Cougar wrestler named All-American See Sports

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New Rock receives colorful welcome

Rock greeted with plenty of paint

BRIAN WALLHEIMER NEWS REPORTER

Shortly after it arrived on campus last week students welcomed the new rock to SIUE with a fresh coat of paint.

Several administrators and students went to Pevely, Mo., before the break to find the new rock. Friday it was delivered, and the tradition that was put on hold last fall picked up where it left

"It's just always been a tradition. I hate to see that die out."

George Green

Stratton Quadrangle for more than 30 years and was painted, tarred and feathered and covered in almost anything imaginable tradition. I hate to see that die during that time.

Over the years the fragile rose quartz stone was beaten and crushed so it was only a fraction of its original size, and administrators decided to retire it

after it was recovered from being stolen in the fall.

The new rock, a four-ton piece of limestone, measures about four feet long by three feet wide and about three feet tall.

Facilities Management Director Bob Washburn said the new rock is not set in concrete because it is unlikely anyone will be able to steal the four-ton stone.

George Green, the regional general manager of Unimin Corp., which donated the rock The original rock sat in the from its Pevely, Mo., quarry, said

> he remembered painting the rock when he was an SIUE student in the mid-

"My son told me the other one had been destroyed, and we

asked if they wanted a new one," Green said.

"It's just always been a

Sophomore Christopher Green, George Green's son, was one of the students who helped pick SIUE's newest fixture. see ROCK, page 2

New Rock makes its mark

Right, management use a crane to set the rock in the Stratton Quadrangle Friday. The rock was shipped to the campus from the Unimin Corp. quarry in Pevely, Mo. It is a four-ton piece limestone measures four feet long by three feet wide and three feet tall.

Below, it didn't take long student before organizations painting the rock. The American flag painted on top is the only part that remained the through Monday as the colors on the side changed almost hourly.



STEFANIE ANDERSON/ALESTLE



MetroLink pass soon to be proposed Students would have unlimited access

MELISSA RICHARDSON NEWS STRINGER

Consultant David Sharfarz will be coming to SIUE in April to give a proposal to the student government about a new pass system, student government President Michelle King said Monday.

The pass would allow students to use their SIUE identification cards to cover the cost of fares and allow unlimited access to Madison County Transit buses, MetroLink trains and Metro, formerly Bi-State, buses.

use the pass at any time.

\$12 increase to student fees per Airport.

Students who use the pass could save on gas and could go

Also, an increased use of public transportation could decrease air pollution and dependence on foreign oil.

The service would allow students to use the buses and trains to travel to various places such as downtown Edwardsville, the Cottonwood retail corridor, SIUE East St. Louis Center, Students would be able to SIUE Dental School in Alton, Laclede's Landing and The program would bring a Lambert International pass student government,

Although the official take effect. King said.

Despite the fee increase, the presentation has not been made, pass could save some students King said she does not think the proposition would pass student ernment.

She said she feels there is not without buying an SIUE parking enough student interest to validate a fee increase.

> "We are still a commuter campus," King said. "Most students still have cars.

> "If we had a (MetroLink) stop I think it would be a different story.'

> She said it is doubtful SIUE will be seeing a MetroLink station anytime soon since it would require a countywide tax

> Even if the proposition does it would take a long time for it to

Wrestling group makes offer for team's funding

BRIAN WALLHEIMER NEWS REPORTER

wrestling at SIUE submitted a needs to be worked out. proposal to the university that gives its view on how the program should be funded and is waiting on a response.

Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said the sides will meet again later this month, and SIUE will give a counter proposal. He said the biggest obstacle to overcome in reaching an agreement is long-term funding of the team.

"It's going to come to some type of resolution and consensus of meeting our needs as well as theirs," Hewitt said.

Neither side would give details on the proposal submitted before the break saving they

want to keep that confidential until a final deal is reached. Hewitt said that would have to be A group working to save by June when the team's schedule

Hewitt said the group's proposal asks the university to provide some financial commitment to the team but said financial concerns are what prompted the university to cut the team, and he might not be able to promise funds for wrestling.

The university is obligated to pay wrestling coach Booker Benford through next season and continue scholarships for wrestlers, so SIUE will spend about \$35,000 on wrestling next year even if there is no team.

"Putting in any additional money is still something we are not ready to commit to," Hewitt said. see WRESTLING, page 2

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Chancellor invites students for coffee

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Students, faculty and staff are invited to have coffee with Chancellor David Werner from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in the International Room of the Morris University Center.

chancellor has offered a coffee get-together so members of the university community can ask questions or talk about what they see as important issues.

At the first coffee, people This is the second time the raised questions about a variety of topics, including the budget outlook and the proposed School of Pharmacy on the SIUE

uau offers free food, fun and prizes

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The Goshen Lounge in the Morris University Center will become a tropical oasis Wednesday for students not quite fully back from spring break.

The Campus Activities Board is sponsoring a "Luau in the Goshen" from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Free food and prizes, including Wal-Mart gift certificates, will be the order of the day as the CAB invites students to participate in hula hoop and limbo contests.

A prize will also be awarded to the student who can guess the number of shells in a special fishbowl.

Attendance prizes such as

candy and leis will be handed out to lucky passersby and attendees who complete an event survey.

The event is sponsored by the CAB Entertainment Committee and is part of CAB's Center Stage series.

For more information, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at 650-2686.

ROCKfrom page 1

He said the rock's size stood out as one of the big reasons it was chosen over others at the

a more thought-out process painting the rock," Christopher Green said.

Sophomore Angella MacDonald, another student who

helped pick the rock, agreed.

"It's more than a two-minute job now," MacDonald said.

The administrators who "I think it's going to turn into made the trip to find a new rock were Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Narbeth Emmanuel, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor James Klenke and Washburn.

As for the old rock, Emmanuel said there is no definite plan for it yet.

One idea is to put it in a case and display it in the Lovejoy Library or the Morris University Center.

Emmanuel said a decision would come later in the semester.

WRESTLING from page 1

Mark Mestemacher, one of the leaders of the group trying to save the team, said he is optimistic and said he thinks a deal would be reached soon.

"I think we have a really good opportunity to make a deal quickly here," Mestemacher said. "Our group walked out very positive."

SIUE officials will look over the proposal for any conflict with through May 31.

National Collegiate Athletic Association rules and Internal Revenue Service laws.

Hewitt said some of the items in the proposal conflict with those restrictions but added they shouldn't be difficult to work out.

The university also gave Mestemacher permission to use

He said high school and younger wrestlers can come to the site for practices during the off-season, and there will be weekend tournaments to keep them in shape. That program began yesterday.

Mestemacher said he expects about 150 wrestlers to participate and anticipates the program to SIUE as a regional training site raise \$1,500 for SIUE's wrestling

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Campus Scanner

SLDP: The Student Leadership Development Program presents Jack Holcomb Stifel who will speak on Human Relations at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center Board Room. At 6:30 p.m. on the same day in the same location, the SLDP will present a module on "Motivating Others."

Workshop: E.B. Redmond Writer's Club literary workshop will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in Room 025 of the East St. Louis Campus. Workshops focus on literary styles, development of the writer and cultural backgrounds.

Theater: The Guerilla Girls, a group of female artists, writers and performers, will perform from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday in the Dunham Hall Theater. Admission is free, but seating is limited.

Discussion: The Business Roundtable Series will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Room 3307 of Founder's Hall. The topic will be "Business opportunities in the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean Region." The series aims to provide a forum for regional firms and foreign market experts to conduct indepth discussions about specific marketing opportunities.

Lecture: The Campus Activities Board presents Mary Lightfine, a nurse who worked with the Doctors Without Borders program. She will speak from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday in the Conference Center of the Morris University Center. For more information, call Heino Earhardt at 650-2686 or visit the Campus Activities Board office in the Kimmel Leadership Center.

Antique Show: The 33rd annual SIUE Antique Show and Sale will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday in the Vadalabene Center Gymnasium. General admission is \$5 with children under 13 free.

Tobacco counseling: The American Lung Association of Illinois is providing the Illinois Tobacco Quitline. Registered nurses, respiratory therapists and addiction counselors staff the toll-free line. Counseling is free to all residents of Illinois. Those interested should call (866) QUIT-YES. Hotline hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Former professor dies Suzuki Strings continue tradition

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ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Leslie Wehling, a member of the Education faculty for more Louis in 1964. He also had than 20 years, died Tuesday, March 11, 2003. He was 82.

Education Division in 1964 as a Washington University. lecturer; he retired in 1985. Webster Groves, Mo. schools become principal in the Bayless School District in South St. Louis the Outreach Program of the County until 1961.

For the next three years Association.

Wehling studied for a doctorate in Education, which he received at Washington University in St. earned a bachelor of science in Education from Illinois State Wehling joined SIUE in University in 1946 and a master what was then known as the of Education in 1948 at

A memorial service is Before coming to the university, scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday, he was a biology teacher in March 22, at the Evangelical United Church of Christ, 204 E. from 1948 to 1951 when he left to Lockwood, Webster Groves, Mo.

> Memorials may be made to church or to the American Heart

Right, Megan Naddaleno, one of 220 Suzuki Strings students in the region, practices before the concert.

Below, far right, Suzuki Strings group performs at a concert in Dunham Hall Theater March 8 and 9. The Suzuki method of teaching enters its 37th year at SIUE.

Below, at left, Adam McDonald concentrates on his violin lesons.

BRIAN BACA/ALESTLE



SIUE student dies at 54

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Student John Pavlik Jr. of Edwardsville, formerly of O'Fallon, died Monday, March 10, 2003, at his residence. He was

He was born July 13, 1948, in Belleville, the son of Pearl Feher Pavlik Schaefer and stepfather, Roger Schaefer of O'Fallon and the late John Pavlik

He is survived by a daughter, Anna Pavlik of Edwardsville and two brothers, Stephen Pavlik of Waukesha, Wis., and George Pavlik and wife, Mary, of Caseyville. In addition to his

father, he was preceded in death by a sister, Margaret Pavlik; and two brothers, Douglas and Louis

Mr. Pavlik was a computer specialist and a mass communications student at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

As he requested, his remains will be cremated.

A memorial service is planned for 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at Weber Funeral Home in Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested to the Dialysis Center in East Alton or the American Kidney Foundation.





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Viewpoints _____

Reverend Al – what the Dems ordered



I still haven't decided if I'm going to cut myself off from the sorry lot that is today's Democratic Party, but until I do, I've decided that from now until November 2004, I'm going to scream from the rooftops: Run Reverend Al, run!

That's right, everyone's favorite stomp-and-shout preacher, with a little larceny in his heart and enough savvy to survive the mean political streets of New York City, has decided to roll down the thunder on the boring stuffed shirts of today's Democrats. The Rev. Al Sharpton is taking them on.

Has there ever been a more tedious group of gasbags than Tom Daschle and Dick Gephardt? And this is whom the party is excited about! Frankly, I would rather vote for a bag of wet cement than Gephardt or Joe "Why is this man not a Republican?" Lieberman. I think most other people would too.

This is a party that needs a crashing by the equivalent of the family uncle nobody wants to show up for Thanksgiving dinner. Reverend Al is the man for the job.

I go back a ways and so remember the good reverend festooned in leisure suits and medallions and a James Brown 'do leading the charge in the "it probably never happened but we'll never know" supposed police rape of Tawana Brawley. If only the reverend had bided his time, he would have found some genuine police outrages in New York City, such as the police sexual abuse of Abner Louima and the police gang-shooting of Amadou Dialla.

But about a week ago, I heard Reverend Al on National Public Radio's "Tavis Smiley" show, which is gracing the airwaves on KWMU-FM 90.7. In that venue, Reverend Al was talking about things like health care and investment in the public infrastructure and not going to war in a useless, bloody conflict. He was sounding less a rabble-rouser and more like ... well, like Democrats used to sound before Bill Clinton hijacked the Republican agenda.

As an aside, I consider Clinton the worst thing to happen to the Democratic Party. He put a premium on winning and nothing on principles. In fact, I'm convinced the real reason Republicans hate Slick Willy so much is because their agenda sounded better coming out of his mouth. But, as a result, you have these suits without principles running things with none of Clinton's panache. Instead of sounding sweet, like Bill did, they just sound like ... well, Republicans.

Since then the Democrats have taken so many right turns, they're running in circles.

As I sat in my car enraptured to the latest incarnation of Reverend Al, I was pleased, but not surprised to learn that he studied politics at the heel of Adam Clayton Powell. Powell was another New York political clergyman with a streak of larceny in his heart. Powell's greatest accomplishment was strong-arming Southern racist lawmakers into supporting civil rights legislation.

Powell, too, was an ugly blemish on the genteel surface of the Democratic Party.

Reverend Al could just be the bucket of shaved ice the Democrats need in their trousers to wake them up.

Reverend Al is in current political doublespeak "unelectable," which is the insider term for "he's not one of our people."

Jesse Jackson was unelectable too, but I have fond memories of Jesse visiting Wisconsin and watching video footage of paper mill workers listening to him with rapt attention. If you want to find a crowd that would not generally be aligned with Jackson, the paper mill workers see SHARPTON, page 5

Letters to the Editor

Naked old dudes' mission revealed

Dear Editor,

As one of the old dudes in the locker room, I would like to take this chance to respond to Brian Hausman's March 6 letter to the editor.

Brian, you are correct, but only in part. While you are to be commended for figuring out as much as you did, I might as well set the remainder of the record straight now that the proverbial cat is out of the bag.

You are right. We do work in shifts, we are always there, and there is absolutely no point trying to avoid us. We have complete coverage – at least with regard to our time in the locker room.

We are not, however, a cult. We are exactly what we appear to be – naked professors – and we are doing exactly what professors do – teaching.

We are, in fact, paid to be in there. Our salaries are funded through Excellence in Undergraduate Education.

Consider this: most American men your age are exceedingly homophobic, right? And if an old naked man starts speaking to you in a locker room, you never, ever look anywhere except right at his face, right? Do you think we don't know this? Brian, you are a speech communication major! We taught you this in our nonverbal communication class. Of course, you weren't paying attention in class, were you? There were attractive women around, books to peruse, fliers on the wall — all far more interesting than any professor could ever hope to be.

However, in a locker room, things are different. There, you

see NAKED, page 5

Don't complain; it snows in the real world

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to the complaints of the snow-covered lots the week of Feb. 17

I like to think of myself as a fairly straightforward person, so here goes: Quit complaining!

We should all feel lucky if the worst thing we can complain about is some snow and ice on the

When you graduate college and start a career, do you think your boss will give a care about how you feel about snow on the parking lot? No. He or she will probably tell you to worry about your job, not a parking lot.

I hope to see at least one apology in an upcoming issue,

after reading the "Unplowed parking ..." article Thursday, Feb. 20. And that apology should come from a student.

We go to college for both an education and to get ready for the real world.

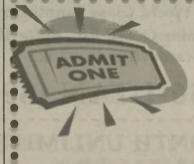
Well, let me be the first to

say, "Welcome to the real world. Leave your complaints at the door."

I have made a small list of things to complain about other than snow on parking lots.

The list goes: the conflict in Iraq, rising gas prices and pollution are all worldwide. How about some school-based topics: the SIUE wrestling team's future, tuition costs, whether or not we are getting another rock or how

see SNOW, page 5



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valid SIUE identification card in order to claim his or her prize.

Donna Ireland correctly identified the stoneware artwork
"Untitled" by Bruce Lowery, 1979 on the third floor of
Rendleman Hall.

Thanks to everyone for playing.



Letters

The "F-word" has deeper meaning

Dear Editor,

read through "Experience Feminism" article and loved it. It was very well written and contained a great bio on Gloria Steinem.

I am a huge fan of her work. I subscribe to Ms. magazine and enjoy it immensley, especially the lack of useless ads for women to change their appearance. I think it is really great that she is speaking at SIUE and I hope everyone will attend.

It is important for people to realize that feminism is not a bad word. It is not for women only. This brings me to the only problem I had with the article headline, "Experience Feminism."

Feminism is a movement, not an experience. It is not man against woman. It is man and woman working together for a common goal: equality.

Women have come a long way, no doubt about it. But men still make more money than women, and women are still expected to stay home with

Women are still expected to look a certain way, and men are still the ones deciding what that

There isn't a day that goes by where I don't feel someone isn't taking me seriously or isn't listening to me because I am a

Someone who may read this may do the same.

My point is: One can experience inequality, gender bias, domination, etc. feminism is a movement.

Sincerely,

Cathy Crater Senior

NAKED

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have to pay attention! There is no place else to look and nowhere else to hide.

Ha. Gotcha. Think about it. Remember that old dude talking to you about fiber? He is a kinesiology professor. And, what about the old dude giving you the naked weather report? He teaches meteorology. Remember, Brian, we know what we're doing. That's why we're the professors. If we can't hold your attention in the classroom, then

we'll get it in the locker room. Whatever it takes to do the job.

Just remember to be kind when you fill out the course evaluations. It really does get cold in there.

Sincerely,

Duff Wrobbel Professor Speech Communication

Mass Communications

SNOW-

from page 4 about the fact our student-elected on parking lots before doing any government officials passed an athletic fee hike after two-thirds of the student body surveyed

voted against it. In closing, I would like to thank all those who wasted oxygen and killed a tree by complaining about snow and ice

research on the subject.

Sincerely,

Mike Garavaglia Junior Mass Communications

Editor's Note: How about we let your letter suffice as an apology from a student. I can agree with you on your list of other things to complain about, but my complaint about the lack of snow removal stands. Even in the real world, schools, businesses, even private homeowners should not knowingly make or leave conditions that would be hazardous for others. To do so would be negligent and grounds for a

SHARPTON

from page 4

And yet, Jesse played well there.

Jesse forced those insider people to listen to their consciences. He was just enough of a pest that he had to be let in, just a little. Since then, Jesse has retired his cattle prod and has mired himself in trivia. It's a shame, really.

Al is more Reverend "through your face and out the back of your skull" than Jesse ever was in his prime. But the Democrats need some strong medicine these days to remember they can get a broader constituency than David Geffen. There are a lot of folks out there who wonder why the recovery is passing them by and why their state governments are sinking in debt while Dubya leads the parade toward war. They may not be as rich as the Hollywood elite the Dems love, but there's more

of Wisconsin's Northeast of 'em. That's who I remember Republican corridor would be it. the Teddy Kennedys, George McGoverns and William Proxmires of my youth speaking

Besides, I just want Reverend Al to do just well enough so that ol' sourpuss Tom Brokaw has to swallow hard and interview him live on the air.

I've gotten in trouble for quoting Scripture in this column before. Oh well, in for a penny, in

Let us close today's sermon with a Scripture reading from 1 Corinthians 1:27. "God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise.'

I'm sure that's a well-worn page in Reverend Al 's Bible.

> Graduate Student Mass Communications

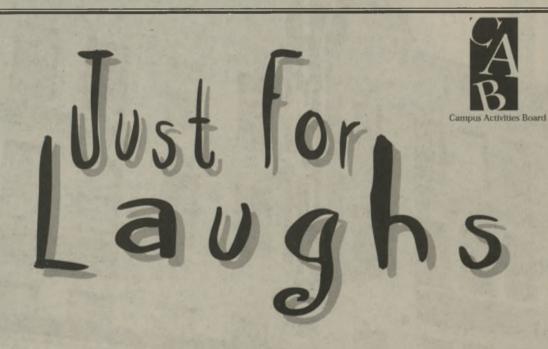
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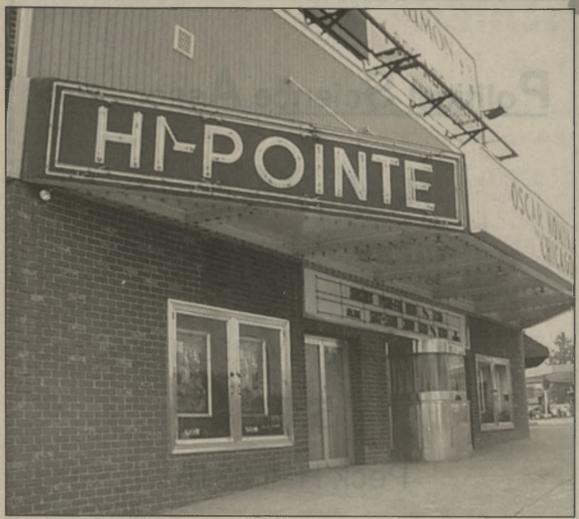
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THOMAS C. PHILLIPS III
LIFESTYLE REPORTER

Former SIUE student Rebecca Goines' appetite for classic and foreign films reached new heights while living in Edwardsville.

"I was thirsting to see something new," Goines said. "But there aren't too many places left that show independent, silent or foreign films period, let alone in Edwardsville."

Goines and other students "thirsting" for a new cinematic experience have two historic sites, which are known for showcasing strictly classic, independent and foreign films.

The Tivoli Theatre, at 6350 Delmar Boulevard in University City, and the Hi-Pointe Theatre, at 1005 McCausland Avenue in downtown St. Louis, are the oasis for the thirsty cinema creatures.

The Tivoli, a University City landmark since its construction in 1924, opened during the vaudeville and photoplay era in the United States. With a seating capacity of 1,400 and housing a variety of retail shops during the time period, the theater gained a reputation for being one of the places to go for a high-class movie experience at an affordable price. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch epitomized the theater as possessing "luxury and splendor eclipsing that of any St. Louis theater," which was reflected by the theater's overwhelming popularity.

The theater went through decades of decline and closed its doors in 1994, until Joe and Linda Edwards, owners of local restaurant and club Blueberry Hill and music venue The Pageant, contributed \$2.5 million to restore and renovate the theater to its past glory. The theater re-opened May 19, 1995, with three screens.

Today, the theater stands four stories tall, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is home to seven specialty shops, as well as a new clientele, Tivoli manager Dale Sweet said.

"Today, we are closer to many universities and neighborhoods that are more culturally diverse," Sweet said. "Our customers are more educated, more bohemian, regardless of their ethnic background."

Sweet, who has been employed with both the Tivoli and the Hi-Pointe during the 1990s, has been employed at the Tivoli since 1995.

"We feature the movies that don't receive a lot of attention from mainstream society anymore," Sweet said. "We show a lot of foreign films, classic films and independently released films that other theaters aren't showcasing."

The unique list of films is accented by a meticulously designed and decorated theater, which includes early and mid-20th century movie posters, lifelike dolls of Marilyn Monroe, the Marx Brothers



Patrons of the Tivoli theater can get something to snack on at the old



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ique movie viewing experience

and Wizard of Oz characters, among others. Inside the theater, patrons are greeted with an orchestra pit, lush burgundy curtain and a stage backing the screen.

Business for the newly decorated theater has been good, "depending on the picture showing," said Sweet, who also emphasized that the theater does offer more convenient show times for college students who may not be able to attend a show due to class or work.

"We print up thousands of quarterly schedules and spread them around the area," Sweet said. "But our screenings have typically been at about 10 or 11 a.m., which might be inconvenient for people. We also have popular midnight movie theater showings during the summer as well."

Just minutes away from the Tivoli, the Hi-Pointe Theatre was built in 1922, and is St. Louis' "oldest continuously operating cinema," according to Landmark Theaters, which owns and operates both the Tivoli and the Hi-Pointe.

"Over the last 20 years, we've been showcasing foreign language films and classic cinema, which have been the most popular for us," Travis Cape, a manager at the Hi-Pointe, said. "If someone would like a true movie experience, this is where it's at. Big screen, a large auditorium and fresh popcorn, and our customer service ranks right up there at the top."

In contrast to the Tivoli, the Hi-Pointe is simply decorated. If the neon pink and orange marquee on the building's exterior isn't enough to impress patrons, the simplistic design of the lobby resembles a "1950s era motel room," according to Cape, and the theater's interior design gives a living room feel.

Over the past few years, the Hi-Pointe has undergone subtle renovations to include comfortable turquoise seats, Dolby digital sound, new speakers and new carpeting, among other features.

After hearing of the theaters, Edwardsville resident Brian Olenik said that he would check them both out.

"I don't see why not," Olenik, who has lived in the town for two years, said. "I haven't heard of any places that showed old and foreign films. It's nice to see something new, even if they've been around for a while."

Cape added that the theaters might be the two remaining chances for moviegoers to experience an old-school style theater.

"I would say that the Tivoli and Hi-Pointe are the last opportunities for local residents to see movies in old fashion," Cape said. "They'll never be reproduced."

For more information on each theater, contact the Tivoli at (314) 862-1100, the Hi-Pointe at (314) 781-0800 or log on to www.landmarktheaters.com.





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fashion concession stand and enjoy the historic pictures and tables.

WWE's 'Monday Night Raw' star Terri Runnels takes on SIUE community

JEREMY HOUSEWRIGHT
LIFESTYLE EDITOR

One of the stars of World Wrestling Entertainment's "Monday Night Raw" appeared in Glen Carbon Monday.

Terri Runnels, one of the original divas from the WWE, was promoting the WWE's latest visit to St. Louis Monday afternoon at Slackers.

She signed autographs and chatted with fans for approximately two hours. KPNT-FM 105.7 "The Point" sponsored the visit.

As a wrestler in the multimillion-dollar company that is the WWE, Runnels is constantly traveling.

"Travel is definitely my least favorite part of the business," she said. "Especially now with the security being as tight as it is; that is definitely the worst part."

Runnels has been the Hardcore Champion of the WWE and has the distinction of being in the first ever Bra-and-Panties match.

While traveling may be the worst part of her job, Runnels loves the fans.

"I love entertaining the people. I love to make them scream," she said. "I like to evoke the emotion out of the people."

The fans who stood in line, some for nearly

two hours, all left with smiles on their faces, which Runnels found gratifying.

"The people in St. Louis are always awesome," she said. "It's always exciting to come here and perform for great fans."

Runnels also said she has nothing but good memories from past performances in St. Louis.

"You always have good time here," she said.
"You always have good memories or bad memories from each town you go to, and I have all good memories from St. Louis."

Runnels has been conducting interviews with wrestlers rather than performing in the ring. Runnels, like other wrestling fans, has her favorite wrestlers too.

"As far as in-ring ability, I would say Chris Benoit is my favorite wrestler," she said. "If I had to judge on the entertaining aspect, it would be Stone Cold Steve Austin."

Runnels said if she were not in the wrestling business she would most likely be a stay-at-home mother.

"As hokey as it sounds, I would just be a mother," Runnels said. "I just love being a mother"

Runnels can be seen on the cable channel TNN every Monday at 8 p.m. on "RAW".



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Terri Runnels chats with The Point's Whipping Boy.





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Runnels signs autographs for her fans and poses with a copy of her favorite college newspaper.

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Stephens is named All-American for fourth-place finish

Cougar wrestler performs well in West Virginia

HEATHER KLOTZ SPORTS STRINGER

Senior wrestler Zach Stephens took fourth place at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II National Championships Saturday in Wheeling, W. Va., bringing SIUE's wrestling season to a

Stephens' fourth-place finish

earned him All-American honors, a distinction that he might not appreciate right now.

"Right now, it will be hard," head coach Booker

Benford said. "He didn't come here (to nationals) to place; he came here for a national championship. Later he'll realize what an honor it is to be named All-American."

Stephens arrived at the

tournament as the second-ranked wrestler in NCAA Division II at 174 pounds with a season record of 30-10, and he showed it, winning big in his first two matches.

Don Ortega of Adams State College was the first victim, falling to Stephens

Once in the quarterfinals, Stephens continued to wrestle strong, defeating Nick

"If he wrestled him again, I believe he would pull it out."

> Brumbaugh Kutztown University of Pennsylvania 10-4.

Then the competition became a little tougher, as Stephens met the top-ranked wrestler in NCAA Division II in

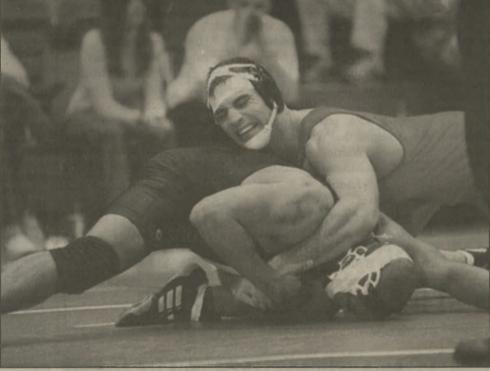


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Senior wrestler Zach Stephens wrestles in a home match earlier this season at the Vadaiabene Center. Stephens placed fourth at the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II National Championships in West Virginia

his semifinal match.

Stephens lost 3-1 to Frank Kuchera of the University of Nebraska-Kearney, ending his

hopes for a national title.

"Overall, it was a good match," Benford said. "There was a lot of defense,

match in sudden-death overtime to take third, giving Stephens his

few chances to score.

again, I believe he

would pull it out."

Stephens moved down

to the consolation

round, winning 8-7

against Tommy Bauer

Stephens back in the

final round to wrestle

for third place against

Thad Pike of North

Dakota State University.

Pike won the

This win placed

of Ashland University.

"If he wrestled him

After his loss,

fourth-place finish. "He wrestled tough in the tournament," Benford said.

"He did not get

outworked. All the effort he put in the last two weeks really

Ward earns Freshman of the Year selection by GLVC coaches

Men's basketball standout earns recognition

TRAVIS L. ROSS **ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR**

Freshman forward Justin Ward was recognized as the Great Lakes Valley Conference's freshman of the year for men's basketball by the league's coaches.

Ward started eight games in his rookie campaign for the Cougars and ranked No. 8 in the GLVC with 22 blocks and No. 22 with 12.2 points per game.

"We are excited," head coach Marty Simmons said.

"Justin is well deserving of this award.

"He continued to get better as the season went on, and he will continue to get better throughout his career,"Simmons said.

Simmons said he knew Ward

was a talented player early on but Cougar fans to their didn't know how he would respond in a game.

In his first collegiate performance against the University of Indianapolis Greyhounds, Ward connected for 29 points, two blocks and five rebounds.

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preseason he showed scoring ability, and in his quick, and he can score on first game he control and made good

"In

decisions," Simmons said.

Simmons also credited Ward's success to his outstanding athletic ability.

"He is a good leaper, quick, and he can score on the offensive boards or in a variety of other ways," Simmons said. "Each one of his abilities kind of complements the others."

According to Simmons, Ward used his abilities to bring feet a couple of times this season.

"I think he brings an excitement and enthusiasm to this ball club," Simmons said. "When he does

under the offensive boards something, it gives

"He is a good leaper,

all of the fans and everyone on the bench energy."

Simmons added that the off-season will be big for Ward and the rest of the team.

"I think right now we are taking it day by and every guy has to standings.



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day," Freshman forward Justin Ward averages 12.2 Simmons said. "Each points per game this season, ranking him No. 22 in the final Great Lakes Valley Conference

get physically stronger, and that will help everyone on the team. (Sophomore Brent (Mueller) has hit the weights pretty hard, and that is something that everyone on this team needs to do."

Mueller sidelined for majority of the season due to a stress fracture in his foot.

Simmons said this season's recruiting class might be asked to be instant contributors to the team.

"We have been out every day looking," Simmons said. "We are excited about recruiting. We are losing seniors Ron Heflin (forward), Andy Gajewski (guard) Ben Garwitz (guard), so this team is going to have some holes to fill."

Cougar softball participates in tournaments over spring break

SIUE returns from Florida

KELI KEENER SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE softball team holds a record of 11-5 after starting its season by traveling to Florida to play in two tournaments during spring break.

The Cougars got some much-needed outdoor play after earlier preseason games were canceled due to inclement

SIUE made its first stop in St. Leo, Fla., to participate in the St. Leo Tournament where the Cougars were defending champions.

SIUE played five games, going 4-1 in the tournament.

The Cougars met with the Knights of Nova Southeastern University in their opening game of the road trip.

The Cougars pulled out their first win of the year in a 3-2, eight-inning game.

Next the team lost to the Moccasins of Florida Southern College 8-2 but picked up the pace with three, big, straight wins: 13-4 against the Ferris State University Bulldogs, 14-6 against the University of Tampa Spartans and 2-1 against the Eckerd College Tritons.

The Cougars made their next stop in Orlando, Fla., for the Rebel Spring Games.

SIUE went 7-4 during the tournament.

The Cougars started off by losing to the Ashland University Lady Eagles 6-3.

SIUE then rallied back to up the win column by beating the American International College Yellow Jackets 5-2 before being edged by the Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania Lady Eagles 7-6.

SIUE took some payback wins against the Wayne State University Warriors 3-1, the Missouri State University Jennies 4-3, the Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania Raiders 3-1, the St. Joseph's College Lady Pumas 3-2 and shut out the Ferris State University Bulldogs 4-0.

Two more losses came to the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Huskies 5-4 and Wayne State 2-1 before a final victory against the St. Xavier University Cougars to close out the week.

After having earlier games canceled due to weather constraints, head coach Sandy Montgomery was ready to get her team outdoors and prepared for the upcoming regular season.

"It was a big adjustment to get everyone in the swing of things as far as team play goes," Montgomery said. "We had a lot of people step up throughout the week."

SIUE will head to Warrensburg, Mo., Thursday to take on Central Missouri State in a 4 p.m. doubleheader before beginning Great Lakes Valley Conference play this weekend.

The Cougars will play host to conference rivals the University of Southern Indiana Screaming Eagles Saturday and the Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers Sunday.

Both meetings are scheduled doubleheaders set to begin at noon at Cougar Field.

Baseball team returns from spring break series

Cougars prepare for home contest

TRAVIS L. ROSS ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE baseball team was outscored 63-48 with a record of 4-6 in its spring-break trip to Savannah, Ga.

The Cougars split a series with the Clarion University Golden Eagles, winning the first game 8-4 and losing the second game 3-2.

The Cougars then dropped four games in a row, two against the Wildcats of Wayne State College 12-2 and 3-2, one against the Norse of Northern Kentucky University 4-2 and one against the Pirates of Armstrong Atlantic State University 16-1.

The Cougars thumped the Concordia College Cardinals 18-3 to get back on the winning track.

SIUE closed out the trip with a three-game set against the NKU Norse, losing the first game 12-5 and winning the final two contests 2-1 and 6-5.

"I didn't think we played

very well," head coach Gary Collins said. "I thought we walked too many and didn't catch the ball like we should have, and our run production wasn't very good."

According to Collins, it didn't help the Cougars starting pitchers who gave up 30 walks.

Senior pitcher Nick Seibert was 0-2 on the trip, working eight innings, allowing eight runs on nine hits, striking out 11 and walking six.

"Nick threw too many bad pitches and was behind too many batters," Collins said.

Collins also said he was impressed with the way freshman pitcher David Briesacher and sophomore pitcher Spurgeon played.

made Spurgeon four appearances while Briesacher made three. In his only start, Briesacher picked up the win and worked 6.1 innings, giving up just four hits, one walk and striking out three.

The Cougars were led in the trip by senior catcher and outfielder Justin Baecht and junior center fielder and second baseman Luke Humphry. The two combined to go 30 of 89 at

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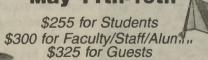
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Kipping earns All-GLVC and All-Region honors

Cougar forward ends career at SIUE

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Ruth forward Senior Kipping of Quincy has been named to the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference's first team by a vote of the league's women's basketball coaches.

"Ruth is very deserving of this award," head coach Wendy Hedberg said in a press release.

"It was a goal of hers at the beginning of the season to be named to the first team. It was tough for me to vote because there are so many good players in

Kipping finished the season second in scoring in the GLVC with 18.8 points per game. She ended sixth in rebounding with 7.6 per game.

Kipping also received her first post-season award by being named to the Daktronics Division II All Great Lakes Region team.

"It is a good honor for her," Hedberg said in another press

"It is nice to finish off a

"Ruth is very deserving of this award?

season, and in her case a career, by being recognized by other coaches and other organizations."



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Senior forward Ruth Kipping dribbles around an opponent at a previous home game at the Vadalabene Center. Kipping finishes the season averaging 18.8 points per game.

BASEBALL

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the plate with two home runs, baseball field.

"Those guys played pretty well the whole trip," Collins said. "Baseball is a funny game; some get off to a fast start and some slow. We are going to play 50 some games, and only at the end Lee Field. SIUE will play host to you see what guys are more Great Lakes Valley Conference consistent."

Collins said the team has still yet to hold any practices on a

four runs scored and seven RBIs. "I think we are still not in a good rhythm," Collins said. "Lack of practice time has really

> The Cougars' next match will be at noon Wednesday at the Roy E. opponent, the Kentucky Wesleyan College Panthers, for a scheduled doubleheader.

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