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Staph infection risks pose health concerns

by Maggie Willis

Alestle News Reporter

Three athletes were recently banned from competing in an upcoming event until cleared by physicians, according to Health Services Director Riane Greenwalt.

These athletes were three of several students diagnosed with a skin infection. However, these three cases are being looked at much more closely than the others.

"There are three people that we have sent cultures off on," Greenwalt said. "Once we got the sample, they were placed on antibiotic therapy."

While the test results will not be known until sometime later this week, Greenwalt said that "one of the possible diagnoses could be MRSA."

According to www.WebMD.com, MRSA, or methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus, is a "rapidly spreading drug-resistant" type of staph infection.

Health Services Head Nurse Sue Grimes clarified the current status of the investigation.

"As far as Health Services is concerned, we have no confirmed cases (of MRSA) at this time," Grimes said. "I just want to make it clear that it is unconfirmed."

MRSA first appeared in

hospitals and healthcare facilities, which put patients with already weakened immune systems at risk for more severe illness. However, a community variety appeared sometime after the 1990s.

The Centers for Disease Control has investigated the appearance of this community variety of MRSA among groups with a lot of physical contact, such as athletes, prisoners and military personnel.

WebMD.com said this variety is especially a cause for concern because it has the potential to become a "flesh-eating bacteria." Because the infection could turn much worse and is highly contagious, any cluster or outbreak of MRSA must be reported to the county's corresponding health department.

Madison County Health Department Personal Health Services Manager Debbie Knoll contacted SIUE's Health Services in an attempt to verify the possible existence of MRSA on campus.

At first, Health Services told Knoll they did not have any cases of MRSA.

However, "they called back and said they were investigating several cases," Knoll said.

The cases being investigated may or may not be related to an

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'Date rape' drug ruled cause of 2002 death

by Catherine Klene

Alestle News Reporter

In April 2002, SIUE student Tressa Gross became the victim of gamma-hydroxybutyric acid, also known as GHB, a "date rape" drug. Four years later, St. Louis resident John Berger has been charged with Gross' death.

According to the Eastern District of Missouri's Public Affairs officer Jan Diltz, Berger "has been charged with numerous offenses" regarding the distribution of GHB.

On April 7, 2002, Gross and some friends attended a party at a private apartment after going to various nightclubs in the St. Louis area. During the party, Gross unknowingly ingested GHB. She died later that night.

Gross was a mass communications major. She was

completing her final semester when she died.

Diltz said that Berger turned himself in to St. Louis Metropolitan Police Oct. 30. A federal grand jury indicted Berger on multiple charges regarding possession of GHB, including one felony count of distribution with death as a result.

According to Diltz, there is no trial date set yet.

If convicted, Berger faces 20 years to life in prison with a possible \$4 million in fines.

SIUE Police Sgt. Justin Lieberman offered more information regarding GHB.

"(GHB) is a central nervous system depressant," Lieberman said. "It is most often a clear liquid, but it can be a white tablet, powder or capsule."

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Andy Rathnow/Alestle

Student Body President Carl B. Mitchell listens to a student's question during the Student Senate meeting Friday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

Raising their voices

Student concerns draw larger-than-normal audience at senate meeting

by Holly Meyer
Alestle News Stringer

During the open forum section of Friday's Student Senate meeting, seven SIUE students aired their dissent and support for the senate's approval of the budget for a student leadership conference.

The issue drew one of the largest audiences a Student Senate meeting has drawn so far this semester, and spurred a heated debate between the students and the senators.

Sophomore Keigh-Cee Welsh asked the senate why they approved \$11,000 to attend a student leadership conference in Florida when there were closer and more affordable conferences available.

Senator Holly Glover said there was not a majority of the senators who were interested in attending the conference in St. Louis, so the budget was not tabled until the following meeting. By the next senate meeting, the registration deadlines for the St. Louis and the Chicago conferences had both passed, leaving Florida as the last option.

However, Glover said Student Government will not be attending the Florida conference. Instead, they will be going to a conference in

Portland, Ore. The registration price for the conference is \$70 per student, and the total trip will cost approximately as much as the St. Louis conference.

"We are going to be saving about \$4,000," Glover said.

Welsh expressed concerns about whether or not the senators attending the conference would be utilizing the experience to benefit the student body, or would they be treating it as a vacation and party opportunity.

"You are going to get out of the trip what you put in it," Senator Brandon Rardin said.

Senator Laurie Estilette said that because some senators do not show effort toward their senatorial duties on campus, she questioned why should they be expected to show effort at the conference.

"Why should we believe they will put forth any effort (at the conference), when we sometimes don't see that here while we are on campus," Estilette said.

Sophomore Heather James approached the senate and asked them to hold an informational session for the student body after they return from the leadership conference. At the session, the senators would be able to tell the student body exactly how they benefited from

the conference.

Senior Brian Collins defended the senate by asking students to understand the senators' perspectives on the budget.

"Put yourself in their place," Collins said. "It's not always easy."

Despite the controversy, Student Body President Carl B. Mitchell is pleased that students are showing interest in what is happening at SIUE.

"I just hope it increases," Mitchell said.

Also during Friday's meeting, guest speaker SJ Morrison from Madison County Transit discussed potential solutions to the problem of students having to wait for the Cougar Shuttle. There have been complaints that students are being left behind due to buses filling up before they even reach the 400-side of Cougar Village. According to Morrison, one of the options is to alternate the trips of the two buses that run the shuttle route. The first bus would go first to the 500 side of Cougar Village and then to the 400 side. The second bus would go straight to the 400 side and then to the 500 side.

"Overflows only occur about three or four trips a day,"

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Board of trustees to discuss parking lot proposal Thursday

by Kevin Eagan
Alestle News Stringer

The Southern Illinois University board of trustees plans to review a proposal for a new parking lot on the north side of campus.

If approved, the new parking lot would add approximately 350 parking spaces and would be paid for by parking and traffic revenues. The project is projected to be completed by fall 2007 and will cost an estimated \$650,000.

The site proposed for the

project is located north of the Vadalabene Center on Circle Drive.

According to the board of trustees agenda, the proposal comes after SIUE Police conducted a census of parking availability at the beginning of the fall 2006 semester. They found that there were numerous instances in which there were no vacant parking spaces. Temporary parking areas in nearby fields were used to accommodate student drivers.

"There is a continued high

demand to add to the current parking facilities to accommodate the increase in undergraduate student population and the high percentage of students who own or have access to a vehicle," the board of trustees agenda said.

The board of trustees will meet for their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday in the Conference Center of the Morris University Center.

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Chancellor hosts open talks today

Alestle News Staff Report

Students, faculty, staff and the SIUE community can voice their input at Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift's open forum.

The open talks take place at 9 a.m. Tuesday at the Morris University Center's Maple-Dogwood Room and will last at least an hour.

Executive assistant Kim Durr said the forum is an opportunity for people to speak

their minds on campus issues.

"(They) are encouraged to voice their questions and concerns," Durr said.

Durr added that the chancellor opens up the forum with a 15 to-20-minute speech about where the university stands in terms of current events. Then he lets attendees ask questions and give opinions on the events.

According to Durr, Vandegrift has already run an open forum this semester - Oct.

5 at the Auto Shop in Transportation Services. She said he discussed residence halls opening up for the summer as well as the Broadview Hotel in East St. Louis, which is university property.

The next forum will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in Hoag Hall at the School of Dental Medicine in Alton.

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Police Reports

Traffic

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Police issued Vera Williams a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

Police arrested Timothy Mims for driving with a suspended license on South Circle Drive.

Police issued Wayman L. DeClue a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

Campus Scanner

Midnight Masquerade: Enjoy appetizers and cake while dancing the night away. Join the Sexual Orientation Transgender Association at their formal from 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Glen Carbon American Legion. Tickets are available 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Morris University Center Information Desk for \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Each ticket includes a free mask and photo. For more information, e-mail SOTA@sotasiue2006@hotmail.com.

Basketball official's clinic: Like sports and need a job? Learn how to be a sports official during a free clinic from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. No prior experience is required. For more information, contact Richard at 650-3245 or visit siue.edu/CREC/jobdescriptions.html.

Mexica Exhibition: See Mexico through the eyes of students and faculty from the Mexico 2006 Study Abroad Experience. View the artwork anytime in the Art and Design Building's New Wagner Gallery until Friday, Nov. 17. For more information, call 650-3071.

Taste of Culture: Explore world cultures without ever leaving campus. Experience different culture's dance and music, play trivia and eat free food from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. For more information, contact Ankur Patel at ankpate@siue.edu or Michelle Charbonnier at mcharbo@siue.edu.

SIUE Women's Basketball: Show your support for the SIUE women's basketball team as they play University of Illinois-Springfield from 5:30 to 7:30

p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, in the Vadalabene Center. Cheer them on again as they face Fontbonne University from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18. For more information, go to siue.edu/ATHLETIC/.

Workshop on APA Citation Style for Beginners: Learn how to correctly cite information and format papers in APA citation style from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15, in Peck Hall, Room 1412. For more information, go to siue.edu/IS/WRTING/workshops.htm.

Livewire: Check out local bands from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. For more information, contact S. Bernal at sbernal@siue.edu or Michelle Charbonnier at mcharbo@siue.edu.

SIUE Wrestling: Cheer on the SIUE wrestling team as they compete against Missouri Baptist University from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in the Vadalabene Center. For more information, go to siue.edu/ATHLETIC/.

Ebony and Ivory: View step routines by Greek Chapters from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16, in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. Tickets are available at the MUC's Information Center or at the door. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, contact John Davenport at jdavenp@siue.edu.

SIUE Men's Basketball: The SIUE men's basketball team faces Harris Stowe State University from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, in the Vadalabene Center. For more information, go to siue.edu/ATHLETIC/.

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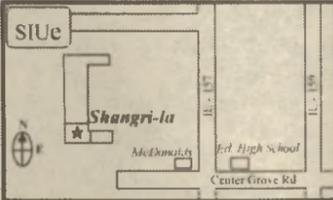


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Opening eyes



Katy Hartwig/Alestle

Pam Lippert reads a letter tucked into a boot at Monday's "Eyes Wide Open" demonstration in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. The event, presented by historical studies professor Steve Tamari, featured over 100 pairs of military boots to signify deaths in Iraq. For an exclusive article, visit www.thealestle.com.

SENATE

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Morrison said.

The company does not plan to add buses or drivers to the route.

The other guest speaker, Joe Wright from RideFinders, presented the senate with information about his organization.

According to Wright, RideFinders is a free ride-

matching service. They help people contact others whose schedules would allow them to car pool together.

In addition, the senate approved constitution reviews for the Graduate Student Social Work Association and the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

The senate also approved the

personnel appointment of Amy Donaldson to the Committee of Higher Administrator Performance Appraisal.

The next Student Senate meeting takes place at 8 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 16 at the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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alleged outbreak of staph infection in the wrestling team. This possible outbreak allegedly caused school authorities to close off the athletic weight-lifting room. As to whether or not any members of the wrestling team are being investigated for MRSA, Health Services is not saying.

"I can't give that information out," Grimes said.

Apparently, neither can the athletes. One anonymous athlete declined to give any information out because his coach advised against it.

Without any verifiable information on this alleged outbreak of staph infection, rumors abound. One rumor, however, has been dispelled.

When asked to verify any type of quarantine of the wrestling team, Greenwalt said, "that's completely wrong. Nobody's been quarantined."

Until the existence or nonexistence of MRSA on campus has been confirmed, Greenwalt encourages practices of good hygiene for prevention.

"Everyone should wash their hands frequently with water and plenty of soap," Greenwalt said.

For more ways to protect against contracting MRSA, the CDC Web site says to keep cuts and scrapes covered, avoid contact with others' wounds or bandages and avoid sharing items like towels or razors to help prevent staph or MRSA skin

infections.

The Web site also says to look out for signs of MRSA which include "skin infections that may look like a pimple or a boil and can be red, swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage," many times occurring in otherwise healthy people.

"If anyone is concerned with any abnormalities in their skin, they should call our office and schedule an appointment," Greenwalt said. "If not with us, then with their primary care physician."

For more information, contact Greenwalt at 650-2852.

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GHB

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The drug can be most dangerous in its liquid form, Lieberman said. It is colorless, odorless and slightly salty, making it difficult to detect in a drink.

Effects of GHB include increased energy, muscle relaxation, loss of inhibitions,

sensuality and a desire to socialize.

According to Lieberman, low doses of GHB produce an effect similar to drunkenness. He added that sometimes people will choose GHB over alcohol because it provides the same relaxed feelings without the

added calories of alcohol.

GHB is often used in higher doses as a date rape drug because it can cause hallucinations and blackouts. Very high doses lead to a slowed heart rate and death.

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Today's siren test to feature 'all clear' signal

by Maggie Willis
Alestle News Reporter

The sound of a warbling tornado siren fills the ears of students and faculty as they hurriedly find their way to shelter in the basements of core campus buildings.

Then, huddled in the basement hallways, they wait and wait. Then they wait some more until finally someone comes to give them the "All Clear" signal.

Facilities Management Director Bob Washburn is working to avoid the above scenario by installing a system to announce "All Clear" after a storm warning in the basement hallways of core campus buildings.

"This is being done to

address the problem that while a siren sounds to tell you to take cover, we have not had a workable system to announce when it was safe to leave the basement," Washburn said.

The new system will let SIUE Police inform individual buildings or the whole campus of the situation's status, using either the "All Clear" signal or an extension of the storm warning's length.

At 9:45 a.m. Tuesday, shortly before the monthly storm siren and fire alarm tests, the new system will be tested, accompanied by a short message on the speakers saying, "This is a test."

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Glitches cause problems on campus network

Alestle News Staff Report

As of 11:30 a.m. Monday, the Illinois Century Network has worked on fixing access glitches to the campus network.

SIUE's Internet provider is looking to rid the local network of "intermittent and inconsistent problems" when signing on at a computer, according to an e-mail sent to all the university users.

The Office of Information Technology said Monday that no other details were available.

The e-mail added that no

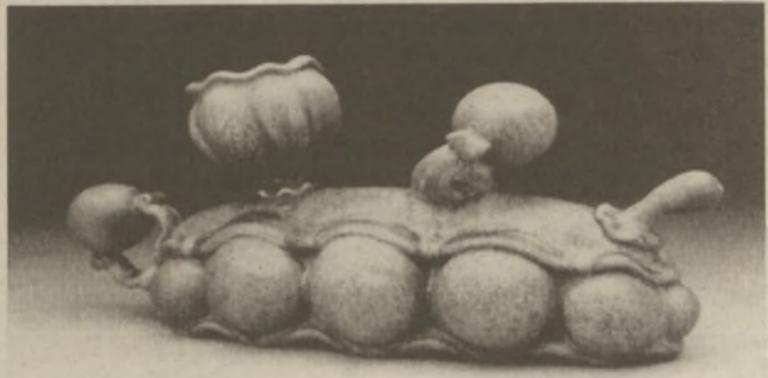
timetable was set to bring back the Internet for users who were affected.

However, others looking to access Blackboard, iPlanet and Webmail will not have any issues since the servers were unscathed.

OIT Office Manager Jill Yates said to help solve the problem in the future the service looks to launch a backup program during the spring semester.

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Student proposes solution to Cougar Village alcohol issue

Before I begin, I would like to make myself clear, that in no way am I demeaning the Campus Police or the Edwardsville Police Department. I am just a student speaking out on a concern that I have, and that many others might have, but refuse to raise their voice. Also, with the lack of statistical information in the following writing, I hope that the students as well as administration take me seriously. The consensus of just one apartment located in Cougar Village is as follows: "SIUE is a DUI/DWI trap, with only one exit and/or one entrance to and from Cougar Village, you become an easy target."

Alright, first aspect to consider is that yes, we are all college students. With a student population steadily reaching 15,000 it is obvious that some of us are of legal drinking age. The easiest solution? Do not drink alcoholic beverages. Yes, good in theory, but try to explain that to the many alcoholic beverage consumers that live on campus. My problem is this: if we drink, let's say at Shenanigans or Stagger, we must enter Cougar Village via Cougar Lake Road. That is problem number one; there is no way around the campus police that park in the parking lot across from the volleyball courts in Cougar Village. I speak only for Cougar Village because the occurrence of drinking is a higher ratio in the small community, rather than that of Prairie Hall and other dormitories where drinking is not allowed.

The second aspect to understand is that drunk drivers should not be on the road. However, there must be a plan – which I will unravel momentarily – to help the students who need or want to drink on special days such as St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, Halloween, the end of midterms or final exams. We all need our time to relax

and have a good time.

"Just don't go to Cougar Village after the bar." Well this seems like a very understandable argument, except for the fact that for some, this is our home. Let me ask the good students of SIUE this question, if you were to go drink late into the evening and decided to leave, where would you go? Would you go rent a hotel room? Would you stay at a friend's house? Would you just sleep in your car? The answer is no. Everyone wants their warm bed, their familiar bed and the comfort of a familiar environment.

The plan I have is simple, a taxi service. If I am not mistaken, neither the city of Edwardsville, nor the SIUE campus, excluding the MCT system, have this commodity. If a taxi service were to be available, or the campus were to render us this service, it would cut down on drunk driving problems, put more money into the student's pockets and save ourselves from our parents' rage. I understand that the campus police probably receive their salaries from the stupidity of the SIUE students, including parking citations – we will leave that argument for another editorial – seat belt tickets and drunk driving tickets. But, the administration as well as the city of Edwardsville has to compare these two thoughts: Pay the salaries of police officers via DUI/DWI tickets or allow their students warranted freedoms and a safe ride home.

This plan must get cooperation from the SIUE administration and the community of Edwardsville. Also, if this plan is not the most applicable one, I urge the administration to write back, or for the students to give us your ideas.

Nathan Biggerstaff
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'Life lesson' classes provide practicality

It would be nice to take a couple classes during college that do not involve math problems or remembering what year something happened. However, whatever class is being taken, it should be an asset to a student's future.

This idea brings up the problem with some of the electives offered here on campus. When it comes time to register, some of the quickest classes to be filled up are the walking, running and volleyball type classes offered at the Vadalabene Center.

Letter to the Editor

Students are trying their hardest to be enrolled in classes that help them learn how to walk better instead of trying to get into a class that will enrich their knowledge of the world around them. SIUE needs to consider having better options for students who need to fill up their credit hours.

Currently, a domestic violence course is being offered by the Social Work Department. Kellene Hamilton is teaching the course, and, as of right now, it is only offered as an elective for social work majors. However, this course has nothing but great knowledge to offer students. There are numerous guest speakers throughout the semester, ranging from the campus police to an actual victim who is willing to tell her story. At some point in the semester, most students cannot help but relate a story told in class to a friend, family member or maybe even him or herself.

If more people would take classes like domestic violence and fewer like walking and jogging, the campus, as a whole, would be better informed about situations going on right in front of our eyes.

Although all the ideas presented sound great, there are many issues to think about before these classes can be offered.

For more students to get involved in these classes, more classes need to be offered. This process would involve hiring more teachers. Hiring these teachers would cost extra money, but it would greatly benefit the students. Students can take time out of their day to go for a walk without taking a class for it; however, students will probably rarely get the opportunity to be informed so thoroughly about domestic violence and how it affects them personally.

Perhaps some students do not want to take a class like domestic violence. However, there are many other courses that can improve a student's knowledge of the world around them other than domestic violence.

Other options for "life lesson"-type classes might include sex education, self defense or money budgeting classes. These classes should not be taken to just fill up credit hours; they should be taken to learn more about life experiences. This idea of adding new classes can only be effective if students are willing to take the courses and willing to help make the courses available.

If enough students make it known that they would like more options for electives, then something can easily be done. Yes, it will take some time, but the benefits certainly outweigh the costs.

Kacie Bendtsen
Junior
Social Work



Where are all the voters?

Young voters are not flocking to the polls

by Matthew Schroyer
Alestle Lifestyles Reporter

More than half of American voters over the age of 30 voted in the 2002 midterm election.

Less than a quarter of American voters between 18 and 29 showed up on the same day.

The numbers, which come from the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, make a statement: young America simply is not voting.

While the statistics from CIRCLE show younger Americans are less apt to vote, it also shows another trend: the more education a voter has, the more likely he or she will vote. Nearly 40 percent of Americans between 18 and 29 with a bachelor's degree or more voted as compared to the 16 percent that only had a high school education.

All Americans at least 18 years of age were given the right to vote in 1971 when the 26th Amendment was passed. However, a majority of college students still do not exercise that power in midterm elections.

A contributing factor of low turnout is a general lack of interest, according to political science professor Maruice Mangum. Students simply may not care about issues candidates debate and candidates may ignore issues that directly affect the American college student.

"Most students don't see or think there is a connection to their lives," Mangum said.

Although a candidate may occasionally go after the young vote, it is not a common practice, according to Mangum. If a candidate seeks the young vote, it is typically to tip the balance in an otherwise tight race, he said. Congressional candidates and presidential candidates may seek young voters to different degrees as well.

"I would think (congressional candidates) are more likely to go for the youth vote than the presidential candidate," Mangum said.

Voter turnout among young Americans is on the rise. Mangum partly contributes the increase to organizations like the now-defunct Citizen Change, which adopted the "Vote or Die" slogan and MTV's "Rock the Vote" campaign. Mangum said "Rock the Vote" has been "lampooned" in the past, but it's not so much a laughing matter anymore. "Rock the Vote" claims to have registered 1.4 million voters in the 2004 presidential election.

"MTV is doing a more effective job than before," Mangum said, "Now they're working."

Political science professor Andrew

"Most students don't see or think there is a connection to their lives."

-Maruice Mangum,
political science professor

Theising said there is more to low voter turnout than apathy. Theising said some young voters are not sure about choosing a candidate, mostly because they may be attempting to decide on a political stance.

"(It is) driven by the fact that young people's interests are not fully defined," Theising said.

Voter turnout for presidential and midterm elections differ, however. CIRCLE reported youth voter turnout for the 2004 presidential election was nearly 47 percent, a full 25 percent more than the 2002 midterm. CIRCLE reported voter turnout for the presidential race is normally higher than in midterm elections.

Rachel Ernst, a civil engineering student, said she voted for the 2004 presidential election, but does not plan on voting in the midterm election. Ernst said she did not feel comfortable voting because she is not familiar with the candidates.

"I don't feel like I would be making an educated decision," Ernst said.

Ernst said she thinks students should care more about politics, but the busy life of a college student does not offer an easy chance at voting, and many times the issues may not affect them.

"Most of the time, it doesn't affect a college student personally, unless you have a brother in Iraq," Ernst said.

Likewise, mass communications major Kara Robinson voted in the 2004 presidential race, but will not participate in the midterm. Robinson's reasons for not voting are different than Ernst's, however.

"It's more of a popularity contest than anything," Robinson said.

Robinson said she is tired of political mudslinging, and will not participate in the election because of it.

"I think the commercials they have are really ridiculous," Robinson said.

Midterm election or not, one organization trying to increase young voter turnout is the SIUE "Feel the Beat, Get out the Vote" campaign, which began with a voter registration rally Sept. 19. Graduate assistant Leah Orwig said there is more to it than registering, though.

"Nationally, the statistics show we register, but we don't always vote," Orwig said.

Since Sept. 19, "Get out the Vote" has held events like "Rally Reflection," where students discussed how politicians can be influenced by popular vote and held accountable for campaign promises. "Get out the Vote" also hosted

documentaries like "Street Fight," an Oscar-Nominated film on a controversial and racially charged race for New Jersey governor.

In one meeting, a Madison County Clerk visited with students and familiarized them with the Madison County ballot and the new electronic voting machines.

On Tuesday, "Get out the Vote" will be handing out red, white and blue suckers to students who vote. Orwig said it's at least a start to get students politically

motivated.

"Everybody's got to start somewhere," Orwig said. "These things affect every part of our lives."

As another start to political activism, Theising suggests students find individual interests and build up knowledge. Finding candidates that represent those interests, Theising said, is the next step. The issues that are presented to a candidate are the ones likely to be noticed, according to Theising.

"It's truly a cause where the squeaky wheel gets the grease," Theising said.

Theising also recommends voting on Election Day.

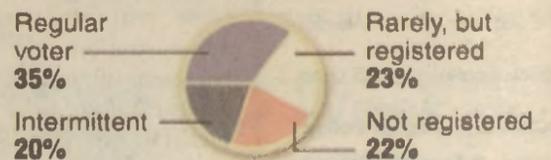
"We are governed by those who show up." Theising said. "Democracy will work whether young people show up or not."

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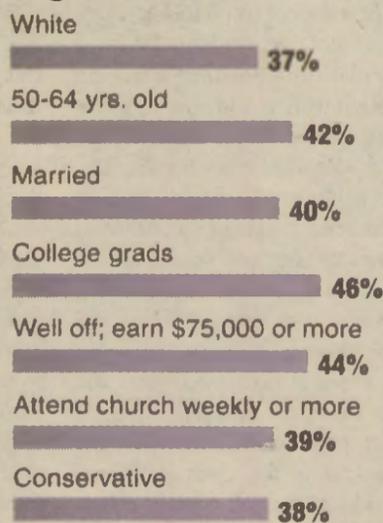
Who votes, who doesn't

About one-third of U.S. adults say they vote regularly; how they compare to those who aren't registered:

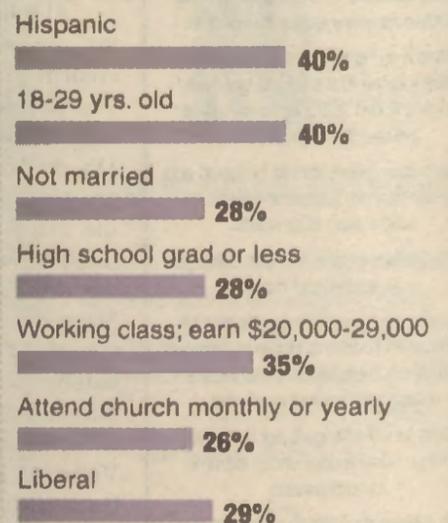
How often people vote



Regular voters are



Non-voters* are



Attitudes

Percent who agree with the statement	Regular voter	Non-voter*
Duty as citizen to always vote	88%	39%
Voting doesn't change things	13%	33%
Issues in Washington don't affect me	15%	27%
Difficult getting to polls	9%	30%

Why non-voters don't register

No time; just haven't done it	19%
Recently moved	17%
Don't care about politics	14%

Source: Pew Research Center poll of 1,804 adults, Sept. 21-Oct. 4, 2006; margin of error: +/- 3 percentage points

*Not registered
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Charts showing a statistical breakdown of who votes and who does not vote in U.S. elections.

Say What?

Do you plan to vote?



Jonathan Long

freshman,
pharmacy Yes
 No

“I plan on voting because I believe that collectively, every vote counts and makes some type of difference.”



Dallas Basinger

senior,
biology

Yes
 No

“I already have voted absentee - I've always voted and I feel if you don't vote, you don't have a right to voice your opinion on decisions being made.”



Shelly Mellendorf

sophomore,
nursing Yes
 No

“I won't be able to [vote], but I haven't had the chance to get an absentee ballot.”



Jon Brecht

freshman,
computer management
and information systems

Yes
 No

“Hell no. I don't know anything that's going on right now.”



David Aye

freshman,
English Yes
 No

“I haven't planned for it, but I am registered. I'll probably vote if I learn more about it.”



Matt Woods

senior,
chemistry Yes
 No

“The elections? What elections?”

Black Saturday for SIUE

Men's soccer falls 3-2 to NKU in overtime at regional title game

by Marty Jenkins
Alestle Sports Reporter

The season came to an end Saturday night for the No. 6-ranked SIUE men's soccer team as it was upended in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Championship.

The Cougars, who finished the season with a record of 15-4-3, were shot down by an upstart Northern Kentucky University team 3-2 in an overtime thriller at Korte Stadium.

The No. 14-ranked Norse, who have a record of 16-2-3, will advance to the National Quarterfinals to face Lincoln Memorial.

SIUE Head Coach Ed Huneke commented on the senior class.

"I have to give a lot of recognition to the senior class which is probably the best class I've had during my time here," Huneke said. "You look at the success they've had over the past four years and with all of their experience and talent it is too bad we couldn't have gone any

further this year."

Freshman forward Kevin Bielicki is also going to miss the senior class.

"There were a lot of key players who were seniors and we are going to miss them very much," Bielicki said. "Even the seniors who weren't starters were leaders on this team and we are going to miss them a lot."

The game was very intense and back and forth all night but the Cougars could never manage to grab the lead.

The first goal of the game was scored by Tony Capurro in the 29th minute. The Northern Kentucky forward netted the unassisted goal from 10 yards out.

SIUE immediately struck back four minutes later on a quick restart goal by senior midfielder John Matthews. Senior midfielder Victor Pacheco provided the assist on the play.

Less than three minutes later, Capurro struck again with an unassisted goal. The goal was from 25 yards out on a restart play.

The Norse took a 2-1 lead into halftime.

Twenty-five minutes into the second half, SIUE struck again with a goal by Pacheco. Pacheco hooked in a corner kick that was deflected to even the score at two.

That would remain the score as the teams headed into overtime. Two minutes and 42 seconds into overtime, Braden Bishop scored the game winner for the Norse.

Bishop was barely able to get his head on a long pass from Dan Impellizzeri to kick in the game winner from 1 yard out.

SIUE outshot Northern Kentucky 10 to 9 in the match and junior goalkeeper Greg Crook had two saves for SIUE.

The Cougars' 12-game winning streak came to an end and they finished the year with four losses.

Unfortunately, the loss also means SIUE will have to bid farewell to the seniors on the squad.

Besides Matthews and Pacheco, SIUE will be saying goodbye to forward Mike Banner, defenseman Mike Zaegel, forward Chris Johnson, defenseman Kevin Thibodeau, and goalie Pat Kelly.

Four Cougars were able to crack the all-tournament team for the Great Lakes Region.

The players are as followed: Thibodeau, Zaegel, sophomore



Pete Ridens/Alestle

SIUE freshman forward Dustin Attarian is tripped up from behind by a defender during the Cougars' 3-2 overtime loss to Northern Kentucky University in the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament Championship game Saturday at Korte Stadium.

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Volleyball readies for regionals after tough loss against Lewis

by Matthew Bruce
Alestle Sports Editor

The No. 13 SIUE volleyball team will be the No. 3 seed at the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Tournament, which begins Thursday at the home of No. 3 Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Mich.

The Cougars will take on sixth-seeded Michigan Tech University in the first round at noon Thursday.

"We have a lot of work to do. We're starting from scratch against them," SIUE Head Coach Todd Gober said. "When you get into the regionals, you don't have a whole lot of time to prepare. Most of it's going to boil down to our side of the net."

SIUE is coming off a 30-27, 18-30, 24-30, 30-25, 15-13 loss to Lewis University in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament championship game Saturday at the Vadalabene

Center.

"It's killing me," Gober said after the match. "This loss is killing me personally just because our team worked hard. We put in the effort to deserve it."

It was the Flyers' first GLVC title since 1992 as they improved to 25-5 overall for the season and snapped SIUE's 18-match conference winning streak.

No. 3-seeded Lewis advanced to the title match on the heels of another hotly contested five-set victory, knocking off No. 19 Rockhurst University, the No. 2-seed in the tournament, 30-21, 20-30, 30-21, 14-30, 15-11 Friday night in the semifinals. The wins were enough to earn Lewis a bid in the NCAA Tournament as a No. 7 seed.

"The last two wins were huge. We took a lot of teams down," Lewis Head Coach Dan Friend said after Saturday's win. "This was a great match for us.



Pete Ridens/Alestle

SIUE sophomore outside hitter Emily Rahn is nursed by a trainer after suffering a second-degree foot sprain in the first set of the Cougars' win over the University of Indianapolis Friday night at the Vadalabene Center.

We're riding a high right now. We're playing well and playing on a lot of emotions. We're getting a few breaks and playing hard at the same time, which is making

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Cougar runners stumble at regionals

Alestle Staff Report

better.

The SIUE men and women's cross country teams had an uphill battle at the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Championships Saturday at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in Kenosha, Wis.

The women's team ran to a 20th place finish, racking up a total of 124 minutes, 19.5 seconds between its five runners to finish with 498 points.

Grand Valley State University won the six kilometer race to capture the regional title with a mark of 110:55.5, finishing with 47 points. UW-Parkside took second with 91 points and Findlay rounded out the top three at 136.

Freshman Kayla Brown led the Cougars with a time of 23:14.3 to finish 34th overall.

Brown's time placed her at second overall on the freshman six-kilometer list for SIUE performances. Only Carrie Carducci's run of 23:10 at the Great Lakes Valley Conference Championships in 2000 is

Junior Kelly Flounders was the only other Cougar to break the top 100, coming in at 24:12.9 to place 69th.

SIUE freshman Heather Hackel finished at 25:05.5 for 116th, sophomore Stacey Briggs took 134th at 25:42.5 and junior Sam Christie rounded it out for the Cougars at 26:04.4.

The men finished 10th out of 23 schools as a team, racking up 294 points with an overall time of 171:00.7.

GVSU topped the field on the men's side with a mark of 161:07.1 and 36 points.

Wayne State and Saginaw Valley finished second and third, respectively with marks of 60 and 119.

Junior Erik Steffens ran to a 22nd place finish in the 10-kilometer race with a time of 33:12.4.

Senior teammate Justin Crain crossed the line at 33:40.8 to place 49th. Sophomore Kyle Cameron broke the top 50,

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Men's bowling club strikes with an early season stroke of success

by Mallory Hensley
Alestle Sports Stringer

The SIUE Men's Bowling Club is back in action, out to redeem itself after being 16 pins shy of advancing to the national tournament last season.

Fueled by promising showings at their first three tournaments of the 2006-2007 season, the Cougars have high hopes for the rest of the year.

Over the weekend, SIUE traveled to Indiana to compete in the Boilermaker Tournament at Purdue University. The trip was not in vain, as the team placed ninth out of 18 teams.

"We struggled towards the end, but we had a pretty solid tournament," SIUE freshman bowler Brett Hinnen said.

Hinnen was one of three individual bowlers who were recognized for their performances. Hinnen, who is a rookie member of the team,

are recognized, but what matters is how well you can work together as a unit," Winterbottom said. "Teamwork is an important part of the game, because you feed off of the guy in front of you, and it drives you to do better."

Prior to this weekend's competition, SIUE had competed in two tournaments. The team kicked off the season with a 17th-place finish in the 30-team Midwest Collegiate Championships in Milwaukee. Winterbottom was the only top-finisher for the Cougars. He came in 23rd.

The Cougars placed 26th out of 44 teams in the Illinois State Bowling Proprietors Association Classic last weekend at St. Clair Bowl. Hinnen placed 20th.

"It was good to get the Milwaukee tournament out of the way because it gave the young guys a chance to get the

junior college teams. From there, the top 16 sectional teams have the opportunity to advance to nationals.

"Last year, we were ranked 51st in the nation. We want to be in the top 30 this year. It is a reasonable goal. We can achieve it," Winterbottom said.

The Cougars have plenty of the season left in front of them. Over Thanksgiving, the team will stay local and compete in a St. Louis tournament. During Christmas break, the team will travel to Las Vegas for two tournaments.

Two tournaments in February, one in Fairview Heights and the other in Indianapolis, will round out the regular season. Post-season action will begin shortly thereafter.

"We've had our ups and downs," said Freivogel, a senior and fourth-year squad member. "This season has been a good experience. We've got more rookies this year. We only have three people that came back. We've got 5 new guys who we are trying to integrate in," he added. "It's harder if you have no experience. It's tough to get acclimated. We're trying to work with that."

The Cougars hope to see a steady chain of improvement over the next three months so they are in top shape for post-season play.

"This is a rebound year. We have got a young team - six freshmen. There is a lot of learning going on, yet we're still competing competitively," Winterbottom said.

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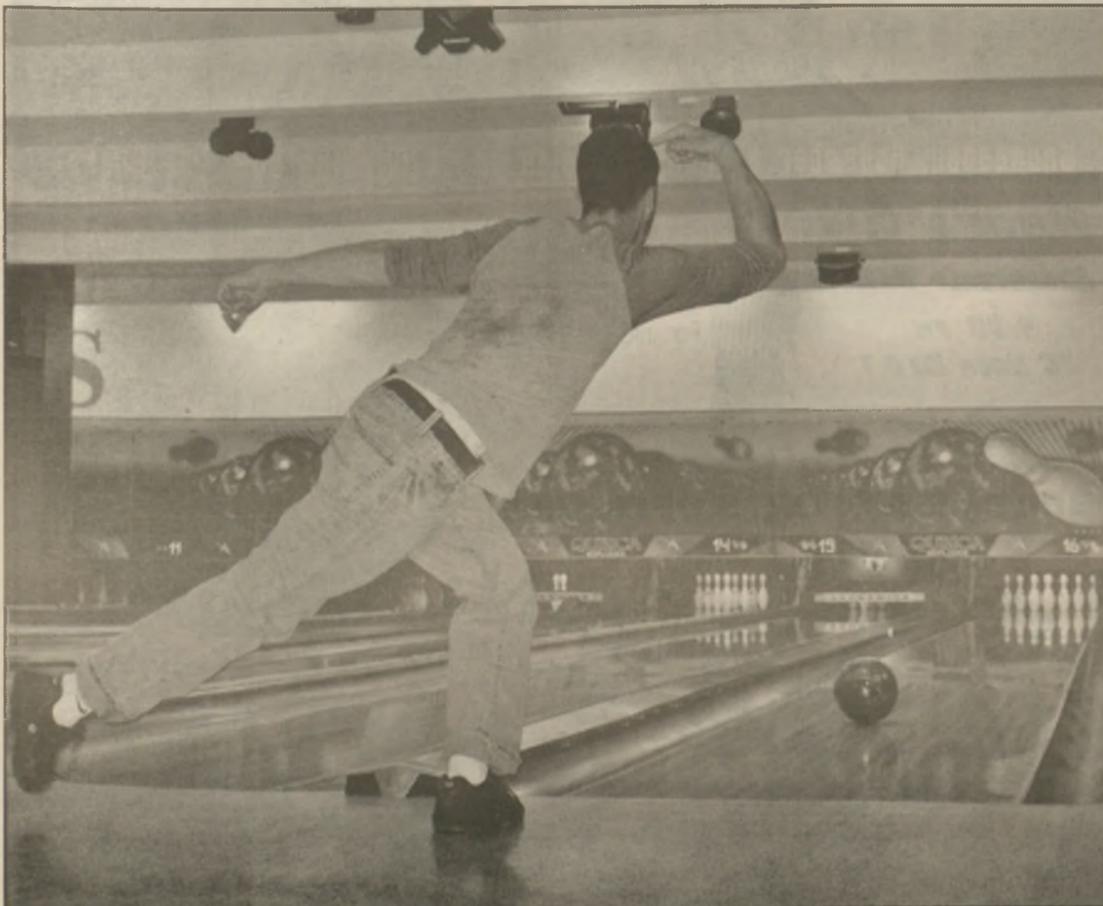
SIUE Men's Bowling Club President

placed 12th out of 115 bowlers. Senior Bowling Club President and Coach Brian Winterbottom and teammate senior Ryan Freivogel placed 17th and 22nd, respectively.

"College bowling is strictly team-based. All of our scores combine together, and it's a team competition, compared to an individual competition. Individuals

butterflies out, and to experience the traveling aspect of college bowling," Winterbottom said.

The team's main two goals for the season are to make it to the sectional and national tournaments. In order to qualify for sectionals, a team must be in the top 64 teams in the nation out of a pool that includes Division I, Division II, and



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SIUE junior mechanical engineering major Grant Evans rolls a ball down the lane at Cougar Lanes Monday afternoon during a practice for the SIUE men's bowling club.



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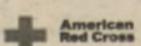
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defenseman Zach Bauer, and Matthews.

Matthews was also given the Great Lakes Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year Award.

“With all of their experience and talent, it is too bad we couldn't have gone any further this year.”

-Ed Huneke, on seniors
SIUE Head Coach

SIUE also had a host of players make the All-GLVC first and second teams in the conference.

Zaegel, Bauer and Banner made first team honors while

Pacheco, Thibodeau and freshman defenseman Randy Roy made second team honors.

With the seniors departing, SIUE realizes that they must move on and get ready for next season.

“It is going to be difficult with the seniors leaving but we do have a good group of returning players,” Huneke said. “I really feel good about the incoming freshmen and I know this team will be very talented next year.”

Roy also realizes that the team will be different next year in other areas.

“Next year we definitely aren't going to have as much experience as we had this year,” Roy said. “But this team will still be very good and hopefully we can do next year what we couldn't do this year.”

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things even better.”

The top-seeded Cougars were trying to become the first team to win back-to-back GLVC championships since Northern Kentucky University ran off five titles from 1997 to 2001.

But sophomore setter Mallory Clements' second triple-double in as many matches was not enough to pull SIUE through as Lewis avenged a 30-28, 30-22, 22-30, 30-21 loss to the Cougars on Oct. 14 at the Vadalabene Center.

“I hope we use it as motivation for the next round,” Gober said. “There's bigger prizes out there and that's what we've got to look at as a team.”

The match was back and forth as both teams traded wins in the first four games. With the score tied at 13 in a final set that featured five lead changes, Friend called a timeout and called his team to the side.

The Flyers came back on the floor and rattled off the next two points, capping off the match on an SIUE blocked shot at the net that sailed out of bounds.

“Earn (two points) and we win the game,” Friend said he told his team in the huddle. “We ran a play side out-wise.

(Charisse Steckling), our middle hitter, wanted the ball so we gave her the ball and she put it down.”

Freshman outside hitter Stephanie Sagat finished with 16 kills and 12 digs for Lewis to go along with senior Theresa Nugent's 10 kills and 17 digs. Senior Sarah McKinney turned in 15 kills and 12 digs and junior All-conference setter Andrea Morrone dished out 53 assists for the Flyers.

Clements finished the game with 18 kills, 49 assists and 19 digs to lead the Cougars.

“She's a battler,” Gober said of his All-conference setter. “She's a competitor. She's able to do things that other setters in this league just cannot do.”

Sophomore middle hitter Kelsey Hubert provided a lift at the net with 14 kills, 11 blocks and seven digs. GLVC Player of the Year Kim Potthast added 14 kills for SIUE.

“They just got the breaks,” Gober said. “It just came down to that. You can't play a championship match any closer than what this was.”

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finishing at 33:53.0 to place 46th.

Junior Blake Marcum and sophomore Steve Werths cracked the top 100 for the Cougars. Marcum finished 93rd at 35:04.4 and Werths came in on his heels

at 96th place with a time of 35:10.3.

Junior Brian Getz (35:28.4) and senior Josh Bozue (36:28.2) flanked SIUE, placing 104th and 135th, respectively.

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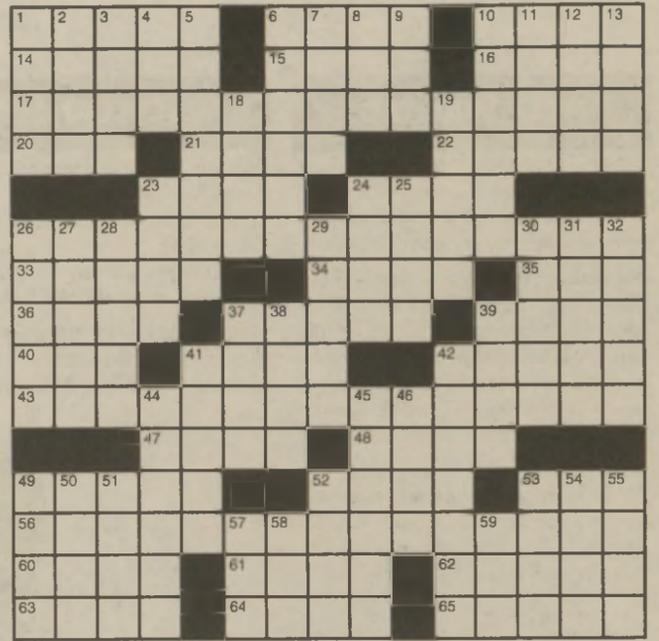
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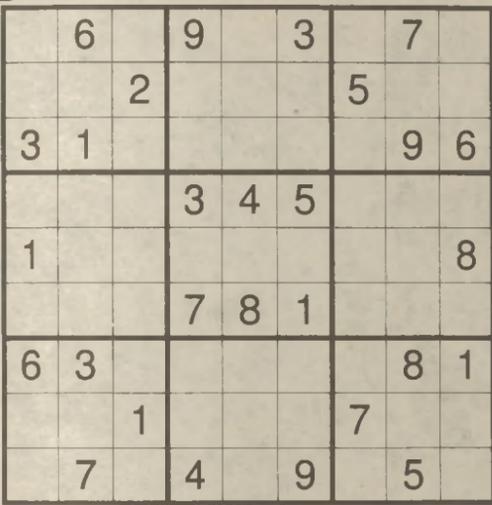
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By Michael Mepham



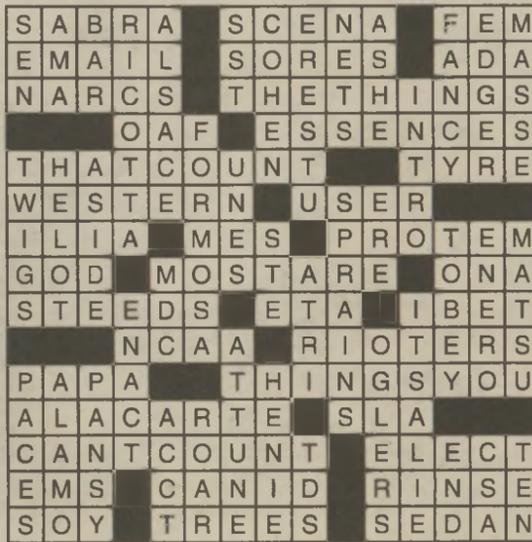
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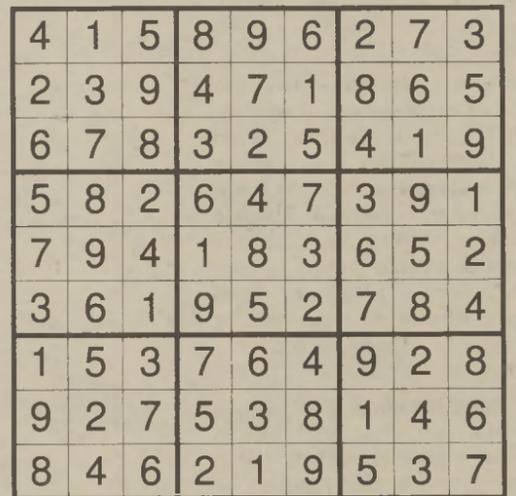
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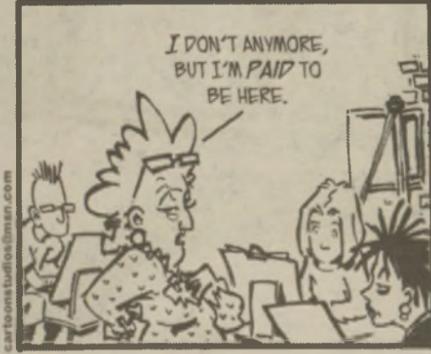
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A College Girl Named Joe

by Aaron Warner



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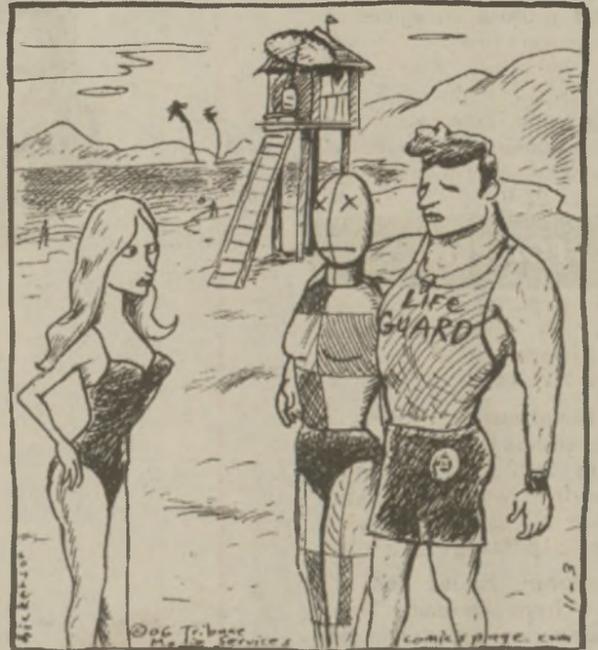


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