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SIUE prepares for budget cuts

BRIAN WALLHEIMER
NEWS REPORTER

SIUE's deans are being asked to prepare for the worst in case the state hands down more budget cuts to higher education.

Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Sharon

"We do not know what to expect with budget cuts. It's really for the 'what if.'"

-Sharon Hahs

Hahs asked the deans of the Schools of Business, Education, Engineering, Nursing and the College of Arts and Sciences to come up with contingency plans in case Gov. Rod Blagojevich announces more cuts to higher education when he presents his budget to the Illinois Legislature in April.

Hahs said she does not expect deans to submit proposals on budget cuts but wants them to

be ready in the event there is less money available than the university had hoped.

"We do not know what to expect with budget cuts," Hahs said. "It's really for the 'what if.'"

Hahs said each dean is being asked to find ways to make their school or college more efficient. She said \$4.5 million in cuts last year had an "absolutely minimal" effect on class offerings then but said that may not be the case this year.

"I think every dean has to look at their department differently," Hahs said. She has asked the deans to steer away from cuts to instruction as much as possible, but that may be the only way some areas can reduce their budgets.

In an e-mail to department chairs, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kent Neely has asked each department under him to "see whether efficiencies could

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Snow piles high around meters

Parking Services agents pile on tickets despite limited access to meters because of snow



JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

Tickets were given to students in Lot A for not feeding the meters. The mounds of plowed snow made it nearly impossible for drivers to pay for their parking.

Career Fair coming Wednesday Facilities Management looking for volunteers

NICOLE GAUDREAU
MANAGING EDITOR

The Midwest is the only area in the country that has shown an increase in college hires, and next week students will have the chance to see what jobs may be available to them.

The Career Fair will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Vadalabene Center followed by an Education Fair from 3 to 7

"This is one of the largest career fairs in the area."

-Jean Paterson

p.m. Thursday also in the VC.

The fairs offer a great opportunity for students to get an idea of what jobs are available



ALESTLE FILE PHOTO

Students at Career Fair 2002 look for information on jobs that could be their niche in the future.

and what needs to be done to get their foot in the door at a major corporation.

"This will be one of the largest career fairs in the area. We've got nearly 100 companies coming on the first day and

nearly 40 for the Education Fair," Director of the Career Development Center Jean Paterson said.

"These companies can't afford to go to all of the schools.

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LINDSEY ARNOLD
NEWS STRINGER

Facilities Management has implemented a planned information relay program to safeguard the campus in case of possible emergencies.

Facilities Management has asked for volunteers to serve as floor representatives to assist the building coordinator of each hall, especially in an extreme emergency.

Presently, each building on campus has a coordinator to relay messages when needed.

"The building coordinator helps keep Facilities Management abreast of conditions in each building, which need Facilities Management assistance. In addition, the coordinator helps

disseminate information in the event of a boil order, partial power loss or other emergency," Lyndia Pavia of Facilities Management's Customer Service said.

Most information is relayed via e-mail or telephone, both of which may not be available in the event of an emergency. In addition, engineers in each building carry radios to keep in touch with Facilities Management.

"But the building coordinator is only one person. With phones out and computers down, the coordinator would have to relay the information throughout the building. It would be very difficult for the coordinator to be sure they had reached everyone," Pavia said.

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Organization of the week

SANDRA HUNTER
NEWS STRINGER

The Collegiate Panhellenic Council, a governing body for sororities, was founded at SIUE in 1996 by the Alpha Phi sorority.

The CPC consists of Alpha Phi, Alpha Sigma Tau and Delta Phi Epsilon at SIUE and helps maintain sorority life and relations. The council is an affiliate of the National Panhellenic Conference, founded in 1902.

According to CPC President Emily Riney, the council is the tie that binds the sororities.

"It was started so that all the sororities can get together and have some commonality between them, so that they weren't on completely different pages."

The CPC participates in numerous activities on campus and according to Greek

Life Coordinator John Davenport, the majority of volunteers who contribute to freshman orientation are Greeks. The CPC is also the coordinating body for recruitment.

The CPC has adopted the "Book in Every Home" book drive for children as one of its philanthropic activities.

The council has had book collection boxes at every Cougar basketball home game to collect books for children in the Alton, East St. Louis and Collinsville Head Start programs. The council is also co-sponsoring a basketball game and book drive with the Athletic Department.

For more information about sororities or recruitment, contact the CPC or the Greek Council at 650-3396. Both organizations are in the Greek Life office in the Kimmel Leadership Center.

Applications due for Student Government

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The application deadline for the 2003 and 2004 student government elections is at 4:15 p.m. Friday.

Applications should be turned in to the Student Government office in Room 1051 of the Kimmel Leadership Center in the Morris University Center.

The positions available are president, vice-president, student trustee and 12 student senators.

Students who are interested must have completed 12 credit hours at SIUE prior to this spring semester and must be enrolled full-time during the fall and spring semesters of their term next year.

President, vice-president and student trustee candidates must be enrolled part-time over the 2003 summer semester.

Also, candidates for these positions must have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher and

maintain at least a 2.4 GPA throughout their terms.

Senator candidates must have a 2.4 GPA or higher and maintain at least a 2.25 GPA during their term.

Students interested in filling out an application or who have more questions can contact Election Commissioner Jeff Twardowski or Student Government Secretary Bonnie Farrington at 650-3818.

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be attained" in class schedules. He said this could mean cutting travel expenses and supply costs but would most likely mean cutting part-time faculty.

"If our financial ability was off to where we could not have as many part-time (teachers), it would affect how many classes we could offer," Neely said.

Tenured or tenure-track professors are required to do research and teach only three classes.

"Part-time have no research expectations and usually little or no service requirements," Neely

said. "They would be the first that would not be hired for a semester or year. That doesn't mean they wouldn't be hired again."

Rising enrollment only compounds the problem. SIUE had 12,700 students in the fall 2002 semester, an increase of 300 from the previous year and the highest enrollment since the mid-1970s.

"That rise translates into demand for more lower-division classes at a time when our financial resources to hire part-time faculty are reduced," Neely

said in an e-mail.

If part-time help is cut, that means some classes with low registration numbers would have to be combined or cut.

Neely said he hopes departments would make exceptions for students if required classes are cut rather than forcing students to postpone graduation until the class is offered again.

The College of Arts and Sciences has about 240 tenured or tenure-track professors and more than 80 part-time faculty members.

Be informed when bad weather strikes SIUE

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

their voice mailbox if they have one.

In the event of inclement weather, students, faculty and staff can find out if school is canceled from more than one source.

Students can listen to 88.7 WSIE-FM, log onto the SIUE Web site at www.siue.edu or call

Another campus Web site, www.siue.edu/CWIS/weather.html gives information on weather in surrounding areas.

Information can also be found on the weather by tuning into local television and radio stations.

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For this reason, the volunteer floor representatives would be asked to make themselves available to relay information when necessary.

The network of people would be similar to the one the World Trade Center had in operation before and during Sept. 11, 2001.

"I am sure when the people in New York took their positions they hoped they would never have to perform those duties, but they can look with pride today on the fact that their level-headed thinking and planning ahead saved many, many lives," Pavia said.

Though there are already a

number of volunteers, many more are needed and any staff member's help would be greatly appreciated.

Those interested in taking this position should contact Facilities Management Customer Service by e-mail at fmserv@siue.edu, or by phone at 650-5733.

FAIR

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This is a great opportunity for our students to network with these employers. The more students we have show up, the better chance there is of having the companies come back in the future," Paterson said.

Students should bring plenty

of copies of their resume to the fairs and dress in professional business attire.

The CDC will take walk-ins Monday and Tuesday to critique students' resumes and help them make the needed corrections to make their resume more

presentable.

For more information on the Career or Fair or for a list of the employers and school districts attending, log onto the CDC's Web site at www.careers.siue.edu.



JESSICA BALADAD/ALESTLE

African-American Dance and Drum Company of Cahokia don traditional African attire and perform Tuesday in the Goshen Lounge in the Morris University Center.

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Police Incidents

Traffic

02/05/03

Police issued a citation to Jacob L. Bish for failing to stop at a stop sign on South Circle Drive.

Police issued a citation to Aja Y. Holmes for speeding on North University Drive.

2/06/03

Police issued a citation to Jonathan R. Monroe for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

Police issued a citation to Christopher J. Stalets on University Drive for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

Police issued a citation to Giridhar R. Bobbiti on Circle Drive for not having brake lights.

2/07/03

Police issued a citation to Margaret M. Mazurek in Lot B for operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

2/09/03

Police issued a citation to Jonathan R. Monroe for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk.

2/10/03

Police issued a citation to Heather Brianna for failing to stop at a stop sign on Circle Drive.

Police issued a citation to Joel A. Puckett for driving with a suspended driver's license.

2/11/03

Police issued a citation to Trudy A. Seeley for speeding on University Drive.

2/12/03

Police issued citations to Jia Li for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and having no valid registration on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Meagan N. Hart for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Todd A. Koenig for failing to stop at a stop sign on North Circle Drive.

2/14/03

Police arrested Jason N. Vasser after he came into the SIUE Police Department to pick up a release for his towed vehicle for a scofflaw violation. Vasser had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear stemming from a charge of driving with a suspended license.

2/15/03

Police issued a citation to Thomas L. Holtgrave for parking where prohibited in Woodland Hall parking lot.

Police issued a citation to Kayon William Chin for failing to stop at a stop sign on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Eric M. Meyer for driving too fast for conditions. Meyer was doing donuts in Lot 8.

Police issued a citation to Philip Ian McAndrews for driving too fast for conditions. McAndrews was doing donuts in Lot 8.

2/16/03

Police issued a citation to Dodd A. Loeffler for failing to stop at a traffic control device on University Drive.

2/17/03

Police issued a citation to Erica Kayser for parking where prohibited in Bluff Hall Circle.

Police issued a citation to Reem A. Bamuqabel for speeding on University Drive.

2/19/03

Police issued a citation to Mary R. Sumner for speeding on South University Drive.

2/20/03

Police issued a citation to Gail M. Lauth for failing to stop at a stop sign on University Park Drive.

Police issued citations to Ebony M. Roddy for driving with a suspended license and improper display of registration.

Police issued a citation to Mary E. Maloney for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Theft

2/13/03

Police arrested Jeffrey N. Russell for theft of lost or mislaid property and was issued a notice to appear.

Other Offenses

2/09/03

Police arrested September A. Gower on an outstanding warrant stemming from a charge of not having a valid driver's license.

Police arrested Christina A. Cook on an outstanding warrant from Glen Carbon Police Department. She was also issued citations for failing to stop at a stop sign and operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

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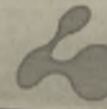
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From the Editor

Giving a few inches for your thoughts



It has come down to inches. I have always encouraged letters to the editor, and I still do. I feel, though, I must reiterate the policy of the AleStle with regard to such letters. By the way, the policy is written on the masthead of each edition.

That policy is that letters be no longer than 500 words. I have allowed more room for columnists and an occasional viewpoint, but in light of the state of the union and university, competition for space is fierce.

In light of that situation and the number of letters to the editor I have received recently, at least six daily. I am only going to use seven inches of my space today so that I may bring you the viewpoints of your fellow students regarding the war with Iraq and general gripes of the day.

Please continue to write, but keep it brief so everyone may have a chance.

Karen M. Johnson
Editor in Chief

A view from over the hill

When you gotta go, the distance is too far

This may be a great learning opportunity for an engineering student or perhaps a biology student.

If anyone out there knows the answer to this one, clue me in:

Why would anyone build Founders and Alumni halls with all the bathrooms at each end of the same gender?

If you are unlucky enough to have a class in the wrong end of the hall, you must walk the entire distance of the building.

Why didn't someone think to

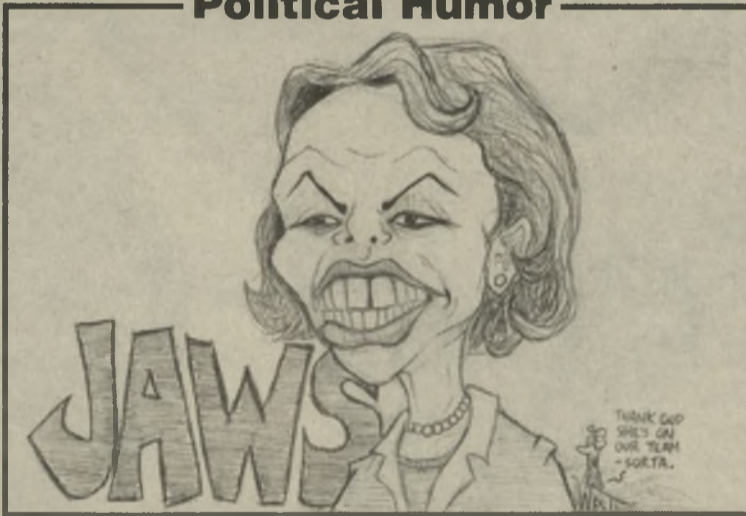
alternate the restrooms for each gender on each floor? That way, you would never be farther than one half of a building away.

Seems minor, unless you really gotta go!

Contact me if you have an answer, or a question for that matter at alestle_editor@hotmail.com

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Opinions

War with Iraq will only bring more pain

I would like to respond to recent letters in support of war in Iraq. I am an instructor on campus and a member of Students and Teachers Organized for Peace.

Terry Delane's Feb. 18 letter paints a vivid picture of Saddam Hussein's use of torture. He asks, "What will it take to show that Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden do not want peace with the United States of America?"

Our judiciary nominally

requires proof of guilt.

Has any evidence been produced that links Hussein to bin Laden? Did Powell's U.N. presentation convince you? What's the evidence? What did Hussein do to initiate this new war?

No one is saying Hussein is not a vicious tyrant; that's not the issue. The U.S. government has ignored many vicious tyrants, past and present, and we have

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Letters to the Editor

The United States is to blame for its woes

Dear Editor,

This is in response to Joseph Klug's letter published in the Feb. 11 issue of the AleStle.

Mr. Klug asked the readers to listen to what history is trying to teach us. I couldn't agree more. In fact, I think Mr. Klug should take his own advice.

Using Adolph Hitler, Saddam Hussein, and Osama bin Laden as examples to demonstrate why we need war with Iraq, Klug concluded that if the world had used force with these men earlier, great losses of life could've been prevented. He theorized that if we had killed sooner, we'd have been better off.

Mr. Klug failed to see the bigger picture with his examples, however, and so failed to see the folly of solving problems in the long-term with short-term military

solutions.

If the United States and Europe had had the wisdom to enact mutually beneficial policies after World War I, Hitler probably would've come to power in Germany.

If the United States and Europe hadn't participated financially with Germany's arms build-up, Hitler couldn't have amassed the military needed to challenge the world.

Failing to respond in the late 1930s was just one of the mistakes that led to a world war in the 1940s.

If the United States hadn't supported both Hussein and bin Laden with billions in military aid to fight Iran and the Russians in Afghanistan, respectively, in the early 1980s, there wouldn't have been a Gulf War in 1991 and

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Know your friends and your foes

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the comments of one Ms. Vicki Kruse in the February 17th issue of the AleStle.

I find Ms. Kruse's comments to be rather ignorant and lacking a foundation in reality, but I applaud her for having the courage to form an opinion and, what's more, to voice it.

Now, Ms. Kruse used the legend of Pocahontas as the basis of her argument, but it was inadequate in that it was a failure as a parallel to our current situation.

Her statement was that as Pocahontas spared Captain John Smith's life, President Bush should spare Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden. This

sounds nice and pleasant, for many of us have had our fates held in the hands of others at some time or another. However, as Ms. Kruse pointed out, Pocahontas did not know John Smith, so she chose to view him as a person and not as an enemy.

The difference here is that we do know Hussein and bin Laden. We know that they are anti-American to the point that they would desire nothing less than to see our county reduced to rubble.

We cannot show these two men mercy. If we did show them mercy and stop pursuing them with the intent to remove them from their positions of power, they would inevitably stab us in the back. They cannot be trusted.

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Women's clinic ads – a moral dilemma

Dear Editor,

Every week I look in the paper and see many ads from various companies and organizations, which is understandable in order for the paper to stay afloat.

What I find even more interesting is that last semester someone wrote to the AleStle complaining about the ad for the strip club, and soon after that, the ad was pulled.

The person complained the university should hold up a higher moral status. It's interesting to me, though, because every week the AleStle has an ad for the Hope Clinic for Women (also known as baby killers.)

Now to me, higher moral status should also include wanting to protect the rights of an unborn child.

Sadly, I guess the morals at this university are still below par.

Now critics might say,

"Well, abortion is legal." I say, well, so are strip clubs. It's just people say it's degrading to women; well, abortions take away the most amazing thing God gives to us, life.

In my mind, neither one is the most moral thing, but if you compare strippers to taking the life of an unborn child, I don't think the two are even in the same ballpark.

So why pull the strip club ad, yet leave in the abortion clinic?

I guess nobody wanted to question the abortion clinic ad because it is such a taboo subject, but it's been bothering me twice a week for a long time, so I must present the question to the students and the university itself: What is our moral status?

Sincerely,

Shawn Coughlin
Junior
Math

Editor's note: The AleStle did not pull ads for strip clubs. Crystal Palace had a contractual agreement with the AleStle for a designated number of ads and the contract between both parties has been fulfilled.

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warmly supported others.

The Taliban was fine by us in the spring of 2001 when we gave them a reported \$43 million for the war on drugs, and that regime was every bit as oppressive then as it was that October when we warred. But, though, we were ostensibly avenging 9/11 by attacking Afghanistan, our prior support of the Taliban did not keep us from calling up images of Taliban's brutality to show that we were also fighting to free the people.

So it is now, with Iraq. Hussein's tortures and his gassings of Iraq's Kurdish people did not bother us when he was our hedge against Iran. But now we are going to free his people and intiate "regime change."

Here are the reasons I stand for peace:

First, the cost is projected to top \$200 billion just for the war on Iraq, not to mention extra defense-related spending increases. That money could be going to people right here and around the world to improve their lives, not take them.

Second, there will be consequences. Bush's pledge to "make war to get peace" is an impossibility.

Every action has its reaction, and the consequences of violence will never be peaceful.

Many analysts believe, and a CIA report agreed, that going to war with Iraq is likely to increase, not decrease, terrorist attacks on U.S. targets here and abroad.

Third, we are fighting for the wrong reasons. Bush said it was for Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. If, indeed, Iraq has the weapons, why has there become a desperate need in the last months for war on this account? What has changed?

If having weapons of mass destruction is a reason for us to declare war on a nation, why is North Korea, a nation that actually possesses them, not a more urgent target?

I can't leave this topic without pointing out that the United States has more weapons of mass destruction than any other nation on this earth. It is striking that we are not always consciously aware of this double-standard and consider that things shouldn't be any other way.

Fourth, personally, I am very much offended that Bush should claim we fight for Iraqis' freedoms at a time when our own freedoms are sacrificed for Total Information Awareness and the U.S Patriot Act.

Finally, people will die. It is the nature of war that innocents will die. No bomb is smart enough to dodge noncombatants

in favor of soldiers and terrorists.

Many of these dead will be ordinary people, afraid and powerless. If civilian innocents do not move you, what about children?

If foreign dead aren't enough, think about our own loved ones who will die in service to our country. While I honor these people's commitment and courage in that service, I do not believe there is reason to risk their lives in war on Iraq.

I do not agree with John C. Sever, who called peace a "luxury" in a Feb. 13 letter. Peace is Utopia. It's not heaven on earth. Peace is not weakness. It's about solving problems by communicating, not fighting. It's a way of life we can choose, if we want it.

You, regardless of the actions of others, can choose your personal peace. And our government, regardless of the actions of other individuals and nations, can choose a peaceful solution.

War does not make peace. It does not make freedom. It destroys these things.

April Calvin
Instructor
English Department

Letters

WAR

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possibly no Sept. 11th in 2001.

Since the Spanish-American War in 1898 we've used violence to respond to unfavorable regimes, supporting the overthrow of these heads of state.

Typically, we then have worked to install pro-United States, often undemocratically elected leaders.

This policy has led to American support for dictator after dictator and deadly military leader after deadly military leader in almost every part of the world.

Sometimes we get lucky with the dictators and military leaders we pick, but many times

we get the Pinochets in Chile, the bin Ladens in Afghanistan and the Husseins in Iraq, just to name a few.

This foolish cycle of short-term solutions reeks of hypocrisy, but more importantly it's proven harmful to America and the world.

War with Iraq would be another episode of this violent cycle and will lead to the death of thousands of Iraqi civilians and soldiers, not to mention our own military. And when it's over we'll install another pro-United States leader, who 20 years from now might turn out to be our next bad

guy that needs removing.

Mr. Klug is correct -- we can all learn from history -- but he is wrong in asserting that what history teaches is to kill people sooner. Instead, it teaches us that we're better off when we pursue policies that don't kill in the first place.

Pete Cemek
Graduate Student,
Historical Studies
Students and Teachers
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POCAHONTAS

from page 6

They have shown no sign of halting in their aggressions toward America.

Why should we back down? It would only give them the chance to strike again.

If you'll remember the last time a Bush had a showdown with Saddam, the dictator was spared. Now, he is up to his old tricks. Are we going to delay this another ten years?

If we had taken out all of al Qaeda after the first World Trade Center bombing, the New York skyline might not have been so brutally and lethally "remodeled."

Captain John Smith may not have been Pocahontas' enemy.

However, history teaches us that those who followed him surely were.

The Native Americans were nearly wiped out by the incoming European settlers.

In fact, it was because of the Native Americans that many of the first settlements survived, yet the Native Americans were repaid with disease, discrimination and resettlement. Had they known what the settlers would eventually do, don't you think they would have fought to the last man? I know they would have.

Many people may be in denial about what these two rogues are all about, but I know

for a certainty that they dream of the day when "land of the free and the home of the brave" will no longer be shown on any globe.

They desire to eradicate us, and you want us to put down our guns.

Why not just put the guns to our own heads and save them the trouble.

I desire peace as much as the next person, but desperate times call for desperate measures.

Sincerely,

Phil Schneider
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Mardi Gras

is ready

to rock 'n' roll



NANCY McDONALD
LIFESTYLE STRINGER

Even though SIUE is nowhere near New Orleans, students still have the opportunity to celebrate Mardi Gras.

The Captain Morgan Grand Parade will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday. The parade begins west of Busch Stadium at Seventh and Poplar streets and then heads north to Market Street, east to South Broadway, south to Soulard via Broadway and Seventh Street, and stops at Seventh Street and Sidney. "Let the Good Times Rock 'n' Roll" is this year's theme.

Craig Adams, one of the parade's chairpersons, said, "Each float represents a rock 'n' roll song. We have stuff from The Beatles, Elvis (Presley), Chuck Berry, you name it."

There will be 100 units in the parade, including marching bands, floats, honor guards, marching crew and colorfully decorated bicyclists. According to Adams, the average crew spends between \$1,500 and \$3,000 on the float. The crew that produces the best float receives a prize of \$2,500. Although businesses are allowed to put banners in front of the floats, they are not allowed to have their own float in the parade.

"Most crews are generally just a group of creative friends or co-workers," Adams said.

If beads are what you need, many strands will be tossed to those attending the Captain Morgan Grand Parade. Students who are 21 and older should consider visiting the Schlafly Krewe of Brewe Tent on Eighth Street and Lafayette in Soulard Market Park. The huge, heated tent will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and will have beads, beer and two live bands. At 1 p.m. Dangerous Kitchen will rock the stage with its eclectic songs, ranging from heavy metal to soulful jazz. The Shrinking Violets, a local rock band, will take the stage at 4 p.m.

Admission is free, and commemorative Mardi Gras cups and Schlafly beads can be purchased for \$5 while supplies last. The Schlafly Krewe of Brewe Tent is sponsored by Schlafly beer, the Mardi Gras Foundation, the Riverfront Times and the St. Louis radio station WVRV-FM 101.1 "The River."

Have fun at Fat Tuesday March 4 on Laclede's Landing. The party, sponsored by the St. Louis radio station KSLZ-FM 107.7, will start at 3 p.m. with a free food buffet until 6 p.m. Local blues band Rob Garland and the Blue Monks will perform at 3 p.m., then Poke Chop will take the stage at 9 p.m. There will also be a drawing for a grand prize trip to New Orleans and, of course, beads will be given out throughout the night.

To make their Mardi Gras experience more unique, some students are considering throwing their own parties.

Junior Amy Madison and her boyfriend are thinking about having a Mardi Gras party at his house.

"We think that it'd be a lot of fun. Plus, we think it's safer just staying home than going to bars," Madison said.

One place to go to for Mardi Gras decorations and party favors is Baxter's on East Broadway in Alton.

Baxter's offers a wide variety in jester hats, decorations, hanging decorations, feather masks and strands of beads in a variety of colors. The best part is that everything is very affordable.

"We sell stuff for real cheap here," employee Sarah Planter said.

For additional information on the Captain Morgan Parade, the Fat Tuesday party on Laclede's Landing or the Schlafly Krewe and Brewe Tent, visit www.mardigrasinc.com.



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Mardi Gras goers stand waiting for beads to be thrown during last year's Mardi Gras parade, while a woman riding a bike decorated like an elephant tosses beads into the crowd.



Rules and tips for Mardi Gras

JEREMY HOUSEWRIGHT
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

Mardi Gras is a time for people to let loose and have a good time, but it is also important to remember rules and tips for Mardi Gras safety.

"The police are prepared for several hundred thousand people to attend the parade on Saturday," said Mack Bradley, information minister of Souland's Mardi Gras celebration. "There will be many liquor control agents in the crowd making sure there is no underage drinking going on." Bradley did not have an exact count of underage drinkers that were arrested last year but said it was just over 100.

"If you are underage, plan on not drinking," Bradley said. "If you do drink, plan on getting a ticket."

When an underage drinker receives a ticket at Mardi Gras, the punishment is usually community service or a fine.

While drinking may be largely associated with the annual festival, Bradley urges younger crowds to come out to the events.

"With 1.7 million beads available to catch in the parade on Saturday, it would probably be easier to catch them if you are not drinking," Bradley said. "We will have an area set up near the judging booths, on the corner of Seventh and Souland, called Mardi Gras Village. There will be live music and other things going on there.

"The parade on Saturday will be a family

event, while the Fat Tuesday parade is probably not for the whole family," Bradley said.

For those planning on attending the Captain Morgan Grand Parade Saturday, be prepared for a crowd and a route change.

"With the forecast showing a pretty nice day, we are expecting several hundred thousand to attend the parade," Bradley said. "We get our biggest crowd turnout on Saturday."

The parade will also be running a block further north toward Keiner Plaza this year.

"The parade will still go toward Souland," Bradley said. "It will travel past Keiner plaza, where there will be some festivities for the crowd to enjoy."

With large crowds expected, one may wonder where to park.

"There is a lot of parking east of Broadway that people usually don't know about," Bradley said. "There is also a lot of parking downtown, about 15,000 spots."

Bradley urges those going to Souland to take the shuttle from the Savvis Center parking lot.

"Your best bet would be to get on the shuttle from the Savvis Center," he said. "It costs \$3 for a roundtrip ticket."

Bradley also stressed the most important tip to follow for the 24th annual Souland Mardi Gras festival is to have a good time.

"We want people to come out, have a good time and just enjoy themselves," he said.

For more information on Mardi Gras events, visit www.mardigrasinc.com.



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The Krewe of Brew tent in Souland is one of the most visited places at Mardi Gras. One reason for all the visitors could be because the tent is heated.

Reasons why Mardi Gras is the best holiday



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Mardi Gras parade participants show off all the beads they have in the parade. The parade is the most attended event of the Mardi Gras festivities.

JEREMY HOUSEWRIGHT
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

It's Mardi Gras time, and while schools and jobs will still be in session, that will not stop people from celebrating the holiday.

For those who are not familiar with Mardi Gras and wonder what all the fuss is about, according to www.mglinks.com, there are some reasons why Mardi Gras is better than other holidays.

On Easter some may hunt for Easter eggs. At Mardi Gras some may hunt for restrooms.

On New Year's Day many people party like there is no tomorrow and make resolutions. At Mardi Gras people party for days and days and ask for absolution.

On Labor Day people are reminded to be thankful for their jobs. At Mardi Gras the last thing some people can remember is their job.

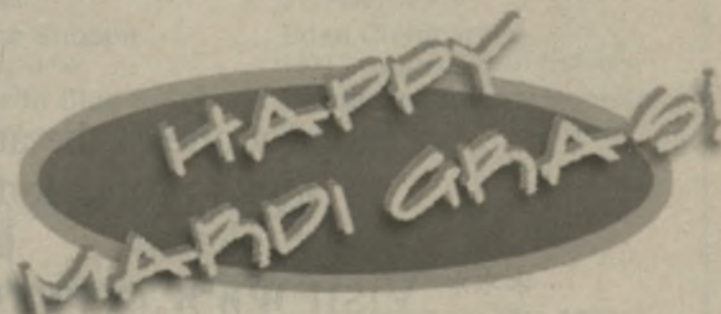
On Halloween little kids dress up in costume and beg for treats. At Mardi Gras everyone dresses up in costume and begs for treats.

On the Fourth of July, many will watch fireworks and drink beer. At Mardi Gras many people will watch fireworks and drink hurricanes.

On Christmas people wait for a big, fat man to bring them presents. At Mardi Gras people wait for the police on horseback to clear the streets at midnight on Fat Tuesday.

With the most recent holiday, Valentine's Day, just passing, many guys gave their girlfriends candy in hopes of a kiss. At Mardi Gras guys give the ladies beads and hope for more.

Finally, while all the other holidays last only one day, carnival season starts Jan. 6 and lasts until Ash Wednesday.



Weekend activities offer plenty to keep one busy

THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

For those looking to start March with entertainment, this weekend is filled with fun and cultural events for the bored college student.

The cinematic action/adventure film, "Cradle 2 The Grave," starring Jet Li, DMX and Gabrielle Union, opens in theaters Friday. The story revolves around the kidnapping of a gang leader's daughter as part of a huge diamond heist. A specialized government agent, played by Li, is sent to retrieve the diamonds and the girl. Rated R for violence, language and sexual content, the film is sure to offer something for everyone. For locations and show times, call 444-3456.

Action is on the agenda for the ladies of Alpha Phi sorority, as they present the King of Hearts male pageant and dance Friday at the KC Hall in Maryville.

Admission is \$5 with a valid SIUE student identification, and doors open at 9 p.m., a half-hour before the festivities begin.

SIUE's Black Theatre Workshop's annual production runs Thursday through Saturday beginning at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday beginning at 2 p.m in the James F. Metcalf Theater. The performance is a collection of works by famous playwrights August Wilson and Ron Milner, Harlem Renaissance-era poetry readings and a contribution from SIUE students and performer Joel P.E. King. Admission to the event is free. For more information on the production, call 650-2774.

Friday, the rock 'n' roll/country band Well Hungarians will be performing at St. Louis' House of Rock, at Lindbergh Boulevard and Baptist Church Road in Ronnie's Plaza. For more information, contact the club at 314-842-2550.

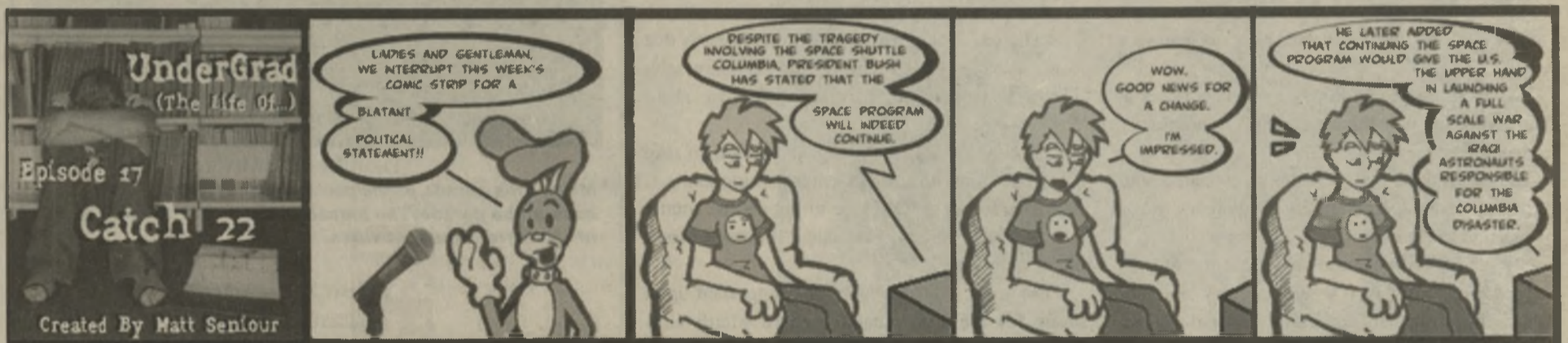
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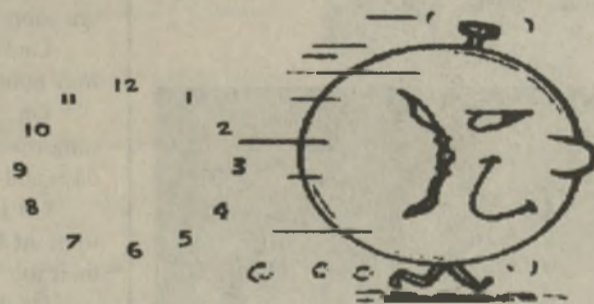
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The College of Arts and Sciences Department of Music will present SIUE Opera Theatre in two one-act operas. The operas, featuring 30 students, are staged under direction of Jolly Stewart, with musical direction by Sandra Bouman, assistant professor in music.

The performances will take place Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in Dunham Hall. Admission is \$3. For more information, call Debbie at 650-3900.

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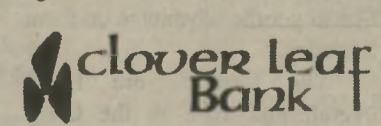
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-Babe Ruth

The men's and women's basketball teams end their regular season Thursday and Saturday at the Vadalabene Center.

SIUE's indoor track team finishes season at GLVC meet in Kenosha, Wis., Saturday.



Baseball team starts season in Memphis, Tenn.

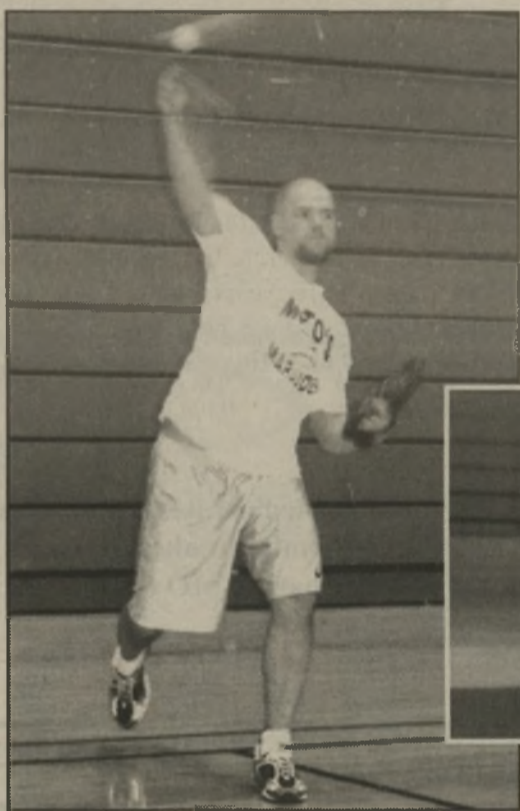
Cougars overpower Buccaneers, fall to Lions

TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE baseball team is up and running.

The Cougars kicked off the season with a 12-2 victory over the Christian Brothers University Buccaneers Saturday in Memphis, Tenn., before falling to the University of North Alabama Lions 5-2 Sunday in Florence, Ala.

SIUE blasted CBU for 10 runs on 10 hits in the first inning, knocking out junior Buccaneer starting pitcher Chad Nolan. SIUE sophomore centerfielder Jared Brueggeman sent a one-run homer over the fence in the third inning and senior designated hitter Justin Baecht laced a



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE
Senior pitcher Nick Seibert warms up with sophomore pitcher Jarad Rettberg in a practice indoors at the Vadalabene Center. Seibert and Rettberg took the mound for the Cougars Saturday against the Lions.

single that scored freshman catcher Robert Rahn.

Baecht led the Cougars with a 4-for-4 performance at the plate, driving in three RBIs and scoring two runs.

Junior pitcher Brian Keating started



for the Cougars, working two innings on the mound and earning the win. Keating allowed one run on two hits, struck

out four and walked one in facing eight batters.

"We just pounded them in the first inning and then just mentally relaxed," head coach Gary Collins said. "Anytime you have a huge lead early on, your concentration level tends to go down a little bit."

However, the Cougars had a hard time putting runs on the board against the Lions.

SIUE's only runs were scored in the top of the second inning on a two-run home run by senior designated hitter Jason Kessler that put the Cougars on top 2-0.

The Lions would scratch out three runs in the next two innings.

Senior pitcher Nick Seibert got the start for the Cougars on the mound and gave up one run on two hits through three innings.

Sophomore pitcher Jarad Rettberg was tagged with the loss for the Cougars.

Rettberg pitched two innings and gave up four runs on four hits, walking two and striking out two.

Collins said he didn't know how his team was going to play in the contests.

"I didn't know what to expect since we hadn't been on the field and played in a game," Collins said. "We played like we hadn't been outside a whole lot."

Collins said the games were a good opportunity to get everyone a little bit of playing time.

"We were trying to win and then trying to have everybody get in the game," Collins said. "We try to get people involved early that way people can get the jitters out and move on with the season."

The Cougars will face the Missouri Southern State College Lions Saturday and Sunday, with both games beginning at noon in Joplin, Mo.

SIUE set for Kentucky Wesleyan and Bellarmine at home

Seniors prepare for final home games

AMY GRANT
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Three seniors will be honored as the women's basketball team wraps up its regular season at home this week.

Forwards Ruth Kipping and Liz DeShasier and center Megan Grizzle will make their final appearance at the Vadalabene Center against the Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers and the Bellarmine University Knights.

Kipping has been SIUE's anchor offensively, with 51 steals and 51 assists while averaging 7.3 rebounds and 18.3 points this season.

She has led the team in scoring in 18 of 25 contests, including a span of nine

consecutive games.

After being sidelined most of last season due to injury, DeShasier stepped up her game and posted career-high numbers this year.

Playing all 25 games, she has 33 assists and is averaging 5.5 rebounds, second only to Kipping, and 9.1 points per game.

Grizzle has shown the most success at the free-throw line, converting 20 of 24 free throws while averaging 3.3 rebounds and 5.5 points in 16 contests.

"I am really pumped for this last week at home," Grizzle said. "I believe we're prepared and ready for Kentucky Wesleyan and Bellarmine. We really want these last two regular-season wins. We will most likely face Bellarmine again at the conference tournament, so we'd like to get the advantage on them Saturday."

The Cougars are 14-11 overall and 10-8 in the Great Lakes Valley Conference, a mark which will likely place them in fifth entering the conference tournament March 5 through 8.

"Obviously we would have liked to win the conference," assistant coach Lee Green said. "But we're happy being in the top five, especially with this conference being one of the hardest in Division II. I think we were picked to finish sixth in the pre-season, so it's always nice to finish higher than we were expected to."

SIUE will seek its second win of the season against Kentucky Wesleyan Thursday night.

The Panthers are ranked last in the GLVC with a 4-14 conference record and have only one win in 11 contests on the road.

The Cougars picked up a 91-87 win in two overtime periods in their first meeting with the Panthers Feb. 1 in Owensboro, Ky.

"We know that Kentucky Wesleyan can score a lot of points, so we have to play tight defense against them," Green said. "They're a scrappy team that likes to outscore you. We just need to play our game and defend see WOMEN'S, page 14



KELI KEENER/ALESTLE
Senior forward Ruth Kipping shoots a layup in an early season practice. Kipping has 51 steals and 51 assists this season and averages 7.3 rebounds and 18.3 points per game.

SIUE cheerleaders bring spirit to home contests

Cougar squad hopes to pack gym for final home contests

AARON WIENS
SPORTS STRINGER

Without cheerleaders, collegiate sporting events across the country would not be the same.

Julie Tiedemann, who has served as SIUE's cheerleading coach for the last six years and before that was an SIUE cheerleader, again heads up this year's squad.

Since few students stick around on weekends and those who do rarely attend sporting events, the cheerleaders are trying to encourage student participation.

"People are still intent on going home on the weekends," Tiedemann said. "This hurts not only the experience of the fans, but teams do better and we have more fun when the stands are full. The older people here just want to watch the game; we need students to come so they can be loud, like on ESPN."

Fans are hard to come by at SIUE in any athletic event. Basketball games rarely fill even

half the capacity of the Vadalabene Center gymnasium.

The cheerleaders are aware of the lack of people in the stands at basketball games, and they have been trying to fill the VC by passing out flyers and chalking campus walkways before games.

Members of the cheerleading squad, 12 women who are mostly freshmen, believe that having empty stands really hurts everyone's experience.

The squad, which is considered a part of SIUE Athletics but receives no aid in the form of scholarships, is only able to practice a few times per year, which includes pre-game practice.

"The girls do it for the love of cheerleading," Tiedemann said. "They do it to have fun."

The squad enjoyed a road trip to the University of Southern Indiana and Kentucky Wesleyan College the last week of January. The cheerleaders kept spirits high on the road for the basketball teams and other traveling Cougar fans. The squad was also able to get a taste of exactly what a packed gym is like in Owensboro, Ky.

"It was the first time we've been on a regular away road trip and it was a lot of fun," junior captain Carly Buchanan said. "We've been to the conference

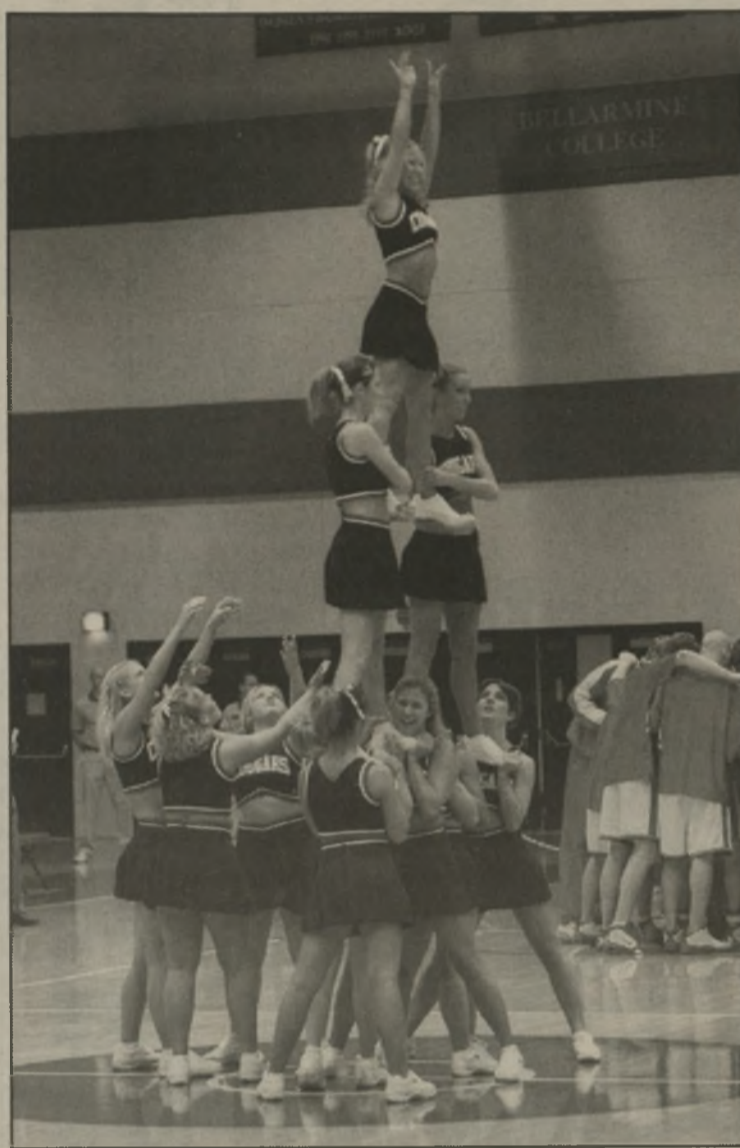


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The SIUE cheerleading squad livens up the crowd at a men's home basketball game earlier this season at the Vadalabene Center. The squad is comprised of twelve students.

tournament before. We saw how packed their gym was (at Kentucky Wesleyan). We really want to get more people in the gym here and get more crowd participation."

"Most people don't know we exist," sophomore squad member Cassie Goostree said.

Goostree said she enjoys spending her time doing something she loves but knows it could be more fun if people showed up for the games.

"When you don't have a crowd, it brings everything down," she said.

Lindsay Robinett, a sophomore who is in her first year as a member of the squad, would like more SIUE students to join.

"We need more of us," she said. "The more cheerleaders we have, the more flexibility we have in what we can do."

"We have tryouts in the fall," Buchanan said. "We'd like to get the squad as big as possible because it makes doing lifts easier, and it looks better."

The Cougar basketball teams will return to the Vadalabene Center Thursday and Saturday for their final homestands.

"We have new cheers we will be performing for these last two games," Buchanan said. "I really hope we get a good turnout of fans."

Men's basketball looks for two wins in final homestand

Cougars prepare to face top team in Division II

TRAVIS L. ROSS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE men's basketball team is gearing up for its final homestand of the season where they will play the Panthers of Kentucky Wesleyan College, the No. 1 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II team in the nation, and the Knights of Bellarmine University.

The Cougars fell to the Panthers 88-70 in the two teams' first meeting earlier this season.

"Anytime you have the number one team in the conference, there is going to be excitement," head coach Marty Simmons said. "They are an excellent team. You can't take one or two things away and expect to beat them."

In order to beat Kentucky Wesleyan, SIUE is going to have to stop senior guard Marlon Parmer.

Parmer is No. 2 in the Great

Lakes Valley Conference in scoring with 19.1 points per game.

"It all starts with Parmer," Simmons said. "He has two triple-doubles in a row right now. He is what is making that team go."

While the Panthers pose a handful of problems, beating the Knights would be nothing new to the Cougars. SIUE beat Bellarmine earlier this season 65-62.

"I thought that was one of our better performances this season," Simmons said. "They have great shooters, spread the floor, penetrate and kick really well. We played the way we wanted to on offense, didn't turn the ball over and took good shots. We will need to do those kinds of things again."

Senior forward Ben Garwitz, senior center Ron Heflin and senior guard Andy Gajewski will be playing in their final homestand as Cougars.

"All three are going to be sorely missed," Simmons said. "As a new coach, I couldn't have asked for three better guys to get me adjusted to the SIUE environment."

According to Simmons, all see MEN'S, page 14

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their three pointer."

SIUE will finish up the regular season against Bellarmine in a Saturday matinee game.

The Knights are one spot ahead of the Cougars in the conference with a 19-6 overall record and 12-6 mark in the GLVC.

Bellarmine sophomore center Lyndsey Neal set new school records for most points in a game, men's or women's, with 45 points in a 112-98 win over St. Joseph's Saturday. Neal also set a record for successful free throws

in a game with 17 and tied a record for most free-throw attempts with 18 tries.

The Cougars will seek revenge from a 76-75 overtime loss to the Knights Jan. 9 in Louisville, Ky.

Kipping came one point shy of tying her season-high point total with 32 points in the contest.

SIUE will take the court at 5:30 p.m. Thursday against Kentucky Wesleyan and at 1 p.m. Saturday against Bellarmine.

Both games will be played at the Vadalabene Center.

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three of the seniors who will attain degrees from SIUE are great people.

Heflin is averaging 13 points per game and 4.2 rebounds per game.

"Ron has constantly gotten better as the season has progressed," Simmons said. "He is just a great kid who will be successful at whatever he decides to do.

Gajewski has started three games this season for the Cougars and has 10 steals on the season.

"Andy is a guy who really loves the game and the competition," Simmons said. "With Ben going down (with a

broken ankle), Andy has stepped up. He is a guy who can knock down his shots, and he is a good rebounder. He has given one hundred and ten percent the whole time."

Garwitz has six blocks on the season, totaling 15.

"Ben getting hurt has been tough. We miss him a lot right now," Simmons said. "He was a guy that I could count on to play good defense, handle the ball and not turn it over. He was very solid and will be very successful."

The Cougars will play the Panthers at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and the Knights at 3 p.m. Saturday. Both games will be played at the Vadalabene Center.

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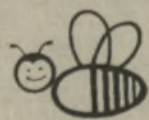
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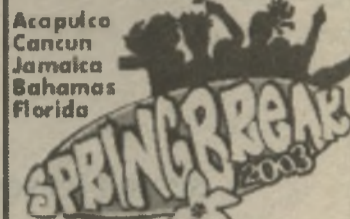


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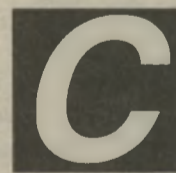
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