot at the third spot in the conference, but we really just want to stay in either fourth or fifth place. It makes a big difference if you finish strong coming into the Tournament," he said.

It took two overtime periods, but SIUE pulled off a victory over the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers 62-55 Thursday in Kenosha, Wis.

Despite Parkside holding an 11-point lead halfway through the first half, senior forward Liz DeShasier's jumper put SIUE within two, 30-28, at the intermission.

Late in the second half of regulation, senior forward Ruth Kipping put SIUE ahead 47-46 on a free throw before sophomore guard Carrie Weir converted

on one of two free throws to send the game into its first overtime.

The Rangers held the lead until junior guard Jessica Robert

hit a three-pointer for the Cougars with 23 seconds left to tie the game 54-54 and send it into a second overtime.

This time the Cougars struck first on a jumper by DeShasier.

SIUE outscored Parkside 8-1 in the second overtime with the Rangers' only point coming with 29 seconds remaining on a free throw by Weir.

Junior guard Sarah Schweers and freshman guard Amber Wisdom added free throws in the final minute to clinch a 62-55 win for the Cougars.

Playing only 16 minutes, Kipping's five rebounds and 11 points were second to Robert's nine rebounds and 12 points.

"Ruth ran into foul trouble during the whole game Thursday," Green said. "She actually fouled out in the first half, so it kept her minutes down."

SIUE couldn't contain sophomore forward Sammy Kromm, the GLVC's second leading offensive threat next to Kipping.

Kromm went 10-of-12 from the field, grabbed seven rebounds and led the Rangers with 24 points.

With Kipping managing see WOMEN'S, page 11



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SIUE PHOTO SERVICE AND AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE
Senior forward Liz DeShasier (42) dribbles past a defender in a game against Lewis University earlier this season. Freshman point guard Amber Wisdom, above, converted on crucial free throws to help the Cougars seal two victories.

Wrestling team falls to Truman State University

Four Cougars take wins over Bulldogs

HEATHER KLOTZ
SPORTS STRINGER

Before wrestling to a 25-16 loss against the Truman State University Bulldogs Sunday, the SIUE wrestling team had another opponent, the weather.

Tough driving conditions due to snow and sleet caused the team to spend over five hours on the road, arriving in Kirksville, Mo., only a short time before weigh in.

"It was a rough situation for the guys," head coach Booker Benford said. "As an athlete it isn't fun to get right off a van and wrestle without time to relax."

Still, Benford didn't blame the weather for the team's loss.

"We cut it close, and the weather could have been a partial reason some of the guys wrestled flat-footed," Benford said. "But the meet was in our grasp to win, and individuals didn't accomplish what they were supposed to, so I don't want to totally blame the weather."

"We let Booker down as a team," senior heavyweight Aaron Wiens said. "We had a chance to get him a win, but some guys just didn't get the job done."

The team started slow, giving up forfeits in the 125- and 133-pound divisions, followed by a 10-1 loss at 141 pounds by sophomore Alec Lininger.

Wrestling in the 149-pound division, sophomore Alex Carter was the first Cougar to collect a win, pinning his opponent at six minutes and 41 seconds.

"I was extremely happy with Carter's pin," Benford said. "I think they underestimated him as a wrestler."

After losing tough matches in the 165- and 174-pound divisions, the Cougars bounced back to take the last three matches of the meet.

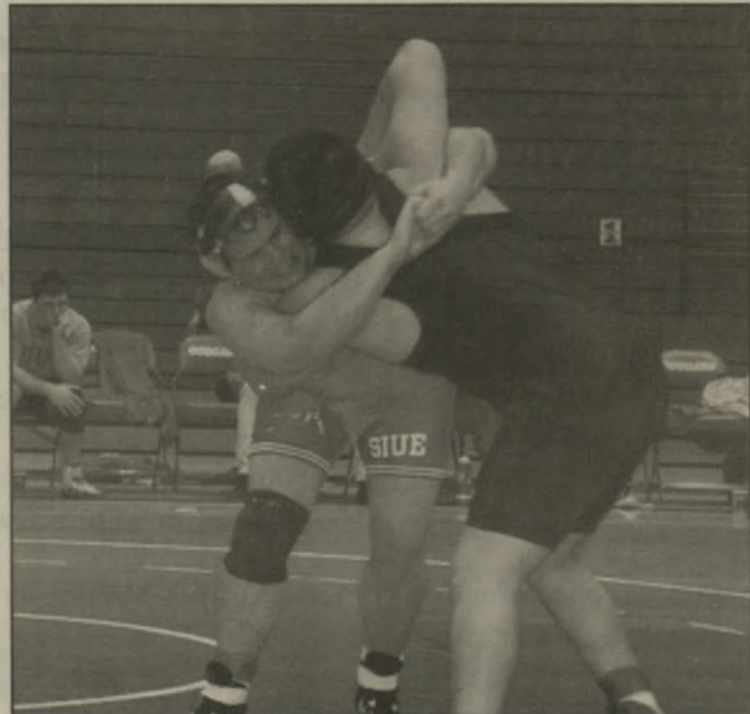
Senior Zach Stephens moved up to the 184-pound division but still defeated his opponent, Gregg Nurrenbern, 4-2.

Sophomore Branden Lorek continued the Cougars' solid finish, defeating Marc Heinecke 6-4 in the 197-pound division.

In the last match of the meet, Wiens defeated Matt Sonn 24-9 in the heavyweight division.

The final score reflects a one-point unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Wiens at the

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KELI KEENER/ALESTLE

Senior heavyweight Aaron Wiens wrestles in a meet held earlier this season at the Vadalabene Center. Wiens defeated his Truman State opponent Sunday 24-9 in Kirksville, Mo.

Cougars drop ninth consecutive game, fall to Parkside and Lewis on road trip

TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The road to recovery is proving to be a long one for the SIUE men's basketball team. After falling to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers 73-59 Thursday and the Lewis University Flyers 85-70 Saturday, the Cougars have dropped nine games in a row.

Junior guard Ron Jones and freshman forward Justin Ward lit up the Rangers for 16 and 15 points respectively, but the Cougars fell short on the defensive side of the court.

"Wisconsin-Parkside is a hard team to play," head coach Marty Simmons said. "They are a very defensive team and didn't let us get into any rhythm offensively."

The Cougars offense committed ten turnovers resulting in 20 Ranger points.

"We want to beat people with our offense," Simmons said. "We feel like we can wear people down if we execute and don't turn the ball over."

The Cougars managed to commit fewer turnovers but couldn't hold down the high-powered Flyer offense Saturday.

"The better teams in the league are so balanced, and it



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Senior guard Ben Garwitz prepares to make a move past a defender in a game earlier this season against the University of Indianapolis. Garwitz will be sidelined the rest of the season due to a broken foot suffered in practice last week.

makes it very difficult to take anything away," Simmons said.

The Cougars couldn't tie down the Flyer tandem of junior forward Demetrius Hunter and senior guard Harley Piercy, who combined for 43 points and seven rebounds.

The Cougars got 22 points in 25 minutes from Ward who was 7 of 23 from the field and also grabbed five rebounds.

"Justin was very aggressive," Simmons said. "He

had some shots that didn't go, and he went back at it. When he is cutting and moving, he makes us a very good offensive team."

According to Simmons, his team will have to go back to the basics after losing nine in a row.

"We are hungry," Simmons said. "I really think that this weekend we had a lot of good play. Going back and watching the tape, we did a lot of good things but not nearly enough."

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Men's and women's track teams set personal records

HEATHER KLOTZ
SPORTS STRINGER

The SIUE men's and women's track teams had a strong showing at the USA Track and Field Open at Southern Illinois University Carbondale Friday and Saturday.

"We had a very strong showing overall," head coach Darryl Frerker said. "There were a lot of personal records."

For many of the runners, the new personal records fell just shy of allowing them to qualify for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II National Championships, which was disappointing for Frerker.

"There were some unfortunate personal records," Frerker said. "They were unfortunate because we had people who just missed making Nationals, instead of just making Nationals. But it was still good for them to boost their confidence."

For the third meet in a row, sophomore Mark Milleville reset SIUE's weight throw record. The new mark now stands at 58 feet and .25 inches. His throw earned him a first place finish and moved him up to a sixth place NCAA Division II national ranking. He defeated his nearest competitor by more than three feet.

In the men's 800-meter run, senior Darren Dinkelman finished first, running the race in one minute and 54.63 seconds.

Junior Richard Skirball also ran well, finishing fourth with a time of 1:56.37.

The men's team earned third and fourth place finishes in the men's one-mile race. Freshman Brian Taghon finished third, running the race in 4:25.72 while sophomore Ryan Boyll finished fourth in 4:25.86.

In the men's Distance Medley, the team of Boyll, junior David Droege, junior Ben Hilby and Taghon finished second, with a time of 10:37.35.

The women's Distance Medley team of junior Carrie Carducci, junior Maria Ewersmann, sophomore Mary Witte and freshman Heather Zipparro ran to a third place finish with a time of 13:00.35.

Sophomore Jennifer Jaquez took fourth place in the women's 400-meter dash, finishing in 58.02.

The track teams will now turn their sights on the GLVC Championships Saturday March 1 in Kenosha, Wis.

"We are looking for both teams to do well," Frerker said. "Each team should go in with the mentality that they will walk away with all-conference athletes."

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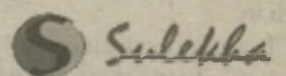
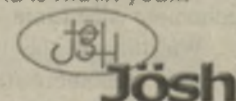
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only seven minutes on the court Saturday due to additional foul problems, DeShasier stepped up her game and recorded a career high 22 points in SIUE's 64-55 win over Lewis University in Romeoville.

"With Liz being a senior, she realizes that this is it for her, and she's picked it up lately," Green said.

"Her play has been a huge

lift, and it's great getting the extra points that she's been contributing," he said.

In another close game, SIUE held one of the largest leads, 21-14, just 10 minutes into the first half.

Schweers gave the Cougars a 27-25 lead with five minutes remaining in the half, and SIUE held on to lead Lewis 34-28 at intermission.

DeShasier and Wisdom each recorded three free throws in the final minutes to close out the game.

With the two victories, the Cougars improved to 13-10 overall and 9-7 in the GLVC.

The team will play its last regular season road games this against the Hawks of Quincy University Thursday and the Riverwomen of the University of Missouri-St. Louis Saturday.

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end of the match.

"I was frustrated with the illegal tactics my opponent was using, so I let him know it at the end," Wiens said. "If I am the ref in that situation, do I call a penalty for what I said? Probably."

"I think the referee should have stopped the match and warned Aaron's opponent right away," Benford said. "Unfortunately, that is what happens when you are the visitor; there are things the other team will get away with."

The Cougars will hit the mat for their final regular-season match at 7 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 18 against the Central Missouri State University Mules in Warrensburg, Mo., before entering the National Collegiate Athletic Association Regional.

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Simmons said shot selection is just one reason for the Cougars recent slump.

"The shot selection and ball handling need to improve," Simmons said. "Having Matt Allaria in the lineup has given us good ball handling. We have good shooters on this team, but until we have better shots, we are not going to be shooting high

percentages."

The Cougars will have to fight their way back into the win column without the services of senior forward Ben Garwitz, who suffered a broken foot in practice earlier last week.

"It is not going to be fun for Ben because he is a senior who will have to finish the season on the sidelines," Simmons said.

"He has done a good job and has worked hard to try and finish the season on a positive note."

The Cougars will hit the floor again at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the home of the Quincy University Hawks.

The team will travel Saturday to the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Game time against the Rivermen is 7:30 p.m.

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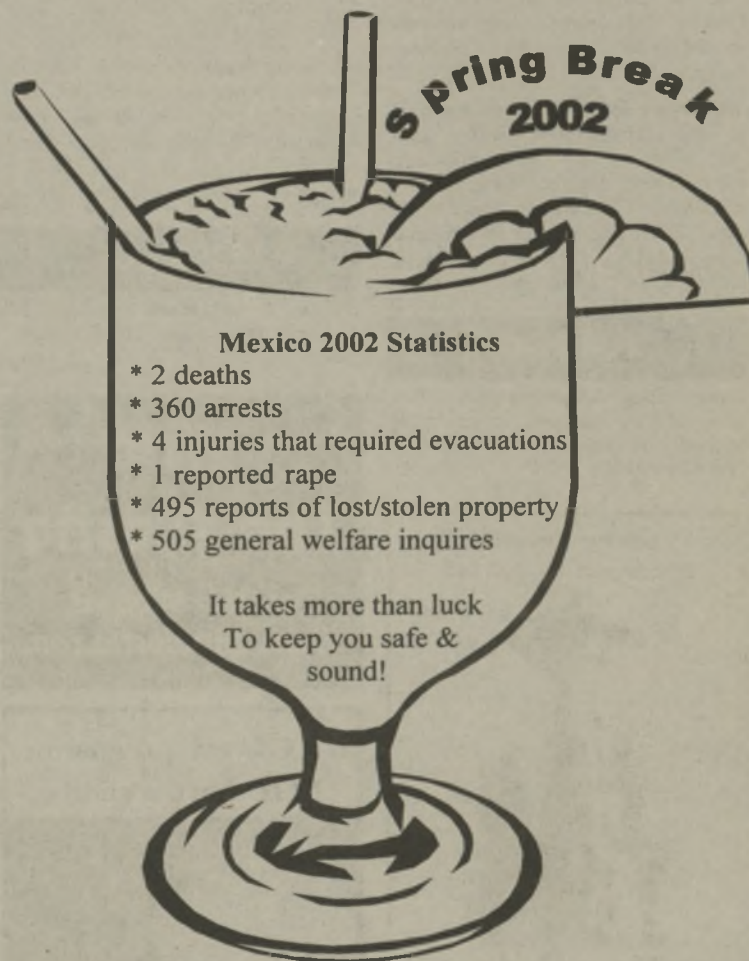
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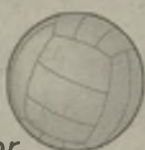
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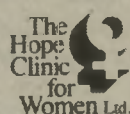
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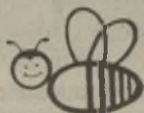


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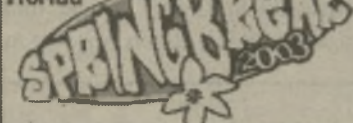
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