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San Jose Taiko pounds out the sound

BRIAN CRAMER NEWS STRINGER

The sweet sounds of the San Jose Taiko drum group will fill the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center Friday.

John Peecher, Arts & Issues series coordinator said, "San Jose Taiko expresses a beauty in its wonderfully harmonious blend of percussion."

San Jose Taiko is renowned for its artistic value and for the ability to expand the boundaries of Asian American music and culture. The drummers are on their Rhythm Journey 30th Anniversary Tour.

With a combination of traditional Japanese drumming techniques and other world beats such as American rock and jazz, African and Latin, the drum group has transcended the historical art form of Taiko drumming into a brilliant extravaganza that offers a variety of rhythms.

Roy and PJ Hirabayashi direct the group that they founded in 1973 to express life as third generation Japanese Americans.

San Jose Taiko continues to offer a better understanding of the Japanese American culture through its original and meaningful music and dance as it merges American spirit with Japanese tradition.

Members of San Jose Taiko arrange, choreograph and compose the works the group performs. Group members also create and produce the drums and costumes they use.

Being in the drum group requires respect for other members and a dedication to practice, which even involves endurance exercises.

The total involvement of all members brings forth the harmony, clarity and unity that San Jose Taiko desires to express in its performances.

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Photo Courtesy of www.ncsu.com

San Jose Taiko drummers are on the Rhythm Journey 30th Anniversary Tour. They play at SIUE from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Friday in the Meridian Ballroom of the Morris University Center. Tickets are \$9 for students and \$18 for general admission. San Jose Taiko will have a free lunchtime preview in MUC's Goshen Lounge from 11:30 a.m. to 12: 30 p.m. Friday.

Police arrest ex-soccer star Science building

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

The arrest of former SIUE soccer star Phillip "Josh" Hickam, 23, kept him from receiving the team's Jack Blake Award.

Hickam, of Granite City, is facing charges of dealing cocaine and marijuana after being arrested Sept. 29 in Edwardsville by officers of the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois.

The Madison County state's and leadership. attorney charged Hickam with Hickam was

unlawful possession with intent to deliver 15 to 100 grams of cocaine and 500 to 2,000 grams of marijuana.

Robert J. Grady, 23, also from Granite City, was arrested with Hickam and faces the same charges.

Both men are free after posting bonds of \$100,000 each.

The Jack Blake Award honors athletes for outstanding play, community involvement and leadership.

Hickam was named a winner America

in August and would have received a plaque at Sunday's game between SIUE and Kentucky Wesleyan College.

During Hickam's time at SIUE, he tied the season record for most goals and points.

The team won the Great Lakes Valley Conference title and posted 13-4-2, a team record.

Hickam was also named second-team All-Region his last year at SIUE by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Science building requests upgrades

JOSH STOCKINGER
NEWS REPORTER

The Science Building is in need of renovations, but the university won't know until January if the project will make the state's priority list.

The Illinois House Committee on Higher Educations Appropriations met in Chicago earlier this month to discuss the prioritizing of state campus projects and to talk about the standards that make a project a priority.

Committee recommendations go to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, which reports to the state legislature.

"The meeting was kind of a capital programs 101," said Scott Kaiser, executive assistant for government relations at SIII

The university has recommended the Science Building be a first priority to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, Kaiser said.

The board will make its recommendations to the state in

January, and Gov. Rod Blagojevich will make the final call in February.

If the governor approves the estimated \$43 million renovation, the planning, bidding and construction stages would take about two years to complete.

SIUE Public Affairs Director Keith Nichols said the building, built in 1966, is in need of general renovations and expansions including new classrooms and labs. The existing rooms also need renovating, he said.

Nichols said a design for the addition was drafted two years ago but may be revised to update costs and specifics that have changed since then.

In the design, the 28,000-square-foot addition would increase the size of the building to about 230,000 square feet.

Nichols said the only safety issues in the building are ventilation hoods that do not always work properly.

He said people who work in the hoods are aware of the problem.

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University Park Drive to open

BRUCE KLOSTERMANN
NEWS STRINGER

With the completion of the University Park Drive entrances Monday, crews came one step closer to finishing the construction on Illinois Route 157 in Edwardsville.

The construction, started in Nov. 2002, is being done to widen the stretch of Route 157 between Ginger Creek Drive and Lewis Road to five total lanes, two traffic lanes in each

direction, and a bi-directional middle turn lane.

According to John Scheibal, the Illinois Department of Transportation's supervising field engineer on the project, the University Park Drive entrance will not be fully open until next week.

"The new concrete will need about a three- to four-day curing period before we can open it up," Scheibal said.

Once the University Park
Drive entrance is finished and

fully open, Scheibal said they will shift their focus to finishing the entrance at East University Drive.

Crews also began laying asphalt on the new lanes Tuesday. The paving will continue through Wednesday. Scheibal said he expects to have four of the five total lanes paved and ready to go by Thursday morning.

"The far west lane still needs some entrance tie-in work, but the other four should be finished," Scheibal said.

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College fair aids area students

KRISTEN REBER NEWS REPORTER

Nearly 100 representatives from colleges, universities and the armed forces filled the Goshen Lounge and Meridian Ballroom Tuesday night for the Illinois College Exposition sponsored by the Illinois College Association for Admissions Counseling.

"SIUE is very fortunate to host this event and receive this exposure," IACAC on-site chairperson Karen Bollinger said. "(It's a great benefit) to have 2,000 (prospective) students visiting our campus."

The IACAC consists of area high schools and college counselors, admissions and financial aid officers and other counseling professionals from nearly every county in Illinois.

"We organized this event to

replace area high school fairs," Bollinger said. "The fair's concept is to bring all of these universities into one place in one region. (This way) schools can get more exposure to roughly 100 colleges throughout the United States but mainly from the Midwest."

Helping with the transition from high school to college with 18 different college fairs throughout the state. ensure **IACAC** officials equal representation of the colleges.

"Basically they set guidelines for college recruitment to make sure we are all operating under the same ethical standards," Bollinger said. "By IACAC guidelines, colleges cannot use T-shirts or high-dollar value to persuade students, just the information."

In addition to the college compact area."

information, high counselors were on hand to assist students in making contact with additional schools.

"We encouraged our high school students to come and make contacts with colleges," Collinsville High School counselor Sandy Brock said. "This is a very good event to help them narrow down their choices a bit."

With assistance everything from how to apply to financial aid, students and parents received answers to many of their questions.

"I reach a lot of people with college fairs," SIUE School of Nursing representative Debra Ingles said. "They're the best things that parents and students can afford because it's like onestop shopping. You can talk to a lot of different people in a small

concert needs volunteers

ALESTLE STAFF REPORT

Volunteers are needed for this year's SIUE Fall Concert featuring Diamond Rio.

Interested students should sign up at the front desk in the Kimmel Leadership Center in the Morris University Center.

Volunteers can sign up for roles such as driving a van, guarding access doors or checking tickets. Some of the shifts are about two hours and some are much longer.

The Kimmel Leadership complimentary ticket. Volunteers and faculty first. If the slots are not filled by Friday, Oct. 31, the jobs will be opened to individuals outside the campus.

Volunteers will be required to follow specific guidelines. Each volunteer must provide name, telephone number and email address and be available to work an entire shift.

prior to the concert will receive a

Center is hoping to have all who work four hours after the volunteer slots filled by students concert will receive a Wal-Mart gift certificate.

> Workers should enter through the south entrance of the Vadalabene Center and provide SIUE identification.

> Volunteers must wear a long-sleeve white T-shirt, which will be provided.

Slots are limited. Anyone interested should call Kimmel to People working four hours check on times available. For more information, call 650-2686.

Police Incidents

Traffic :

10-9-03

Police issued a citation to Peter Heinz for speeding on Stadium Drive.

Police issued citations to Tamonte T. Whitelow for speeding and operating an uninsured motor vehicle on University Drive.

A deer was struck on South University Drive near Prairie Hall.

10-10-03

Police issued a citation to Amber J. Bradley for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued citations to Naseem A. Albori for speeding and not having proof of insurance on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Laura A. Peters for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

10-11-03

Police issued a citation to Tami L. Lozier for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Don C. McCleary for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Kirk A. Sanford for speeding on University Drive.

10-12-03

Police issued a citation to Kevin C. Tate for improper lane usage.

Police issued a citation to Amy R. Coultas for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Ilisha A. Watson for speeding on South University Drive.

10-13-03

Police issued a citation to George J. Carpenter for having expired registration on South University

Police issued a citation to Marc Y. King for a stop sign violation in the Bluff Hall parking lot.

Police issued a citation to Jon R. Pike for a stop sign violation on Circle Drive.

10-14-03

Police issued a citation to Jin Yun for a stop sign violation on North University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Katherine A. Horvath for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued a citation to Michael D. Hart for speeding on University Drive.

A deer was struck on Stadium Drive near Whiteside Road.

Other Offenses

10-09-03

Police arrested Robert L. Archer on the East St. Louis Campus after grabbing a woman around the neck. Archer was charged with domestic battery and taken to St. Clair County Jail.

10-12-03

Police arrested Lesha M. Wilson in Bluff Hall for assault. Wilson was issued a misdemeanor complaint and released with a notice to appear...

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"To call this group impressive would be an understatement," Peecher said.

As the second installment of this year's Arts & Issues series, the drum group will perform from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Meridian Ballroom, located on the first floor of the MUC.

The show includes eight members and 16 different works with their own meaning and feel.

Those wishing to see the San Joe Taiko drum group can purchase tickets at the MUC Information Desk.

The cost is \$9 for students and \$18 for general admission.

SIUE Student Affairs offers

50 free tickets for students on a first come, first served basis for this event and all other events of the Arts & Issues series.

"This is an exciting opportunity for students to have greater access to what Arts & Issues has to offer," Peecher said.

A free lunchtime preview show will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the MUC's Goshen

For additional information, contact Peecher at 650-2626 or jpeeche@siue.edu. More information is also available on the Arts & Issues Web site at www.artsandissues.com and the San Jose Taiko Web site at www.taiko.org.

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"In certain cases you have to proceed with caution," Nichols said. "As long as you take extra steps to ensure ventilation, there's no problem."

Last year the renovations didn't make it high enough on the state's priority list.

The Science Building was sixth on a list where only the first three priorities met final approval.

"It's all just speculation," Nichols said. "We were optimistic it would happen last year, but it didn't. We'll see what happens this year."

Don Sevener, communications

director for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, said several factors determine a project's priority at state level.

Renovation projects almost always take priority over new construction, Sevener said.

SIUE may also have a better chance this year because the project has been turned down in the past.

"If a project is not funded in the past, we go back and look at where that project is now," Sevener said.

The state's upcoming decision will decide the priorities for fiscal year 2005.

Campus Scanner

SLDP: The Student Leadership Development Program will have a special module on Cross Cultural Awareness from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center Board Room. For more information, call 650-2686.

Halloween Party: Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, is hosting a Halloween costume party from 8 to 11:59 p.m. Friday in the Edwardsville Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 1197 S. 104th St. Snacks and soda are free. Admission is \$5, and prizes will be awarded for best costume.

Fright Fest: The Campus Activities Board is offering \$10 tickets to Six Flags Fright Fest. The bus leaves from the Morris University Center's meter lot at noon Saturday and will return at 10 p.m. Students can sign up for transportation in the Kimmel Leadership Center. Tickets are available at the MUC Information Center.

Family Theater: The Piwacket Theatre for Children will present "Hansel and Gretel" at 7 p.m. Saturday in Dunham Hall. Tickets are \$5 and season tickets for the four-show series of a Season for a Child are \$16. Call the Ticket Box Office at 650-2774 for tickets.

SLDP: The Student Leadership Development Program will have a module on Understanding the Organizational Climate from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Morris University Center Board Room. For more information, call 650-2686.

Haunted House: The Prairie Hall Council is hosting a haunted house from 8 to 11 p.m. Wednesday in the activity wing of Prairie Hall. The event is free to all students and guests. For more information, call 650-4252. Halloween Party: Alpha Kappa Lambda is hosting its annual Go to Hell Halloween Party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Oct. 31, at the Edwardsville American Legion post, 58 S. State Route 157. Admission is \$5 and SIUE identification is required. Costumes are encouraged.

Buses will leave from Prairie Hall and Cougar Village starting at 9:30 and will run until

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 residents of Illinois. Those interested should call (866) QUIT-YES. Hot line hours are from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

Breast Cancer Seminar: The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will host a Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar Monday in the Mississippi-Illinois Room in the Morris University Center. The Seminar will include a speaker from the American Cancer Society and will begin at 7:08 p.m.

Read the Alestle online. www.thealestle.com

Student Leadership Development Program & Volunteer Services Modules 10/28/03 Module 19, 2:00 p.m. Understanding the Organizational Climate Jeff Campbell, Volunteer Director American Red Cross Citizenship Board Room, MUC Special Module Module 9, 6:30 p.m. Cross Cultural Awareness San Jose Taiko Service In collaboration with Arts & Issues Board Room, MUC 11/4/03 Module 20, 2:00 p.m. Analyzing Public Perception Analyzing Public Perception Erin Conroy, Public Relations Specialist Leadership **Brown Shoe Company** Board Room, MUC 11/4/03 Module 10, 6:30 p.m. Values & Ethics Steve Jankowski, Illinois Bureau Chief Board Room, MUC

SLDP Reminders....

Volunteer Projects October 25 - Tri City Youth Council Open Doors, SIUE

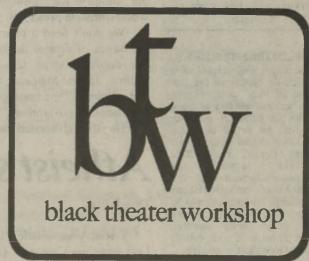
October 25 - Share Food, Granite City, IL November 1 - St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store, E. St. Louis, IL November 6 - Global Youth Activism, Morris University Center

November 22 - Boy Scout Food Drive, Granite City, IL November 22 - Share Food, Granite City, IL November 27 - Thanksgiving Dinner, Belleville & E. St. Louis, IL

December 6 – Open Gym, Fairmont City, IL December 8-11 – Christmas Baskets, E. St. Louis, IL December 15-16 - Christmas Baskets, E. St. Louis, IL

For more information contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686or visit the website at www.siue.edu/KIMMEL/SLDP

Black Theater Workshop



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From the Editor

Keep them letters a rol



My "Under God issue goes too far" article has stirred up a bit of controversy for a couple students and their opinions can be read in the letters below.

One agrees with me, the other doesn't, and of course, everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion.

The reason the Alestle is here is to generate information and send it out to the campus community. Then, if people choose, the readers can send back their own ideas and opinions.

I think that is great. Everyone has opinions and should be able to voice them, and that is what the Alestle gives you the chance to do.

So tell it like you see it and let your thoughts be heard. Thanks for the letters and keep sending your input.

> Nicole R. Gaudreault Editor in Chief

er God' should stay - deal with

I wanted to compliment you for doing an outstanding job on your article last week in regard to the "Under God" debate.

It was well-written, logical and inspired many people to think about this issue.

However, because it was a good article I knew it would draw some fire from the easily offended "soft-living" ultratolerant student population.

I think it is ridiculous to remove "Under God" from our Pledge of Allegiance.

Not necessarily because it has been a tradition, but because our country was founded on Judeo-Christian principles.

We don't need a review on the basics of critical thinking but rather a short lesson in history. James Madison stated that religion is "the basis and the foundation of government."

He also elaborated further,

stating, "Religion gives us the capacity to govern ourselves; control ourselves; and to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God." This is what our country was founded

The Pledge of Allegiance does not say "One nation under a So what is the problem?

Maybe some people are embarrassed to pray because they do not believe in a God.

Here is a simple solution. Take a moment to offer yourself an internal word of gratitude for recognizing no higher authority than yourself. That should solve

or stand for something, you remain "always faithful" to your principles. You die by them if necessary. That is true belief.

The problem with society today is a lack of beliefs and a lack of morals and values.

I cannot speak for all religions but Christianity at least is a moral guide for being a good person and living a good life.

I cannot understand why people would want to take that out of our country, especially out of our schools. We are "one nation under God."

Our Founding Fathers created our country that way, and it should stay that way.

Those who don't like it, deal

Anyway, good job, Miss Gaudreault, for a well-written article. Keep up the good work.

"I think it is ridiculous to remove Under God from our Pledge of Allegiance."

Christian God"; so if you worship another God you should still be able to say the pledge without any offense being taken.

It is the same thing with school prayer. Nobody is ordering you to pray to any particular God; and you don't even have to pray if you do not the problem.

There is also the possibility some people think they will be the victims of harassment for what they choose to believe or not to believe.

If that is the case then reevaluate your beliefs and/or principles.

If you believe in something

Adam Dale Hendrick Senior Political Science

Atheist's view much different from editor's

Dear Editor,

I read your article "Under God issue goes too far" and to say the least, I am appalled.

To begin with, your history of the pledge is quite skewed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was penned in 1892 by a Baptist minister, Francis Bellamy. It originally read: "I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The American Legion and the Daughters of the American Revolution replaced "my flag" with "the flag of the United States of America" in 1924.

The pledge remained in a secular form from 1892 to 1954, a total of 64 years. The words God" were unconstitutionally added by a law made by Congress in 1954 and signed by President Eisenhower.

This change was made during the early years of the Cold

War, with the intent to show that our country was not full of "godless communists." "In God we trust" was added to currency shortly thereafter in 1956.

Your argument that we should not change the pledge because it has been that way for almost 50 years is moot, since it had been without for 20 years

I would also like to rebut one of your statements that sticks out in my mind: "Everyone has his or her own God or beliefs in some higher being.'

This is absolutely, positively not true. I am quite proud to be an Atheist, and do not believe in any higher being. I do not see myself as "a god."

The Hindu belief is polytheistic, encompassing belief in numerous gods and the Buddhists believe in none, so your contention that belief in some sort of god (singular) is universal, is blatantly derived from ignorance as obviously is

your erroneous perception of what the meaning and reason for the Establishment Clause itself

Its purpose by intent of the government control from intruding and exerting

influence on the government, or as in the words of James Madison, the father of the Constitution, "Strongly guarded as is the separation between founders was twofold. First, to religion and government in the protect religious practice from Constitution of the United States, and the danger of encroachment by intervention, and secondly to ecclesiastical bodies, may be prevent religious organizations illustrated by precedents already see ATHEIST, page 5

Quote of the Day

"He hoped and prayed that there wasn't an afterlife. Then he realized there was a contradiction involved here and merely hoped that there wasn't an afterlife."

~Douglas Adams

Alestle Poll Question

Are you super stressed with mid-terms and gobs of homework already this semester?

- Absolutely, I want to pull my hair out.
- I'm stressed, but not that bad.
- I'm not stressed at all, I have just the right amount
- · I have to look for ways to spend my time because right now I have nothing to do.

Did you participate in Family Weekend?

- Yes. 7%
- No. 47%
- What the heck is Family Weekend? 47%

Be a part of the poll. Vote online at www.thealestle.com.

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furnished in their short history."

Additionally, believing that "under God" is an endorsement does of no particular religion is complete ignorance.

Firstly, very few religious beliefs call their gods simply "God"- this is more or less exclusive to Judeo-Christian matter. beliefs.

Also, though I'm not entirely certain what English courses you have taken, a capitalized name usually signals that the name is

Therefore, the pledge explicitly states that this is the Judeo-Christian god.

And yes, even though you say that reciting the pledge does

not "mean a person must believe ... in any God for that matter," it

I don't appreciate seeing my country, a secular nation (ever read the Constitution and Bill of Rights?) being shown as "under God," or any divine deity for that

I am forced, by reciting the pledge, to acknowledge that my country is under some sort of higher being.

What's next - removing 'in God we trust' from American money"? I sure hope so.

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Professor brings understanding to SIUE

The Islamic religion was presented to students, faculty and staff as a moral story But, the deeper lesson to learn was cultural tolerance through education

RHIANNON O' NEAL LIFESTYLES STRINGER

"Three hundred people were in a boat sailing on the sea. They realized that their safety was at risk and the majority of the lives could be saved by throwing 10 people overboard. Would it be morally right to kill 10 people in order to save 290?" professor Mashhad Al-Allaf asked.

Al-Allaf opened his lecture, "The Objectives (Magasid) of Divine Law," on Thursday with this scenario.

Al-Allaf said this case, while on the surface is only an interesting philosophical debate, is an important element of the Islamic religion.

audience The was introduced to key concepts and the basics of the Islamic Divine Law.

The subjects approached in an easy-tounderstand, yet philosophical, manner.

The topics discussed ranged from what the Quran, Sunnah and Shari'ah are to how these concepts benefit human life and

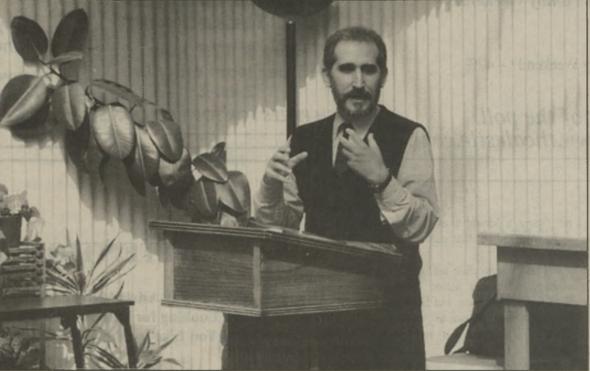
Al-Allaf said human nature naturally tends to look for happiness and live as best as it

"This is not possible," Al-Allaf said, "unless people work together and that cannot be done unless people live a peaceful life."

To live a peaceful life by Islamic standards is to submit yourself to your god who wants only the best for you and creates laws in order to protect you and your life.

"These rules are made for people to follow," Al-Allaf said. "Even though God is always forgiving, no matter what."

Peace and security, the explained, are impossibilities without rules and



MINDY SMITH/ALESTLE

Islamic professor Mashhad Al-Allaf, from Washington University, speaks to faculty and students at his recent lecture in the Religious Center.

But laws are useless without an authority figure to enforce of benefits made for man to

This why, professor suggested, that the Divine Law was created to protect "human universal benefits."

Al-Allaf explained to the attendees that the Divine

Law, or Shari'ah, in Islamic religion, was revealed to create the sole purpose of realizing the best interests of all humans on the

"A man who steals and says that he did so because it benefited him would be right and wrong," Al-Allaf said. "The action may benefit the life of the one man, but without benefiting the whole

regulations that protect everyone of human life it is not in God's

He said there are three kinds

that go against God's will, such as killing and stealing, which go against life.

The unregulated benefits are those actions in the Ouran that are not explained fully as either accredited or nullified and are left for scholars to think about.

The professor also explained to those who attended Thursday's lecture at the Religious Center that the objectives of the Islamic Divine Law can be divided into

The first circle is the Creed/Agida and the second Essentials/Darutiyyat.

He spent the majority of the lecture discussing the importance of the second circle.

It is this second circle that clarifies the five most important necessities to sustain life according to Islamic religion.

These basic priorities. to Al-Allaf, are according religion, life, intellect. procreation and property.

"Without these, life would be impossible," Al-Allaf said. "In fact, learning is a requirement or obligation for every Muslim. Anything that goes against the promotion of life, such as adultery and the drinking of alcohol, is prohibited and punishable."

However, even small things that promote growth and the survival of the whole, such as starting a business, are considered a religious act in Islamic law.

It is for this reason that the professor said with conviction ... it allows your own identity to play a part in it no matter where you are from."

Al-Allaf ended his lecture by then answering the question he posed at the start regarding the boat and the morality of killing 10 people to save 290.

Islamic law does not believe in the sacrificing of any life at

"To kill one life is the same as killing the whole human race," Al-Allaf said. "And to save one life is the same as saving the whole human race."

Because of this belief, it is considered immoral to kill the 10 people in order to save

The professor added even killing the 10 people might not

"You may throw the 10 people off and then have the problem again and have to throw 10 more off," Al-Allaf said.

Therefore, in Islamic terms, it is better that the 300 people die together or be saved together than to ever make the choice to kill.

Al-Allaf explained the Islamic religion has its place in any culture and does not exclude anyone.

"It isn't based on just one race," Al-Allaf said. "After all, there is only one race. We're all

race ... "

prevent harm.

"To kill one life is the same

as killing the whole human

The three types are accredited benefits, nullified benefits and unregulated benefits.

~Professor Mashhd Al-Allaf

Accredited benefits are those actions that people do to benefit the whole of society.

These things include learning and helping others; actions that promote life.

Nullified benefits are actions

Fall Festival offers pre-

LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The fall season is in bloom at SIUE and freshmen looking something to remind them of home need look Prairie further than Hall.

The annual Fall Festival be held Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

in the Prairie Hall lobby.

Although the event is a promotion Halloween-based the Prairie Haunted various House, activities will take place during the evening.

free There will be pumpkin painting or residents carve pumpkins

Supplies are limited and

available on a first-come, first- carve basis.

Also, students may bob for apples and enjoy candy and pumpkin pie.

Prairie Hall residents and their guests.

Resident advisers Lindsey Arnold, Lindsay Keppler and Sabrina Washington are in charge of events.

At the party, they will announce the winners of the door-decorating contest the hall is sponsoring.

The housing staff is trying The event is only open to to get residents into a social environment.

> "We're trying to bring residents out of their rooms and make sure they get involved in some form of campus life," Arnold said.

In addition, some people choose to participate in unsafe activities on Halloween and the housing staff is hoping to give residents positive activities to participate in.

"We're trying to provide alternative activities to meet and get to know each other, as opposed to students going off campus," Washington said.

Great Halloween parties take a little preparation

RHIANNON O' NEAL LIFESTYLES STRINGER

In grade school, the joy of Halloween came in the form of trick-or-treating.

In college, trick-or-treating is hardly an option.

But, just because the chance to get bags full of candy at neighbors' houses is not around anymore doesn't mean Halloween has to lose its magic.

In place of the grade school trick-or-treating comes the ultimate Halloween parties.

However, it is not possible to throw a spectacularly spooky Halloween party without planning and preparation.

For the college student with empty pockets, it can be difficult. But with the right mind-set and the right information, a successful Halloween party does not have to be impossible or expensive.

One cheap idea for students who want to watch their budget is to make their your own decorations.

Tombstones, cutout monsters wooden and caskets can all be made out coffins of cardboard boxes. wooden

For example, to make cardboard tombstones, simply cut out gravestone shapes from the boxes.

On the face of the tombstone, try writing a clever epitaph with names of all the guests who have been invited to the party.

For help in choosing good stretch further epitaphs, the Internet can be \$20, Baxter's has helpful.

Try visiting www.send4fun.com/epitaphs.htm for a place to start looking.

For students who do not have a collection of cardboard boxes lying around, some furniture stores are more than willing to sell their leftover boxes for a small fee or even give them away.

Another idea for Halloween parties is to use the gross-out factor.

For blindfolded guests, a bowl of spaghetti and meatballs, tapioca pudding or cheese wedges can become icky-feeling human organs, eyeballs and tongues.

Edible eyeballs can be made by slicing hard-boiled eggs into halves without the yolks.

Each half can be filled with cream cheese and an olive in the middle for an iris.

Veins can be drawn in the cream cheese with red food coloring.

An idea for a beverage is a floating hand in a dark red punch.

This idea is done by taking a latex glove, filling it with water and freezing it overnight.

The next morning it should be hard a n d truly hand-like.

Put the

hand in the blood-red punch and you have a fun Halloween beverage for a party.

Bob Baxter, of Baxter's party supply store in Alton, said it is really easy to throw a great, inexpensive

"There are lots of cheap ways to throw a party," Baxter said. "It's not the amount of money spent that makes a party fun."

One suggestion

B a x t e r
had was
items like
w o o d e n
c o f f i n s
skeletons and
stretchy spider
webs to make
parties fun.

These commodities are all available at Baxter's for less than \$20.

If a personal budget can stretch further than just \$20, Baxter's has more options to make a good party awesome.

"Black lights are usually a real hit with Halloween partygoers," Baxter said.

For added fun, black light paint can be purchased so guests can paint themselves and glow in the

dark

Baxter also suggested smoke and fog as an added touch

"It's not even necessary to go out and buy a smoke machine, though we do have those too," Baxter said. "If you can find dry ice somewhere, that works just as good and really sets the mood."

Other mood-setting options are black cats or pumpkin piñatas, skeleton- or pumpkin-stringed lights and spooky

All of these can be purchased at party theme stores at a relatively cheap price.

"Also bonfires go over really well if the party takes place outside," Baxter said. "Haunted hayrides and bobbing for apples all add to the fun as well"

But to have a real Halloween party, junior Jaclyn Negro said it does not take much effort; what makes a Halloween party great is simple.

"It's the costumes," Negro said. "You can't have a Halloween party without

two things:
Halloween
costumes and
candy."

Ask your guests to arrive in costume to make the mood fit and offer prizes to the winners of a costume contest.

The thought of winning a prize for dressing up might motivate guests to go the extra mile.

Baxter's has cheap costumes as well.

"We have costumes for rent for as little as \$15 from small things like poodle skirts for '50s-themed parties up to fullblown gorilla suits," Baxter's said

For more information about Baxter's party supply store, call 465-9347.

For more Halloween party ideas, the following Web sites offer some good ideas.

Better Homes and Gardens: www.bhg.com/home/Halloween-party-Ideas.html

Halloween Fabulous Foods:
www.fabulousfoods.com/holidays/halloween/halloween.ht
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www.entertaining.about.com/library/weekly/aa10080
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Prairie Hall gets ready to make students scream

NICOLE SHORT
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

The criminally insane have escaped in Prairie Hall.

Perhaps there really aren't lunatics living there, but members of the Prairie Hall

Council will don theater makeup and lab coats for their annual haunted house.

The theme this year will be an asylum for the criminally in sane. Construction began Sunday.

Mechanical
engineering
junior Kip Polley
will be helping
the Prairie Hall
Council.

Polley, termed
the "resident psycho"
by Prairie Hall Director
Scott Shields, has
provided makeup
and technical assistance for three
years.

This year's house boasts of being bigger and better than last year and will leave residents begging for mercy.

"This year we have twice the room, twice the money and twice the people that we've ever had," Polley said. "I think it's going to turn out much better than I could

ever have expected."

With a budget allotment of around \$300, new props and effects will be added to increase the scare factor for the house.

The Woodland Hall Council will also be working on the house in collaboration with Prairie Hall.

The ehaunted house will luse the multifunction room, learning resource room, lecture room and the hallway connecting the three rooms in Prairie Hall.

In addition
to the 30
resident
members of the
hall council, there
is expected to be 50
more volunteers
helping in the
construction effort.

With other Halloween events taking place beforehand, the Prairie Haunted House opens at 8 p.m. and lasts until 11 p.m. Wednesday.

Prairie Hall Council President Aaron Rickelman said he is looking forward to torturing visitors.

"I hope everyone comes out to the haunted house for a hell of a scare," Rickelman said.

Woodland Hall offers bonfire and activities

NICOLE SHORT
LIFESTYLES STRINGER

Students looking for an alternative to the haunted house at Prairie Hall can choose to go to the bonfire sponsored by the Woodland Hall Council.

roast hot dogs over the fire and make s'mores, as well as participate in a Halloween costume contest. Prizes will be offered for best costume.

While the costume contest will only be open to Woodland residents, all students are welcome at the

The event will bonfire.

Like many events taking place for Halloween, the eword and Hall Council is attempting to provide students on-campus recreation for the holiday

Wednesday, outside Woodland Hall.

It will be a prelude to the evening of events between Woodland and Prairie halls.

The Woodland Hall Council will be working with the resident assistants to put on the event.

Students will be able to

for the holiday and get students to meet new people.

"We just wanted to have something free for students on campus to get them to meet new people and have a good time," Woodland Hall Council President Diana Gravatt said.

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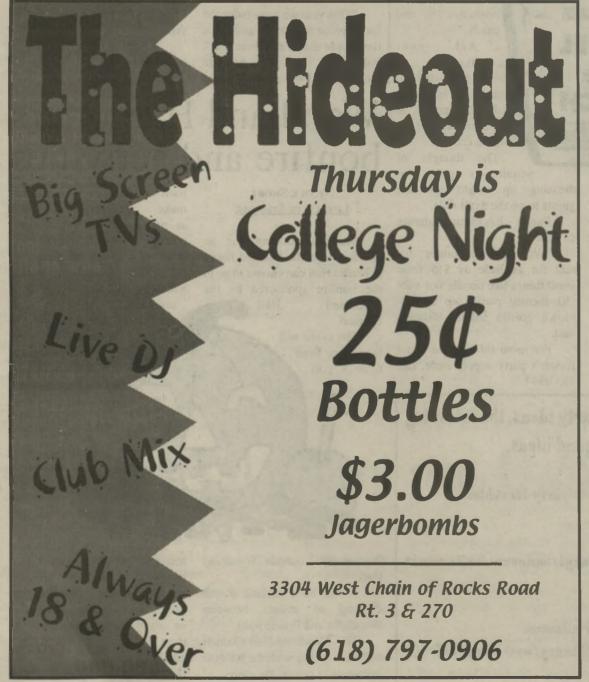
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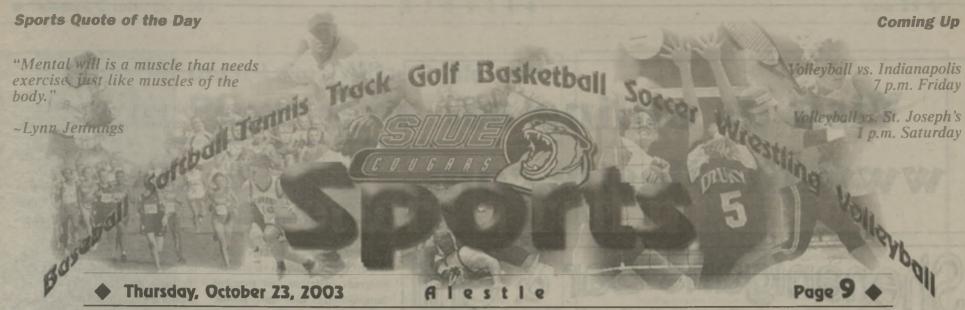
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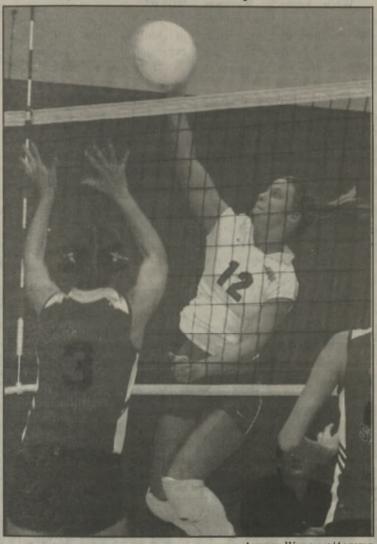
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Volleyball team stays focused



AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

Senior Allison Buss goes up for the kill during the Cougars' match against the University of Missouri-St. Louis Wednesday. Buss had 10 kills in the match and SIUE won 3-0.

HEATHER KLOTZ SPORTS EDITOR

With eight games left in the season, every game counts for the SIUE women's volleyball

The Cougars are ranked first in the Great Lakes Valley Conference green division with a record of 19-3 overall and 7-1 in the GLVC, but six conference games remain on the team's schedule.

"We have a tough remaining

schedule," head coach Todd Gober said. "Everybody has a tough schedule though. The conference race is starting to narrow down to a few teams.'

Assistant coach Melanie Mueller believes the team has the attitude necessary for success in the upcoming matches though.

"The team's attitude is really good right now," she said. "They are excited to go out and play and you can see that just by looking at them.."

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Women's golf rises to 14th in the nation

HEATHER KLOTZ SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUE women's golf team continues to be recognized for its first Great Lakes Valley Conference title.

The Cougars moved up in the final GolfStat rankings, rising to 14th in the nation among National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II schools.

The team's 325.50 scoring average is also good enough for a fourth-place ranking in the East

SIUE's team score of 301 in the first round of the GLVC Tournament is also the third best round in the nation this season.

Individually, the Cougars are also receiving recognition.

Kallie Harrison, GLVC see WOMEN'S GOLF, page 10

GLVC punishes Kentucky Wesleyan, Lewis

Both schools to vacate championships for use of ineligible athletes

TRAVIS ROSS **ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR**

The Great Lakes Valley Conference is putting its foot

conference The announced sanctions against the Kentucky Wesleyan College men's basketball team and the Lewis University women's track and field teams.

Both teams must vacate conference championships and all awards and honors for using ineligible student athletes.

Kentucky Wesleyan used two ineligible athletes last season while running away with the conference championship and finished second in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Tournament.

Lewis used the ineligible athlete from 2001 through 2003 and won the conference championship each

The GLVC also issued a public reprimand to Kentucky Wesleyan for failure to exercise reasonable control in its

certification of the eligibility

"Each of them are a different situation," Athletic Director Brad Hewitt said. "As for Kentucky Wesleyan, that's a very frustrating situation for our basketball coach, our athletes

"... the former coach manipulated the situation and knew what was happening...and that athlete was a dominant force in track and field."

> ~Bradley Hewitt SIUE athletic director

and even more for other conference schools that were second or third. The conference has made site visits and saw to it that hopefully this won't happen again."

Hewitt was even more disappointed at Lewis' use of an ineligible athlete.

"The Lewis case is very difficult because that is a case of human error." Hewitt said. "It's a situation where the former coach manipulated the situation and knew what was happening and went ahead and used the athlete, and that athlete was a dominant force in track and field. You take away those points and there is a big change in how the teams finish."

to GLVC According Commissioner Jim Naumovich, the conference began its investigation into Kentucky Wesleyan in Feb. 2003, while Lewis has been under an investigation for about the last

"I consider the Kentucky Wesleyan case to be closed, since the NCAA and GLVC have investigated the case and reached conclusions," Naumovich said. "In the case of Lewis, we are going to send a compliance team who will meet with various people in Lewis' system to see how they are checking its people. We hope to have a report back to see GLVC, page 10



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the league by January."

According to Naumovich, each team in the conference has to keep a close eye on what's happening in its own backyard.

"They have an obligation," Naumovich said. "If they are aware of a violation it is their job to report it and act upon. Every member institution is responsible for overseeing their own athletic program. We trust our member campuses that they have people overseeing eligibility and financial aid."

While Kentucky Wesleyan and Lewis have been saddled with penalties and reprimands, Hewitt said he doesn't see any problems of a similar nature in the future at SIUE.

"We are scheduled to have a compliance review by the NCAA next June, and that is something that is offered free of charge." Hewitt said. "Their actions (Kentucky Wesleyan and Lewis) don't give us enough reason to conduct an external audit. We are doing it to see how we can improve our academic monitoring and communication

with the NCAA. Compliance is something taken seriously at this university for many years."

According to Naumovich, all of the discussions surrounding Kentucky Wesleyan and Lewis might slow down the conference's plans to add another

"We have been discussing it," Naumovich said. "I think the feeling of the council of presidents is that before we look into conference expansion we need to get our house in order a little bit."

Hewitt said any slow down in looking into conference expansion won't be a long one.

"I think that it has an affect on our conference expansion issues," Hewitt said. "I don't think it will slow us down much other than we might have some issues to resolve in the conference. We want to make sure that we are expanding for the right reasons and for the good of the conference. When we have consensus from the conference for expansion, I'm sure we will take it," Hewitt said.

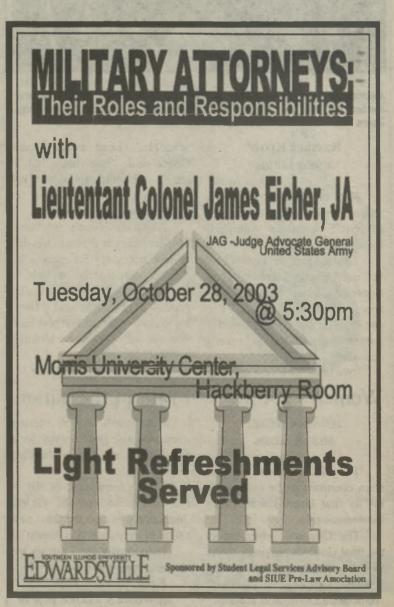
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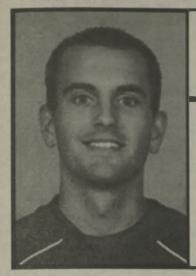
20th in the nation and sixth in the region with a 78.80 scoring

Harrison also has the lowest scoring average among freshman nationally.

Senior Katie Farrell's 81.50 scoring average places her 15th

Freshman of the Year, is ranked in the nation. Senior Kacy Gruenkemeyer, winner of last year's GLVC Individual Title, finished 20th in the region with a scoring average of 82.60. Senior Brittany Auld also ranked well for the Cougars. Auld's scoring average of 83.90 ranked her 29th in the region





Player of the Week

Senior soccer player Cal Thomas has been named the Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Week.

Thomas was recognized for his outstanding play in the team's last three games, helping the Cougars to a 13-2 record and a first-place standing in the GLVC.

He scored both goals in the

Cougars' 2-1 victory over GLVC-rival Southern Indiana University.

He also scored a goal in SIUE's 4-0 victory against Rockhurst and recorded an assist in a 5-0 win over Kentucky Wesleyan. Thomas leads the GLVC in scoring with 12 goals and five assists this year.

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VOLLEYBALL

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The Cougars, coming off a 3-0 win over University of Missouri-St. Louis Wednesday, Oct. 15, took on Washington University Wednesday.

Due to the lateness of the game, the scores were unavailable at press time.

Earlier in the week, when discussing the Cougar's match against Washington University,

ranked #2 in the nation in National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III, Mueller believed the team was ready to

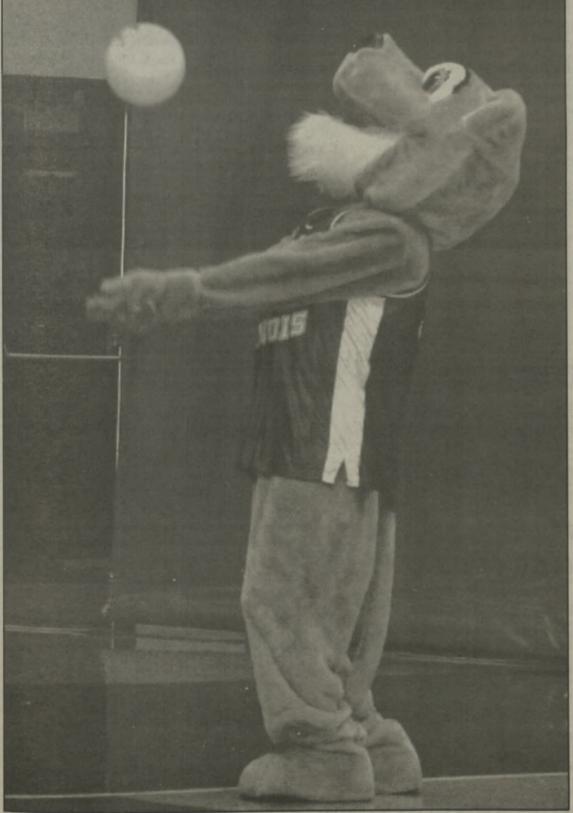
"Washington University is a very tough team and will be a good match for us," she said. "They are a high profile team that is ranked very high in their division, so we are not

overlooking them. The team will go out ready to play."

Mueller is also expecting a tough match in the Cougars' next GLVC match-up Friday against Indianapolis University, 8-2 in the GLVC blue division.

"Indianapolis is right up there in our conference, so it will be a tough match," she said. "But I think the team is ready."





AUBREY WILLIAMS/ALESTLE

The SIUE Cougar mascot juggles a ball testing his volleyball skills at the volleyball team's game against the University of Missouri-St. Louis Wednesday.



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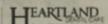
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