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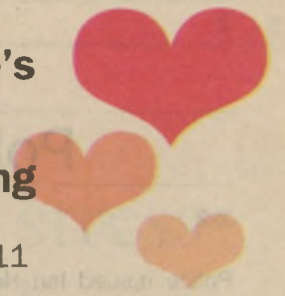
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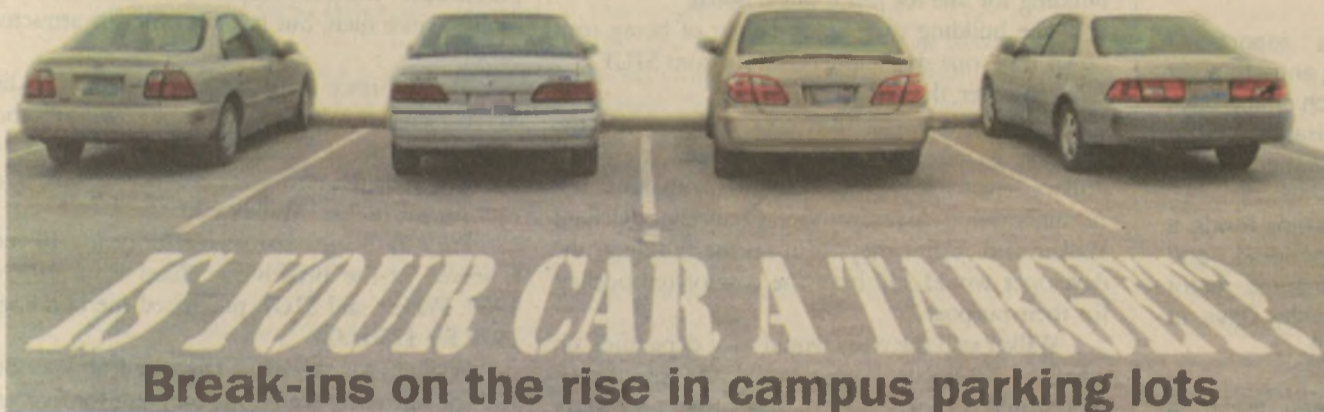
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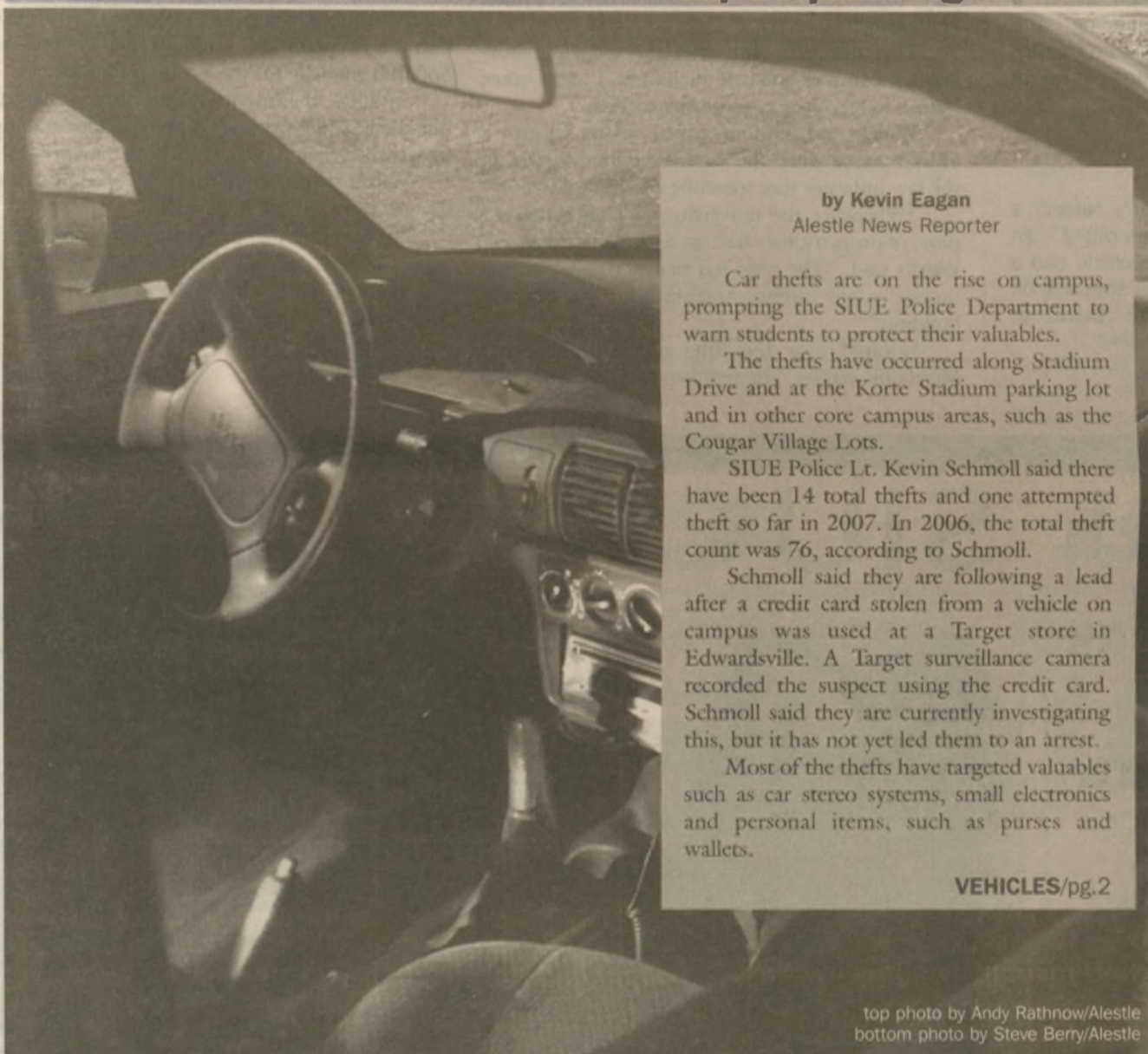
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Break-ins on the rise in campus parking lots



by Kevin Eagan
Alestle News Reporter

Car thefts are on the rise on campus, prompting the SIUE Police Department to warn students to protect their valuables.

The thefts have occurred along Stadium Drive and at the Korte Stadium parking lot and in other core campus areas, such as the Cougar Village Lots.

SIUE Police Lt. Kevin Schmoll said there have been 14 total thefts and one attempted theft so far in 2007. In 2006, the total theft count was 76, according to Schmoll.

Schmoll said they are following a lead after a credit card stolen from a vehicle on campus was used at a Target store in Edwardsville. A Target surveillance camera recorded the suspect using the credit card. Schmoll said they are currently investigating this, but it has not yet led them to an arrest.

Most of the thefts have targeted valuables such as car stereo systems, small electronics and personal items, such as purses and wallets.

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Lawsuit filed in ethics training controversy

by Emily Siemer
Alestle News Reporter

Last week, the Alestle first reported that the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Faculty Association had contracted a lawyer to look into the possibility of filing suit against the Illinois Executive Inspector General's office over its charges that some university professors took their annual ethics training too quickly. Early this week, that suit was filed in the Seventh Judicial Circuit Court in Sangamon County.

This dispute results from the state's finding that some 16,000 state employees were not compliant with state law mandating the annual ethics training, which began in 2004. Most of those found non-compliant completed the electronic ethics training in a length of time that the state claims does not satisfy their requirements.

As a result, these employees received non-compliance letters and a paper version of the training, complete with a form they were expected to sign which contained verbiage to the effect that the employee admitted their non-compliance.

At SIUE, 96 employees received such letters, and all have since complied with the state's rectification process. However, at SIUC, where 159 employees were found non-compliant, all but one have since come into compliance.

That one is Marvin Zeman, a tenured mathematics professor, who refused to sign the paper version of the training. He claims it would be an admission that he indeed was non-compliant, which he finds in itself unethical.

The lawsuit was filed by the Illinois Education Association/National Education Association (IEA/NEA) on behalf of Zeman, Walter Wallis, and the SIUC Faculty Association. The Executive Inspector General and the Illinois State Ethics Commission are named as defendants in the suit.

"We're asking, first of all, that the court enjoin

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Edwardsville firefighter, SIUE alum, awarded for rescue

by Zach Groves
Alestle News Reporter

Matt Sinnokrak was in for a surprise when called down to Edwardsville City Hall for a swearing-in of new firefighters.

He did not expect to get a medal of honor while he was there.

The SIUE graduate and Edwardsville firefighter received the highest honor in the field Tuesday for rescuing an Edwardsville resident during a house fire.

Sinnokrak and fellow firefighter Bill Reiter pulled an unconscious Caleb Bruce, 19, out of the flames Dec. 2, 2006. They could not see and relied on touch to get him out of the burning building. Bruce and Edwardsville Fire Chief J. Brian Wilson presented the firefighters with the award. It was the first time Bruce and the firefighters met since the rescue.

"They displayed unwavering valor in this

(incident)," Wilson said before giving Sinnokrak and Reiter the awards.

Edwardsville Mayor Gary Niebur commended the firefighters for risking their lives in this successful rescue attempt.

"We are blessed to have good-quality people in the safety operations and the city is grateful as well," Niebur said.

Sinnokrak, who graduated from SIUE with a history degree in 2003, said the rescue was just like what he practiced for when he trained to be a firefighter at the University of Illinois. He said it was "second nature" after training for six weeks.

"We are just happy doing our job," Sinnokrak said.

Sinnokrak was also a volunteer firefighter in Edwardsville before returning to his native Chicago and coming back again full-time in August.

Bruce said he barely remembers what happened



Steve Berry/Alestle

Matt Sinnokrak, an Edwardsville firefighter and 2003 SIUE graduate, was awarded a medal of honor Tuesday for rescuing an Edwardsville resident from a house fire. Fellow firefighter Bill Reiter also received the award.

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Police Reports

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University Drive at P3 Road.

Police issued Ian Heimback a citation for speeding on South University Drive at University Park Drive.

Police issued Jonathan Sterns citations for driving under the influence and improper lane usage on University Drive.

Police arrested Damen Martin for driving on a suspended driver's license and a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Martin was given a notice to appear and was released.

2-5

Police took a report of someone gaining entry to a car and pouring bleach on the back seat in Prairie Hall Lot. The case is under investigation.

Police arrested Francis Kelly for domestic battery after police responded to a call from Cougar Village residents.

Police issued Brittany Rawls a citation for speeding and operating an uninsured motor vehicle on University Drive at Woodland Hall Lot.

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Police issued Aaron Warnecke citations for disobeying a stop sign and operating an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued Sean Jordan a citation for speeding and operating an uninsured motor vehicle on University Drive at Woodland Hall Lot.

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Police issued David Sanders a citation for disobeying a stop sign on South Circle Drive at Lot B.

Police issued Larry Nelson a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and a written warning for speeding on South University Drive at University Park Drive.

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Police issued Gregg Gonzalez a citation for speeding on

Former East St. Louis Center facility faces sale or demolition

by Zach Groves
Alestle News Reporter

SIUE is offering a historic East St. Louis building for sale for just a single dollar.

The building may be in danger of being torn down if no one steps up to claim it from SIUE.

However, there is a catch.

"The problem is the cost to renovate the building to an alternative use exceeds a million dollars just for the asbestos abatement," Administration Assistant Vice Chancellor Richard Walker said. "After they clean up the building, the developer would still have the cost of remodeling for their purpose."

Walker said the costs would vary, depending on what the developers want to build. On top of that, they would need to follow the city's rules for project development.

The university still owns the old eight-story hotel, the former home of the East St. Louis Center, but no longer uses it, according to Walker.

Walker said the university is trying to give it away because while the state is required to take it, the law indicates that someone else has to own it.

"Whenever the university no longer needs a piece of property, they have to return it to the state," Walker said. "The state has said it won't accept it unless some other organization (takes) the building."

Located near the 5th and Missouri Street Metrolink station, the building problem has been

taking place for at least the past five years when SIUE moved the East St. Louis Center to the East St. Louis Higher Education Center.

Walker said he has received at least a "dozen phone calls" from developers who showed a slight interest since then, but has not officially attracted a buyer.

He said once someone takes on the building, SIUE will no longer have to worry about maintaining it.

"As far as the university is concerned, we really root for the dollar," Walker said.

Prior to the university's use for nearly 40 years, it served as the Broadview Hotel from 1928 to 1957. Walker said SIUE purchased the building in 1978 for \$750,000.

Facilities Management Director Bob Washburn said the university leased the building for five years before buying it and paid an average of \$150,000 a year to maintain the building and an estimated \$60,000 annually for the building's utilities.

In 2004, then-mayor Carl Officer declined to buy the building from SIUE, but decided to keep it intact when first approached about demolishing it.

Walker said if SIUE does not get a buyer, it will have to tear the building down.

"In the event that no individual or organization steps forward and buys the building for a dollar, then the state has no choice but to begin demolition proceedings," Walker said.

EAST ST. LOUIS/pg.6

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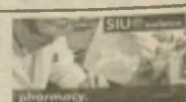
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Faculty members gather to discuss gen-ed reform

by Catherine Klene
Alestle News Reporter

Faculty gathered Monday for an in-depth discussion concerning the first of three general education reform proposals.

Anthropology professor Jennifer Rehg presented her team's general education design, Students Integrated and Universal Essential Education, otherwise known as the Distribution Model.

Rehg said the plan was designed with a few guiding principles in mind.

"We wanted to simplify the structure of the current general education system so that it was easier for students and advisers to understand," Rehg said. "We wanted to improve flexibility, so that students become a very diverse student population at SIUE."

The Distribution Model has five key components that make up the general education program: skills, (foundation) courses, breadth areas, cultures, new freshmen seminar courses and interdisciplinary studies.

All students would be required to complete the skills courses within their first 30 credit hours. Courses such as oral communication, written fluency and quantitative literacy would be included.

Breadth areas would expose students to different areas outside of their majors and the

cultures course would focus on either international or U.S. culture.

The new freshmen seminar courses and the interdisciplinary studies would incorporate smaller class sizes and dual teaching.

Rehg estimated the total cost for implementation of the design between \$610,000 to \$900,000.

Rehg said hiring new faculty to accommodate smaller class sizes and new courses such as quantitative literacy would be the main budgetary concerns.

Textbook Services and health education were also addressed at the meeting.

Textbook Services Assistant Manager Emily Gray said she was concerned about the possible rush for textbooks the new program might bring.

Currently, Gray said, faculty can request new books every three years. Gray said she worries that a drastic change in the general education program would strain Textbook Services' budget.

"It impacts the students in the end because if we don't have the money to buy the books, then we have to raise their fees," Gray said.

Rehg said many of the textbooks currently used could remain the same for the majority of the courses. The only course that would require a new textbook would be the quantitative literacy course.

BRIDGE/pg.6

Dean, faculty stress classroom civility

by Sarah Byer
Alestle News Reporter

James Klenke, dean of students and associate vice chancellor of student affairs, issued a campus-wide e-mail concerning civility in the classroom Monday, Jan. 29.

The letter focused on the behavior of students in the classroom. It outlined behaviors that are considered inappropriate for the classroom while stating that all students have a responsibility in upholding the values of the university.

"We customarily try to start the semester laying out expectations," Klenke said.

Klenke said the purpose of the e-mail is to inform students about appropriate behavior and inappropriate activity in the classroom. He also said there was

no particular reason for sending the e-mail, despite some conduct problems this semester.

According to Klenke, the problems have been small and dealt with quickly.

"Students, on the whole, are very respectful and create a positive environment in the classroom," Klenke said.

"...when you get to college, you should know what's expected of you."

-Aaron Schafer, senior

Political Science professor and chair Lynn Maurer said it makes sense to notify the students the expectations of the university.

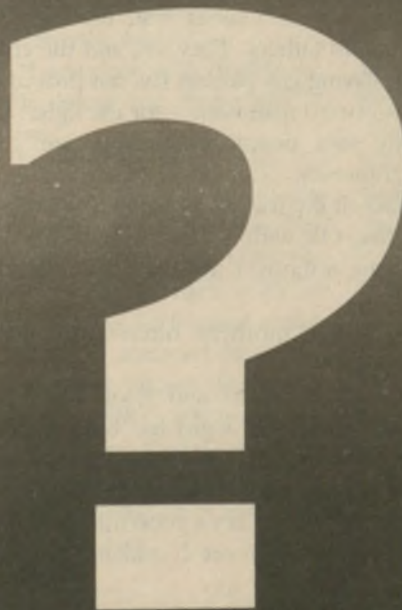
"I think it is good for professors and students alike to share in an atmosphere of open-mindedness and learning," Maurer said.

Maurer also said she has her own policies in regard to classroom behavior.

"In my class, I welcome a

CIVILITY/pg.5

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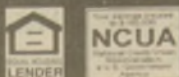
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Module 10, 2:00 p.m.
Values & Ethics
Ann Knef, Editor
Madison County Record
Board Room, MUC

2/13/07

Module 15, 6:30 p.m.
Community Change: What a Leader Needs to Know
Rudy Wilson, Assistant Provost
Social & Cultural Diversity

2/20/07

Module 16, 2:00 p.m.
Developing Self-Esteem
Sarah Bradbury, Counselor
Counseling Services, SIUE
Board Room, MUC

2/20/07

Module 6, 6:30 p.m.
Assess Your Service & Leadership Style
Chay Lemoine
Project READ
Board Room, MUC

SLDP Reminders....

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March 4-8 - Spring Break Trip Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma
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March 24 - Share Food Co-op, Granite City, IL
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Terra Mikalson (left) shares a laugh at her 17th birthday party with mom, Poshie Mikalson, seated on floor; her partner, Reed Walker, in chair; and Mikalson's son, Skyler, 8, in Woodland, California, January 12, 2007.

Same-sex households forming new family portrait

By Dorothy Korber

McClatchy Newspapers (MCT)

Margaret "Maddy" Condon-Lorenz grins at her reflection in the picture window and cocks an eyebrow. "The story of how I came to be in a house with two dads," the 12-year-old says with aplomb, "is kind of a miracle."

Giggly and charming, Maddy is the cherished princess of her Elk Grove, Calif., family: gay dads Ed Condon and Norman Lorenz, and her little brother, Tim. Maddy's adoption in 1995 was the first for a gay couple in Sacramento County, making her both a pioneer and a poster child for same-sex parenting.

"Maddy makes up for the lack of females in this house," Lorenz says affectionately as his daughter dances off to change clothes ... again.

The news last month of the pregnancy of Mary Cheney, the vice president's lesbian daughter, focused attention on a national trend: the number of gay and lesbian parents is on the rise.

Sociologists tracking this say that children of these households tend to be as well-adjusted and successful as offspring from heterosexual households. By some measures, they are faring better.

"It's pretty consistent ... the overwhelming finding is that the children are fine," according to Judith Stacey, a sociology professor at New York University and a leading researcher in the area of gender and family. "And there are some findings of certain positive characteristics among them: self-esteem, popularity, warmer relationships with parents."

"These advantages have to do with the obvious fact that these are very desired children. They are unbelievably wanted."

That is clearly the case for Maddy and Tim.

Life is not always perfect for these families — kids and parents alike have faced hazing and condemnation by outsiders. But, within the family circle, there is abundant love and acceptance.

For them, having two dads or two moms is perfectly normal. Even, as Maddy says, kind of a miracle.

Condon and Lorenz — their kids call them "Daddy Ed" and "Daddy Norman" — have been a couple for 25 years. Condon is executive director of the California Head Start Association and Lorenz is a consultant with the state's Department of Education. Previously, they owned several Montessori schools in the region.

After a dozen years together, the men realized

they wanted to be parents. In the course of their inquiries into adoption, a pregnant woman sought them out. She was Maddy's birth mother.

"Out of the blue, she asked if we would like to adopt her child," Lorenz recalls. "We matched up with her in January of 1994. In March, Maddy was born."

Maddy's two dads were in the delivery room.

"Then they took me home in a convertible," Maddy announces with mock astonishment. "A convertible!"

Condon took four months off from work to care for the newborn.

"I'd never been left with a baby in my life. At noon on the first day, I called Norman and said, 'You've got to come home!' I was very needy as a new mother," he laughs. "My post-partum anxiety was quite real."

Tim, who is 9, joined the family in 1998 when he was 18 months old.

Condon was anxious at first, but today both men are relaxed fathers. They say, and the children agree, that having gay parents has not proved to be a problem — or even an issue — for the kids.

Maddy says people sometimes are a little confused, however.

"Almost all my friends already know," she says. "They're, like, OK with it. But a lot of other people assume I have a mom. I just say: 'No, I have two dads.'"

Her friends' mothers often treat her like another daughter.

"It's sweet of them and good for Maddy," Condon said. "Raising a girl has been a different kind of journey for us. It's interesting ... we've found that parents of boys are more guarded with us than parents of girls. It's a good thing we had our daughter first — we're more confident now. Maddy blazed the way."

Ask them about their futures, and the Condon-Lorenz kids sound like a typical boy and girl. Tim: "I wanted to be a policeman and a fireman, but now I think I only want to be a policeman. It's too hard to be both." Maddy: "I want to be an ER nurse and a hair stylist. And an actor."

As for her own gender identity, Maddy has no doubts, according to Lorenz: "She's very clearly told us, 'I am straight.' Maddy loves boys."

"I do," confirms Maddy, still nodding earnestly at her reflection in the window. "I love boys."

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ETHICS

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the defendants from forcing a minimum time limit (on the ethics training) and for threatening discipline," Zeman said. "The goal is to stop them from making up a rule that ... doesn't follow the (Illinois Administrative Procedures) Act."

According to Zeman, the way the state went about finding employees non-compliant is not in keeping with that legislation.

Wallis is that a math professor at SIUC. He received a non-compliance letter, and also refused to sign the paper version. When the Jan. 19 deadline passed, Wallis claims that he was forced to sign a similar document "under duress," and even wrote a note to that effect when signing the document.

Zeman backed up Wallis' claim, saying, "During that week, there was pressure put on us (to sign)."

Both professors' jobs were threatened if they continued to remain non-compliant, which helped force the lawsuit.

"The threat is real," Zeman said. "When I get a letter from the Inspector General saying that failure to comply will result in discipline ... I take it seriously."

The attorney who is representing Zeman, Wallis and the Faculty Association is Ralph Loewenstein. He claims the state not only has failed to follow the proper investigative procedures in the matter, but also has overstretched its powers. "They do not have a legal authority to impose a minimum time on the ethics training," Loewenstein said.

In other words, as Zeman said, "They can't just make up a rule!"

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EAST ST. LOUIS

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Retired Assistant to the Director of the East St. Louis Center Maggie Rodgers said she has a lot of fond memories in her 28 years working in the building with a close-knit atmosphere.

"All our programs operated out of there and we operated very closely as a family," Rodgers said. "(Now) we have better facilities, but our programs are spread out amongst four or five buildings.

"We don't get to have the bond that we had before working for one common goal, for the people of East St. Louis," Rodgers said.

Former student and alumnus Ashi Smythe said if the building is taken down, then the demolition team is taking down a big piece of his life.

"I practically grew up there; I had been there since the age of five," Smythe said.

"I was close with all of them. People knew me from top to bottom."

He added that not only did his mother work there as a faculty member and his uncle, Theodore Jamison was once the director, but his career and life's work are based on what he learned at that building. He attended dance and choreography classes there from 1978 to 1990, when it was known as the Performing Arts Training Center and later the Katherine Dunham Center for Performing Arts.

"I learned every technique in that building," Smythe said. "And I am patterning my company off what I learned there."

Smythe recently started his company, Atlanta-based Compagnie d.i.a., and said he could not afford to fix the building even if he did buy it from SIUE.

Rodgers said the feeling of community can be restored if either a hotel chain or a business buys the building from SIUE and completely fixes up the place. She admits the building is just too expensive for the university to maintain and renovate it.

"Something needs to be done one way or the other because you have these vandals coming in there and (damaging it)," Rodgers said.

Whether or not the building turns into a hotel or business, Smythe said he hopes the building still remains.

"I just really wish someone would take on that building because of lot of things happened there," Smythe said.

Regardless of the outcome, Rodgers said she will miss the time she spent working inside the now-vacant building.

"All I can say is it was a great experience working there," Rodgers said. "I loved working there."

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CIVILITY

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student in at any time during the class period. In fact, I usually greet them out loud," Maurer said.

Maurer also added that she has a special rule about cell phones that ring during class.

"If a cell phone rings, that person has to dance to the ring tone. That includes me," she said. "The embarrassment and laughter usually leads us all to turn off our phones before class."

Senior civil engineering major Aaron Schafer said what is expected of students depends on the professor.

He also said the e-mail included information he was already aware of.

"I think that when you get to college, you should know what is expected of you," he said.

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BRIDGE

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"I don't think we anticipate a large shift in terms of books," Rehg said.

Rehg added that the plan would be phased in over time, helping to regulate textbook demands.

Another issue discussed was the health component of the general education program.

The distribution program does not mandate a health education course.

Kinesiology and Health Education Department Chair Bill Vogler said he wanted more emphasis on wellness education.

"My concern was that their proposal to meet the health objective was non-curricular, nonacademic and nonbinding," Vogler said.

Vogler said this seemed no different than the current general education program and stressed the importance of a health requirement.

"Health is a necessary thing to have in order to participate as a normal college student," Vogler said. "We think there should be ... a (required) course where students are acquiring knowledge and gaining skills to develop a healthy and active lifestyle."

Rehg said that while the committee believes the health objective is important, they were forced to make decisions in order

to maintain a certain number of credit hours.

"(The design team) tried to develop a plan that would address their concerns and fulfill general education requirements," Rehg said.

The distribution plan does offer a three credit hour health course as a freshmen seminar option, but it is not mandatory.

Vogler acknowledged that the design team has many facets of general education and a limited number of credit hours to consider.

"We respect what these people are doing," Vogler said.

Still, he said a required health course is important to general education reform.

Overall, Rehg said she felt the meeting went very well.

"The questions (the faculty) asked were very insightful," Rehg said. "They are really thinking about how it will affect the students."

A complete video of the meeting will be available on Blackboard for those who were unable to attend.

Meetings for the other two general education proposals will take place later in February. No dates have been announced.

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11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

A panel of SIUE social scientists offers wisdom and expertise on variations of identity and consciousness in the black community.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Jazz Performance featuring

Flautist Galen

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Galen Abdur-Razzaq, a talented and extraordinary flautist and major entertainment figure on college campuses across the nation, will provide a captivating jazz performance in observance of Black Heritage Month. Galen is a charismatic speaker on the topic of jazz and its historical significance and has an outstanding musical background. He has performed both internationally and domestically for more than 30 years on college campuses and with world-renowned artists such as pianist Billy Taylor, Gwen Guthrie, and Melba Moore.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Africa Week

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Learn about African culture through displays of artifacts from African countries and vendors from the St. Louis area.

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Africa Week

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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Black Heritage Month Quiz Bowl

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

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Panel Discussion - Africa, Today!

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Join SIUE faculty members for a discussion on the cultural and social differences in Africa.

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Africa Night

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

Enjoy an evening of African culture through food, dance, and entertainment. SIUE Students: \$11.00, Faculty/Staff/General Public: \$13.00

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

SIUE East St. Louis Center Performing

Arts Company

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Come see this regionally recognized dance group perform traditional African and Caribbean dance forms.

Black Heritage Month Student Talent Show

7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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Come watch SIUE students as they take their turn on stage showcasing their singing, dancing, poetic, and musical talents.

Co-sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Just 4 Laughs: Tracy Ashley

7:00 PM

Cougar Village, Commons Building

Tracey Ashley has always known that she wanted to make people laugh. All Tracey needed was a starting point. From her stories of growing up in the South to the weird happenings of her life, she found a place to begin. Tracey worked hard to hone her act. Now all that hard work and fortuitous decisions have finally paid off. Today, Tracey Ashley performs across the country in theaters, comedy clubs, colleges and corporate events.

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before the fire and did not regain consciousness until nearly two weeks after he was placed at St. John's Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. He said he was grateful they came to his rescue.

"I'd just like to say thanks and everything," Bruce said.

He said he admitted he was pretty nervous handing out the awards, but "definitely felt good" about getting the chance to

honor the firefighters.

Sinnokrak said this was his first rescue and was told by the fire chief that it is a rare feat.

"(He said) one can go 30 years without a save," Sinnokrak said, but added that sometimes that is a good thing.

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VEHICLES
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Police are asking students parking in all areas of the campus to lock their cars and to keep valuables out of sight.

"We would like all students to keep a look out, and if you see something suspicious, please call us," Schmoll said.

Last Friday, SIUE Police sent a bulletin to students encouraging them to keep their valuables out of sight or take

them out of their cars when parked, and to park in well-lit areas.

Police are also stepping up patrols of parking lots in the core campus areas. As for long-term solutions, Schmoll said that having cameras in parking lots would help, although there are no immediate plans to add cameras to lots.

"Personally I would love to

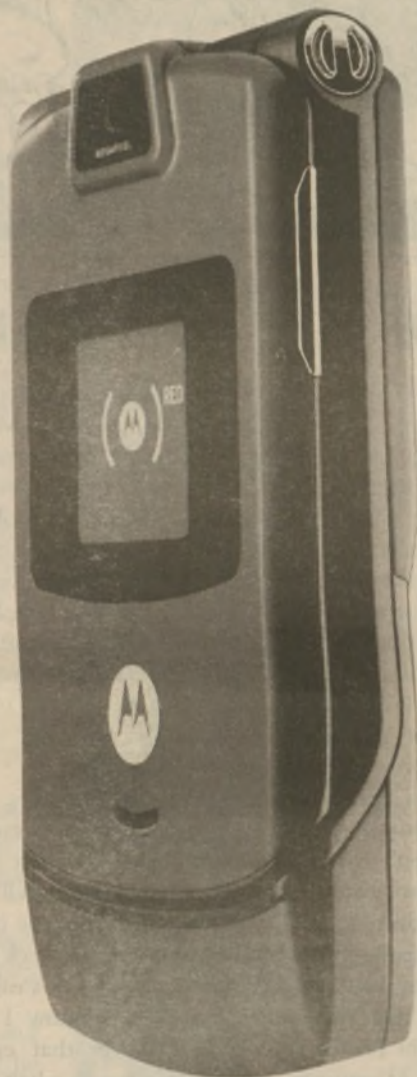
have cameras in lots, it would be a great help for us," Schmoll said.

Students who have information on any recent car thefts are advised to call the SIUE Police Department at 650-3324.

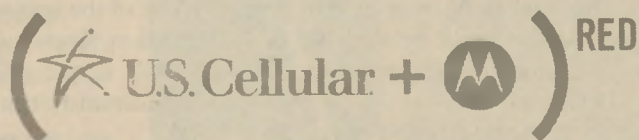
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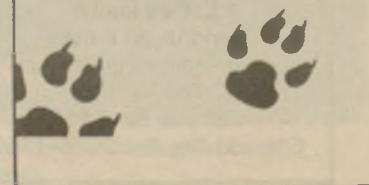
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The dark side of the Mooninites

Boston has been in the news recently for a bomb scare hoax that shut down a decent portion of the city.

As a part of a guerilla marketing campaign for the Adult Swim cartoon "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," electronic light board devices were placed around Boston and nine other U.S. cities. The devices hung around the Boston area for two to three weeks before the bomb squads were sent out to detonate the Lite-Brite images of a Mooninite, a character from the cartoon, flipping off the passersbys. They were definitely not



Holly Meyer

bombs.

Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. has been criticized for this specific marketing campaign. TBS is seen as insensitive for pulling such a prank in a post-9/11 world.

For those who do not recall, Boston was in the news around Sept. 11, 2001. The two planes that hit the World Trade Center took off from that city.

If the post-9/11 U.S. is so terror-ridden that it mistakes a popular cartoon character as a bomb, then why did only Boston overreact to the supposed bomb scare?

If the reasoning behind the trigger-happy law enforcement is the fact that the planes did take off from Boston, then why were the Mooninite images allowed to hang around town for two to three weeks before

being disarmed?

If the Mooninite images were real bombs, Boston would probably be in shambles by now because it took weeks to realize the sinister Lite-Brite Mooninites were even there.

The whole incident came with a \$2 million price tag for TBS. They made an agreement with Boston to compensate the city for the wasted time and anguish.

However, the amount of press coverage Aqua Teen Hunger Force has received in the last week will probably allow TBS to make the money back in the first week their new movie hits the box office.

I know I want to see the movie that caused Boston to come to a halt.

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If you can't stand the heat...

Solution with Iran lies within diplomacy, not war

On Jan. 20, a well-orchestrated attack on a U.S. compound in Karbala, Iraq, was successfully undertaken resulting in the abduction and murder of five U.S. soldiers. Who was responsible for the attack?



Brittney Barr

According to a CNN.com news article, U.S. officials and some Iraqis speculate that either Iranians or Iranian-trained extremists belonging to the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps carried out the attack "in retaliation for the capture by U.S. forces of five of its members in Irbil, Iraq, on Jan. 11."

The U.S. Pentagon indirectly supports the connection, claiming that the sophistication of the attack is unlike any previous Iraqi insurgency and beyond the capabilities of Iraqi insurgents. The question of concern is: could this event be evidence of an Iranian proxy war against the U.S.?

If the tragic event of Jan. 20 is indeed connected to a proxy war – a conflict in which two powers fight using a third party, often times a terrorist group – then it is assumed that Iran is using the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps to further disrupt Iraqi matters and to push the U.S. out of the region.

Is the U.S. to retaliate with "massive force" against Iran, or to implement diplomacy with Iraq's Shi'ah neighbor?

Before the U.S. is to take any action, it must first evaluate with clarity the situation from all aspects. Is the intelligence provided by the Pentagon reliable enough to constitute any action at all? After all, the memory of the weapons of mass destruction fiasco with Iraq is still fresh in the minds of the Bush administration and the world.

If action must be taken to resolve the potentially hot situation with Iran, diplomacy must never be counted out. In fact, if the Bush Administration approaches Iran diplomatically, it could offset further sectarian violence between the Sunni and Shi'ah sects of Islam, between Iran and Iraq and possibly the Arab world.

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AlestleView

Registering with Banner is beneficial

SIUE has made a decision to abandon the process of scheduling classes in person with an academic adviser in favor of the electronic Banner Web registration. Launching this March, students will access the Web to sign up for their fall 2007 courses.

Admittedly, this transformation may have many students feeling more anxious about the amount of control over the courses they take, without having an adviser present. However, it is past time that SIUE moves into the 21st century of technology. The system will provide students with many educational benefits.

The Banner system will give students more accessibility, control and convenience, in addition to being more effective and efficient, as noted by Director of Academic Counseling and Advising William Hendey. Those signing up for classes will be able to take more responsibility for themselves in the comfort of their own homes, as they will not be in an office being told what they should take.

Many worries have arisen over possible problems that could occur, including a system shutdown due to an overload of people logging in, as well as students possibly signing up for the wrong classes. This has been thought out; worries over these problems may not be merited. Different groups will be given different log-in times to prevent a system strain, and an appointment with an adviser will still have to be made beforehand in order for them to double-check students' plans.

Advisers will be given more time to counsel students, since their time will not be taken up by registration appointments. Those with academic concerns will have more of an opportunity to receive counseling with an adviser due to more free time slots.

Switching to Banner Web registration will benefit students and their education. It is something out of the norm for SIUE and many may have a difficult time adjusting. However, giving students more control of their courses is what is needed.

Editor's Note: The AlestleView gives the newspaper's opinion on events that directly affect SIUE.

Have an opinion to share? Contact Opinion Editor Justin Gibson at alestle@gmail.com or 650-3527.

BLASTOFF

Story by
Matthew Schroyer

Photos by
Steve Berry

A crowd encircled the Morris University Center Goshen Lounge Monday afternoon, with reactions varying from smiles and laughs to grimaces and groans. Their eyes shifted from left to right, right to left, trying to keep a bead on the brightly-colored musician jumping and dancing in the center. And on the furniture. And in the audience. All the while, techno music was pumping through the Goshen's temporary sound system.

Some couldn't make sense of it.

"Who is that?" a passerby asked.

"I don't know," another answered while laughing.

The headband and sweatpants-clad musician skipped into the audience and touched a student's face in the midst of a song.

"He's hysterical," the student said.

Once billed by colleagues as "Richard Simmons from hell," the center of attention was Corey Goodman, a member – the only member – of the musical project "Superfun Yeah Yeah Rocketship."

Goodman's act consists of four primary ingredients: a computer-generated mix of beats and rhythms, irreverent lyrics, brightly colored costume and action. Lots and lots of action.

"One time, I slid into a wall," Goodman said.

"There was a nail, and it cut my leg a bit, but nothing major."

When he isn't performing, Goodman jumps less and for the most part, is not as brightly decorated. By day, he attends class to complete his bachelor's in mass communications and works behind the scenes in the MUC Center Court. By night, he composes music on a computer program and writes lyrics in close proximity to figurines of MC Hammer and Wolverine. He does this while being sheet music illiterate, but said that's a detail few seem to notice.

"I decided I didn't want to take any music lessons, because I wanted to create my own style," Goodman said. "It was terrible (in the beginning). More so than it is now."

One item in Superfun's lineup, "Baby, Baby," concerns teen pregnancy and includes the lyrics "I'm much too young to have a child of my own, I don't have the money to get a home."

Goodman created the song in response to attitudes he has witnessed in his hometown and in his family.

"People will have kids at such a young age. I don't want to do that," Goodman said. "My brother and sister did and I think it's terrible."

Goodman said some people misunderstood the message behind the song and disgruntled audience members have on more than one occasion confronted him about it.

"A lot of the people take it the wrong way and think that I hate children," Goodman said.

In contrast to "Baby, Baby," most songs randomly come into being.

"I have a song about people on MySpace wanting picture comments all the time," Goodman said. "I don't really care. It's just something I thought about one day."

Underneath the absurdity of Goodman's songs is a

Shock musician
Corey Goodman is
stirring audiences
and creating a buzz
with his take on
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Above: The Goshen Showcase featured Corey Goodman's Superfun Yeah Yeah Rocketship Monday. Following page: Goodman gets up close and personal with fans at Monday's concert.



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SUPERFUN

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rejection of popular music and popular culture.

"I don't like to watch bands that are boring or full of themselves," Goodman said. "There are a ton of bands that act like they are so good and they're not."

Goodman makes a point of satirizing bands he feels are pretentious.

"I pretend I'm real amazing when I'm playing," Goodman said.

This attitude was demonstrated at Monday's concert when he said, "try to be as good as me," and took a swig out of a water-filled gasoline can. Goodman sometimes refers to the can as containing "crunk juice." Other props include a cardboard cutout of Steven Colbert holding a sign with "Superfun Yeah Yeah Rocketship," and a sign with Goodman's head superimposed on a muscular cartoon body.

The word "eclectic" is not merely descriptive of Superfun's props. When rummaging through Goodman's costume wardrobe, one can find items ranging from fuzzy tails to vinyl pants. A

headband has become the signature mark of Goodman's performances.

"I find stuff that's really colorful and fun-looking," Goodman said. "My drawers are getting full."

Goodman's wardrobe includes several '80s vests to attract a great deal of attention.

"I like pink vests. I can zip them down, let my chest hair hang out," Goodman said. "It attracts the women."

nominated for the 2006 Riverfront Times award for "best electronic artist."

Goodman said he is pleased with the recognition also coming from the other side of the globe.

"It makes me really happy that people care," Goodman said. "People from Australia will buy (band merchandise) from me. It's really nice."

It is not all praise and complements, however. Although it's not the norm for Goodman, he

of people's food as they watch, and singing face-to-face with listeners – crowd interaction is a mainstay of the Superfun act. It normally entertains the audience, according to Goodman, but reactions may vary.

"Someone told me their sister was at a show, and I put my hand in her mouth," Goodman said. "She went outside and gagged, and was really upset about it."

After earning his bachelor's, Goodman intends to spend the

compiling a CD of his work, and intends to offer all the songs for free on the Internet as homage to his fans.

People have been real nice to me the whole time, so I don't think I need to make them pay for it," Goodman said.

As far as Monday's performance in the MUC, smiles seemed to outnumber frowns.

Pharmacy student Aaron Thompson said it "took some getting used to."

"After listening to it for a while, I just fell in love with it," Thompson said.

Superfun will reappear in the MUC in March. In the meantime, Goodman's antics can be witnessed Sunday at the Glen Carbon Senior Center on 155 North Main St. in Glen Carbon, Thursday, Feb. 15 at The Ground Floor on 215 East Main St. in Bellville and Feb. 17 at the Creepy Crawl on 3524 Washington Ave. in St. Louis.

Additional tour dates, videos, songs and assorted merchandise is available at myspace.com/superfunyeahyeahrocketship.

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**"It makes me really happy that people care.
People from Australia will buy (band merchandise)
from me. It's really nice."**

-Corey Goodman,
Superfun Yeah Yeah Rocketship

While Goodman may joke about the attention he grabs, he has piqued the interest of the St. Louis music scene since his debut. He is the recipient of the 2006 KDHX 88.1FM award for "best uncategorizable act," and was

said he's suffered the wrath of a surly crowd on several occasions.

"People are usually really into it, but I've played sometimes and people totally hated me," Goodman said.

Touching, smelling, partaking

following summer taking his act on the road.

"I've always wanted to do it," Goodman said. "If something happens, that will be really great, but if not, it will still be fun."

For now, Goodman is

Campus Recreation beefs up Parti Gras offerings

by Laura Cooper

Alestle Lifestyles Reporter

With Mardi Gras just around the corner, SIUE gives another reason for celebration with Parti Gras at the Student Fitness Center Friday.

This year's Parti Gras will have some new features, including belly dancer Falon Jones. Jones, instructor for the SIUE belly dancing class, will give a 20-minute lesson during the party. A live band will be playing jazz music in a style

straight from New Orleans.

Campus Recreation Assistant Director Keith Becherer organized the event with the help of students.

"We saw it as a good opportunity to work with students on leadership and event-planning skills," Becherer said.

Junior speech pathology major Mary Anne McKoon is the director of the event.

"We always try to change it up each year," Becherer said.

Casino games will also be at Parti Gras, including blackjack, roulette, Texas hold 'em and slot

machines.

"The casino area will be larger this year," McKoon said.

In addition to belly dancing lessons and live music, there will also be more performers. Becherer said there is a palm reader, a fortune teller and a psychic scheduled for the event. Students can decorate Mardi Gras masks and take advantage of a henna tattoo service, in addition to a feast of catered Cajun food.

Students wanting a caffeine fix are also in luck.

"We actually ordered the

coffee from the Café DuMonde down in New Orleans," Becherer said.

Soda and snacks will also be available to students and prizes will be handed out.

"We have everything from T-shirts to beads," Becherer said.

The first 200 students through the door will receive a Parti Gras T-shirt and the customary Mardi Gras beads will be handed out while supplies last, according to Becherer.

Becherer said around 650 students showed up for Parti Gras 2006, but the biggest crowd

the event has attracted has been around 800 people.

"It's totally free, you just have to have your SIUE ID," Becherer said.

Parti Gras begins at 8:30 p.m. Friday and continues until 1 a.m. Students are allowed to bring a guest.

"I think it's going to be bigger and better than it ever has been," McKoon said.

For more information, visit the Campus Recreation Web site at siue.edu/crec.

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Hockey Club goes to regionals

Cougars battle Mizzou in first round, hammer Northwestern over the weekend

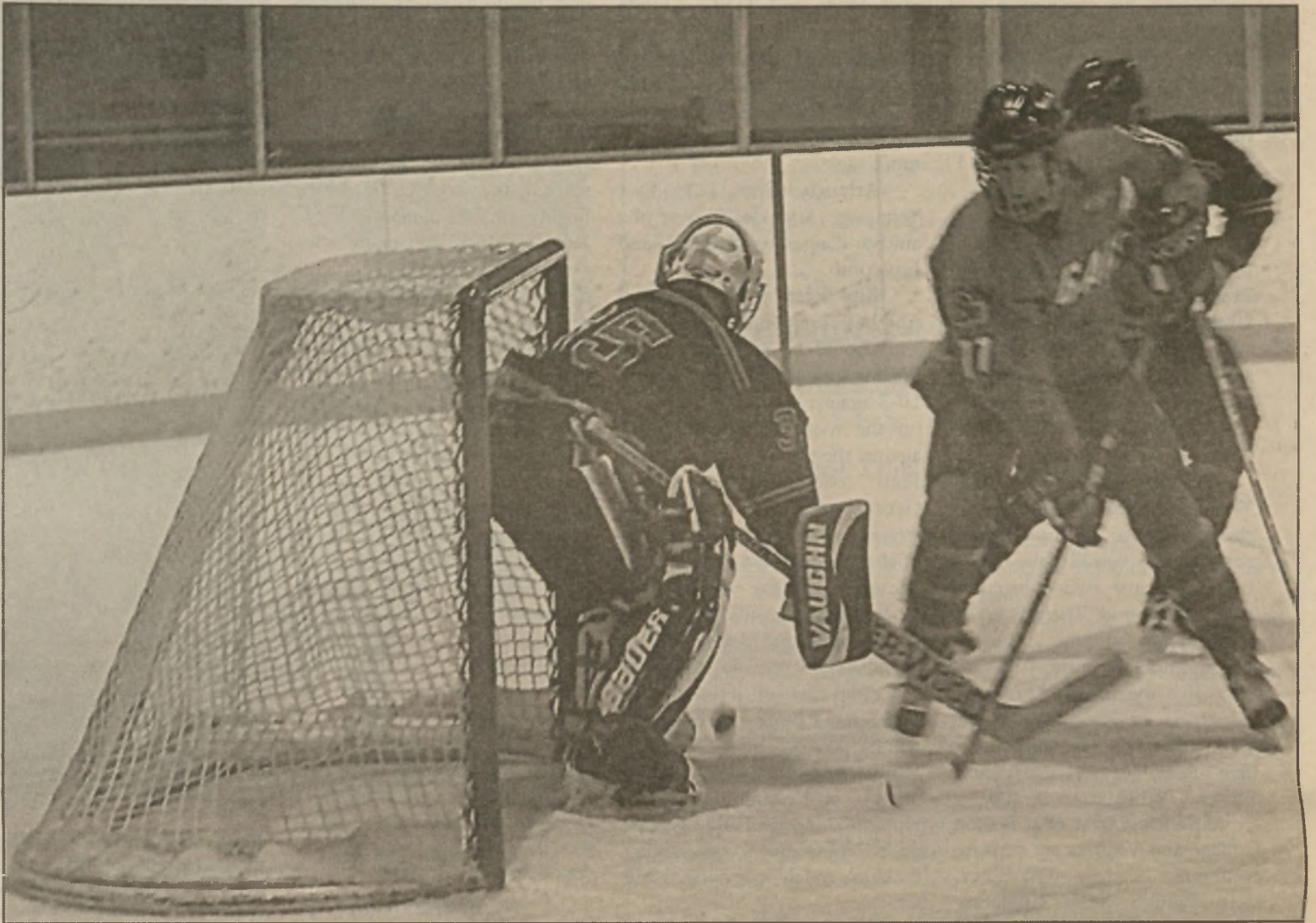
by **Matthew Bruce**
Alestle Sports Editor

The SIUE Hockey Club received word Tuesday that it will play in the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II Regional Tournament for the second year in a row.

The Cougars, who are 22-4 on the season, received the bid as the No. 6 seed in the Central region and will face off against the seventh-seeded University of Missouri-Columbia in the first round Friday at the Arctic Ice Arena in Orland Park.

"It looks like we got a pretty good draw with all the teams around us," Kicielinski said. "If we can get some help from some of the lower seeds, that may give us a shot to go further in the tournament."

SIUE snuck into the 40-team tournament as the 10th seed last season and was pitted against then-defending national champion, Michigan State University.



Laura Lengye/Alestle

SIUE senior forward Jason Walker, 11, flicks the puck past Northwestern University goalkeeper B.J. Stone for one of his six goals during the Cougars' 20-3 romp Saturday at the East Alton Ice Arena. Walker scored 11 goals and passed for five assists in the two-game series with the Wildcats over the weekend.

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Rose, Royston lead track and field at Hoosier Relays

by **Lindsay Stuart**
Alestle Sports Reporter

The SIUE track team outran the competition this past weekend in Bloomington, Ind., where junior Kyle Rose broke his own school record in the 400-meter dash.

"The team as a whole I think was ready to compete," SIUE Head Coach David Astrauskas said. "That was a meet with a lot of very talented athletes and the kids on the track really responded to the competition. I was really pleased with the way we ran on the track this competition."

Rose posted a time of 47.95 seconds and finished fourth out of 12.

He placed fifth in the 200 with a time of 21.91 seconds and ran in the 4x400-meter relay with a 3:16.40 and third place ranking.

Rose was also named Great Lakes Valley Conference Athlete of the Week. He currently holds the fastest 200 and 400 times in the GLVC so far this year.

"Kyle had a phenomenal weekend," SIUE assistant track coach Ben Beyers said. "He's

really come on and I was proud to see him respond and compete."

Rose was not the only SIUE runner to have a successful weekend, however. Senior Jonathan Bannister, who was named GLVC Athlete of the Week in January, won the 600 with a time of 1:19.67.

Bannister, who had a breakout season as a sophomore in 2005, was slowed by injuries in 2006. But Beyers said he has

The track team as a whole had a good weekend with seven women and 10 men placing in one or more of the 26 men's and 25 women's events.

Sophomore Angel Royston finished third in the women's 400 with a time of 57.29. Royston also broke her personal record twice this weekend.

"Angel had two tremendous runs in the 400," Beyers said. "She had two big (personal bests) there in one week. I mean, that's

competitions last year that you're getting kids that are used to being in these big meets," Beyers said. "They know how to prepare for them physically and mentally and they're ready to go when they get the opportunity to do so. And Angel's yet another example of that."

SIUE sophomore Brianna Branson qualified provisionally in the 20-pound weight throw with a toss of 15.7 meters.

"Brianna has had a couple

including teams from Division I conferences such as the Big 10, the Southeastern Conference and the Big 12.

"I guess it's just a testament to how much stronger the program has gotten in the last several years," Beyers said. "We're able to go to meets like that, compete and expect to have kids make the finals and run well. They did that and we even got a win. So that says a lot."

"This was definitely the biggest meet as a whole," Beyers said. "It was the most competition that we'll probably see until the national meet. This is a huge meet with tons of schools. For SIUE to have made a mark on the meet, we're very happy about that."

The men and women's track and field teams get back in action Saturday when they travel to the Blue Classic in Jacksonville.

"This weekend is going to be a nice, close meet that's low-key and we're looking forward to getting in some good performances and getting ready for the next couple weeks."

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-Ben Beyers,
-assistant track coach

recovered and is back ready to run.

"I think he's back at 100 percent and honestly I think he's better than he was," Beyers said. "Two years ago, he had a great year and I think he's even better now. He's more experienced and he knows how to approach big races."

just borderline miraculous. It was really great. She really rose to the occasion and performed well."

Royston also competed in the women's 4x400 relay event, placing fourth with a time of 3:47.64.

"She's just a sophomore, but she's been in so many big

injuries this year and she is finally getting over those," Astrauskas said. "I was happy to see her getting a qualifying mark. Definitely is headed in the right direction of getting bigger throws in the future."

There were 1200 student athletes and nearly 30 schools at the Hoosier Relays this weekend,

One man's early NCAA dance card

by Dick Jerardi
Philadelphia Daily News

(MCT) - We are three-quarters of the way through the regular season. Thus, it is that time again - time to go conference by conference and come up with the 65 teams that look at this moment most likely to get into the NCAA Tournament. Keeping in mind that much can change by Selection Sunday, March 11, these are my teams now:

America East (1): Vermont lost all its stars and coach Tom Brennan from the 2005 giant killers. Still, with a new coaching staff, including former La Salle assistant Matt Hahn, they have been solid all season. Love the 11-3 road/neutral record and the win at Boston College.

Atlantic 10 (1): If George Washington did not get upset in the conference tournament last season. This would have been a one-bid league two consecutive years. Not good. There is no at-large team at the moment, because none is in the RPI's top 50. Give the bid to Duquesne, which is in town Wednesday night at La Salle and will bring in five new players every two minutes and try to score 100.

Atlantic Coast (8): Boston College and Virginia are surprise conference leaders. The Cavs, with Philly's Sean Singletary

killing everybody, have won seven straight. North Carolina is 7-2 against the top 50 and has more firepower than anybody. Duke has trouble scoring, but has an NCAA birthright. Virginia Tech has cooled after those wins over Duke and UNC. Florida State has a great player in Al Thornton. Clemson was the last unbeaten, but once it started losing, it kept losing. Maryland is 3-6 against the top 50, but is very much alive.

Atlantic Sun (1): East Tennessee State leads over the always dangerous Belmont and Lipscomb.

Big East (6): Pittsburgh really went out and played people and should be rewarded in the seeding process. The Panthers are 10-3 against the top 100 and 6-1 on the road. Marquette is 4-1 against the top 50 and has a Final Four coach in Tom Crean. Georgetown has won five straight, albeit against the dregs of the league. West Virginia is in because I like the way it plays. Notre Dame has ridiculous losses at St. John's and South Florida, but also has some nice wins. The schedule tilts in the favor of Villanova. I think the committee will like the 6-3 road record in a league in which hardly anybody plays non-conference road games. Connecticut and Syracuse are NCAA regulars, but neither has done much worthy of a bid yet.

Big Sky (1): Weber State leads with three losses. Sadly, the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks have five losses.

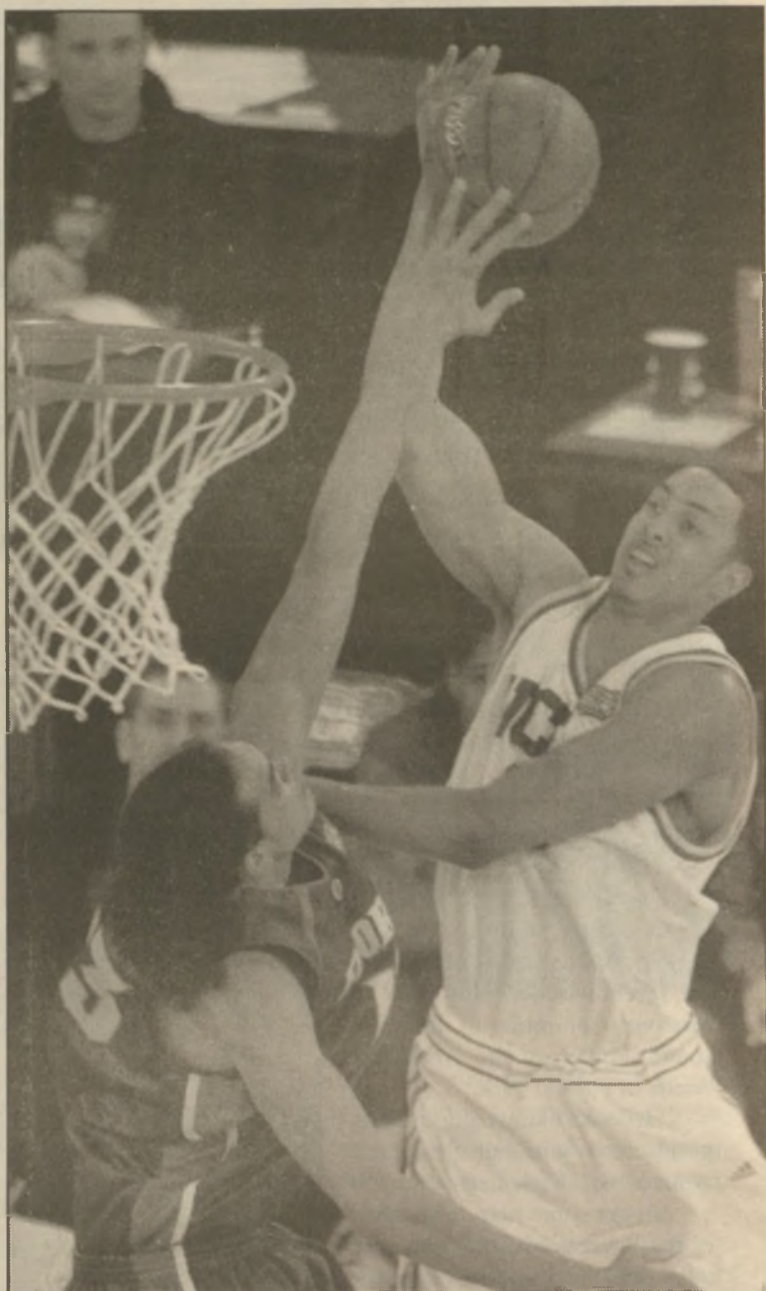
Big South (1): Winthrop, unbeaten in league play, might deserve an at-large if it doesn't win the tournament. Love this team. Its four losses are to UNC, Maryland, at Wisconsin (OT) and Texas A&M.

Big Ten (4): Wisconsin is 7-2 against the top 50 and will not beat itself. Ohio State will be scary by the time the tournament begins. Indiana almost won two NCAA games last season when everything was completely disorganized. Michigan State lost three stars from last season, but has one of America's best coaches in Tom Izzo.

Big 12 (6): Texas A&M might be the country's most efficient team, and is 8-3 against the top 50. Kansas went out in the first round the last two years - with seniors and with freshmen. Kansas State has been a revelation under Bob Huggins. Texas is very young, but very dangerous with Kevin Durant. Oklahoma State has not won on the road, but is deep and talented. Texas Tech has some really big wins and a whole bunch of players who have been in big games.

Big West (1): Long Beach State leads heading into the

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Stephen M. Dowell/Orlando Sentinel
Joakim Noah of the University of Florida blocks Ryan Hollins of UCLA as the Florida Gators beat the UCLA Bruins 73-57 in the championship game of the Final Four Monday, April 3, 2006 at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. The Gators are favorites to repeat as national champions.

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SIUE freshman Ben Wilton flies through the air for a basket for Team Explosion during a men's basketball intramural game Tuesday at the Student Fitness Center. Team Explosion lost the game to Larry Legends 33 by a score of 50-48.

SIUE Club Football team to join a new conference

by Lindsay Stuart
Alestle Sports Reporter

Milwaukee, Marquette University, Xavier University in Ohio and possibly Miami University.

SIUE Club Football is in for a year of changes as it enters a new conference, and they hope to gain some new players.

Last year the Cougars were 1-5 in the Midwest Football League with four of their losses in a point spread of 10 or less.

The MFL consisted of SIUE and semi-pro teams with the Cougars being the only collegiate team.

"This year we hope to win a conference title and build relationships with other club programs that will allow us to further build our conference and Club Football as a whole," said Shumaker, who is also an offensive lineman on the team.

SIUE Club Football held an informational meeting Tuesday in the Morris University Center's

"We wanted to try and play other collegiate programs...."

-Jon Shumaker,
SIUE Club Football President

"We wanted to try and play other collegiate programs to generate interest in their programs and also even the playing field a little more," SIUE Club Football President Jon Shumaker said. "This move allows us to play against players that match up with us much better physically as well as on the experience level."

The new conference, Midwest Club Football Conference, will consist of SIUE, the University of Wisconsin-

Goshen Lounge for any player interested in joining the club next year.

There are no try-outs and anyone is welcome to participate. The Cougars are in need of offensive linemen, running backs and defensive backs. They would also like to add depth at the quarterback position.

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(Top) SIUE senior forward Jason Walker, top left, eyes a shot on Northwestern University's goalkeeper as senior Matt Kaiser, right, looks on during the Cougars' 20-3 win over Northwestern Saturday at the East Alton Ice Arena. (Bottom) Walker races up the ice during SIUE's win Saturday.

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"We're not in the same boat as last year where we'd have to play the best seed every game if we win," Kicielinski said. "We've got a little leeway here, which is nice."

The top two teams in each of the four regions nab an automatic bid and have a bye through to the National Championships, held March 7 to 10 in Fort Collins, Colorado. Each region's remaining eight teams vie for the remaining two spots in the National Championships.

The Cougars took on Missouri in December, sweeping a two-game series over the Tigers.

"We've played them before so we're familiar with them," Kicielinski said. "That may play to our advantage. We know how they play, but then again, they know how we play. So it's kind of a double-edged sword there."

SIUE is coming off a romp of Northwestern University, a Mid-America Collegiate Hockey Association Silver Division team, over the weekend.

The Cougars manhandled

Northwestern 14-4 Friday and obliterated the Wildcats 20-3 the following day, setting off the goal's fog horn so much that it made the East Alton Ice Arena sound a lot like Boston Harbor.

"I think we gave it to them pretty good," Kicielinski said. "We just thoroughly dominated them, which is good for us."

The Wildcats, who are seeking to move up from the Silver division into the tougher Gold division next season, requested a date against SIUE before the season began.

The Cougars, in turn, devoured Northwestern. In Saturday's pummeling, SIUE outshot the Wildcats 68-30.

The Cougars scored on their first nine shots of the game, running out to a 9-0 lead after one period.

Three Cougars finished with hat tricks led by senior forward Jason Walker, who tallied six goals and two assists. Walker scored 11 goals and dished out five assists on the weekend, and now has 95 points on the year, which is second in the nation.

SIUE senior Matt Kaiser finished with three goals and a pair of assists, while Matthew Steward punched in three goals.

Things got ugly down the stretch as Northwestern Head Coach Bryan Chamberlain, who took offense to SIUE's unbridled offense, was kicked out of the game for telling his players to injure Walker in front of the referees.

"The coach was mad that we didn't stop playing after we were up 15 points," Kicielinski said. "With our team and the way we play, if we stop playing hard, it just makes us worse. So we're never going to let up on any team whether we're down 15 or we're winning by 15. You're going to get the same effort out of us throughout the entire game."

SIUE is scheduled to take on Northern Michigan University this weekend, but may get a rest before the regional tournament begins as weather threatens to keep NMU from making the trip to the East Alton Ice Arena.

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Stanford's Lawrence Hill dunks the ball against the California in the second half. Stanford defeated Cal, 90-71, at Haas Pavilion in Berkeley, California, Saturday, Feb. 3.

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homestretch.

Colonial (1): Virginia State might be in, even if it does not win the tournament. If Drexel can somehow win at Creighton Feb. 17, the Dragons will again get back in the at-large mix. Those three home conference losses won't help, but the 10-3 road/neutral record resonates.

Conference USA (1): Remember when this used to be a good league? It's all Memphis. Coach Cal's team has been in with only three top-50 squads, but it is good.

Horizon (1): Butler, with its 11-2 road/neutral record and slew of good non-conference wins, is in with a good seed.

Ivy (1): Penn has the best players and knows how to win. Yale is 5-1 in the league, but 9-10 overall with some close losses against some good teams. Yale is better than I thought, but I think Penn will win out.

Metro Atlantic (1): Marist has one of the country's best point guards in Jared Jordan, who leads his team in points, rebounds and assists. Matt Brady's team is solid, but the MAAC Tournament is wide open.

Mid-Continent (1): Oral Roberts won at Kansas, but Oakland is lurking.

Mid-American (1): Akron has all those LeBron teammates. Should be enough.

Mid-Eastern (1): Delaware State looked like the class until being upset Monday by Morgan State and embattled coach Todd Bozeman.

Missouri Valley (3): Southern Illinois is 8-4 against the top 100 and plays defense as well as anyone. Creighton is 5-1 against the top 50. Missouri State is one of two teams to beat Wisconsin. The Valley might get another, but everybody keeps beating everybody, so it's hard to tell. Wichita's early road wins (LSU, George Mason, Syracuse) don't look as good anymore.

Mountain West (3): Air Force is 7-3 against the top 100 and 8-4 in road/neutral games. BYU and UNLV have some decent wins.

Northeast (1): Central Connecticut State has a two-game lead over the field.

Ohio Valley (1): There is always room for Austin Peay.

Pacific-10 (6): UCLA is 7-2 against the top 50. Washington State has a style that will play well in March. USC really plays defense. Stanford has been playing quite well for weeks. Oregon has major firepower. Arizona is only 4-7 against the top 50, but the committee will love the schedule, which includes 18 games against the top 100.

Patriot (1): Holy Cross is

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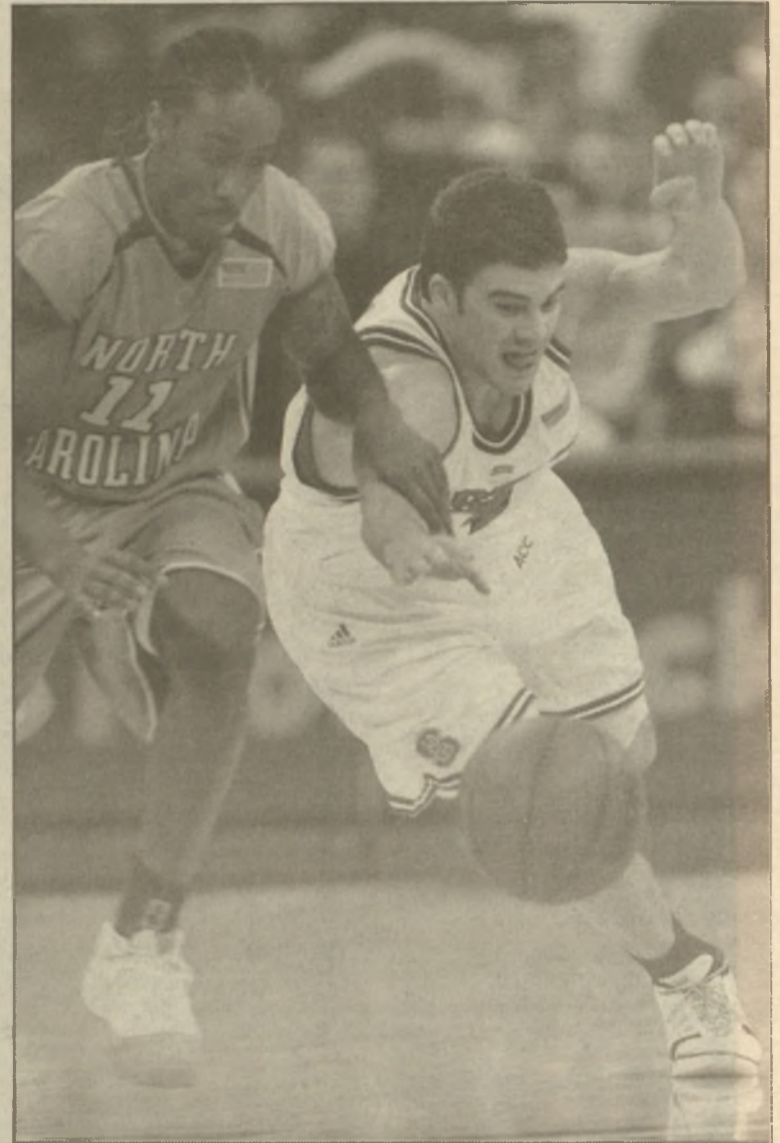
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 University of North Carolina's Quentin Thomas, 11, steals the ball from North Carolina State's Engin Atsur, 14, during the first half. North Carolina State defeated North Carolina, 83-79, at the RBC Center in Raleigh, North Carolina, Saturday, Feb. 3.

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unbeaten in the league, a game ahead of Bucknell.

Southeastern (6): Florida has more than a reasonable chance of defending its title. Kentucky has no stars, but is 12-5 against the top 100. Vanderbilt has been a major surprise. Tennessee has survived key injuries and a brutal schedule. Alabama also has had injury problems. If point guard Ronald Steele ever gets healthy, watch out. Arkansas has some nice wins, but has lost five of its last seven.

Southern (1): Davidson has quietly amassed 21 wins.

Southland (1): Texas A&M-Corpus Cristi leads, but Northwestern State, which upset

Iowa in the 2006 NCAA, lurks.

Southwestern Athletic (1): Jackson State is the only team with a winning record, so I will go there.

Sun Belt (1): South Carolina appears to be the class.

West Coast (1): Gonzaga was upset by Loyola Marymount on Monday, but has some great wins and plays a very difficult non-conference schedule.

Western Athletic (1): Nevada and Nick Fazekas are in. Reggie Theus' New Mexico State team is closing on 20 wins.

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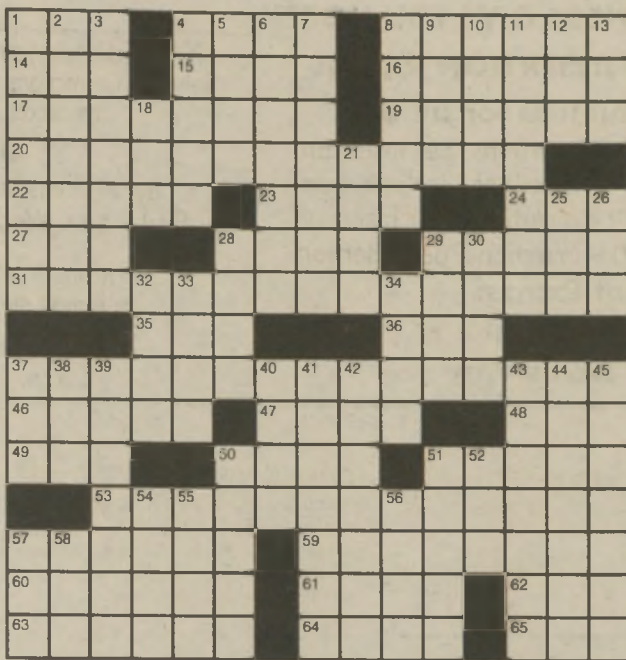
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- 53 End of quip
- 57 L.A. tar pits
- 59 Hammer's creator
- 60 Of the backbone
- 61 Mastodon feature
- 62 ACLU concerns
- 63 Egg amounts
- 64 Fr. holy women
- 65 To this day



- 7 Totally disinfected
- 8 Pay
- 9 Intensely eager
- 10 Chimney passage
- 11 Highly productive
- 12 Upscale '60s Ford
- 13 Curvy path
- 18 Greek Aurora
- 21 Put on
- 25 Tender or Pullman
- 26 Shoshone
- 28 Move slightly
- 29 Refusing to listen
- 30 Email opinion letters
- 32 Subside
- 33 Carolina university
- 34 Hold your horses!
- 37 Rink surface
- 38 ___ so fast!
- 39 H'wood industry

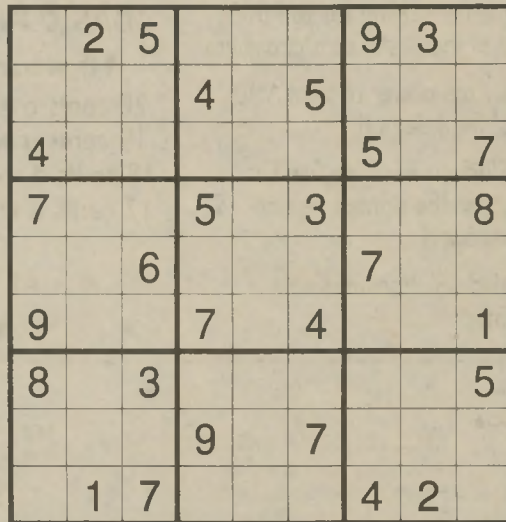
- 40 Munich's river
- 41 Tubb and Truex
- 42 Don't move!
- 43 Kingdom founded by St. Stephen
- 44 Informal alliance
- 45 Closest
- 50 Bargains
- 51 Moody exhibitions
- 52 Bigger pic
- 54 Coastal bird
- 55 Gradually break from a habit
- 56 Seine feeder
- 57 '60s hallucinogen
- 58 PFC's address

DOWN

- 1 Reach
- 2 Bureaucratic VIP
- 3 Promising
- 4 Stew server
- 5 Surrounded by
- 6 Ripple

SUDOKU

By Michael Mepham



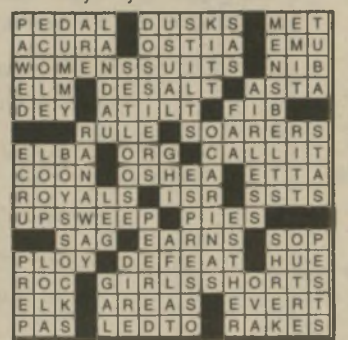
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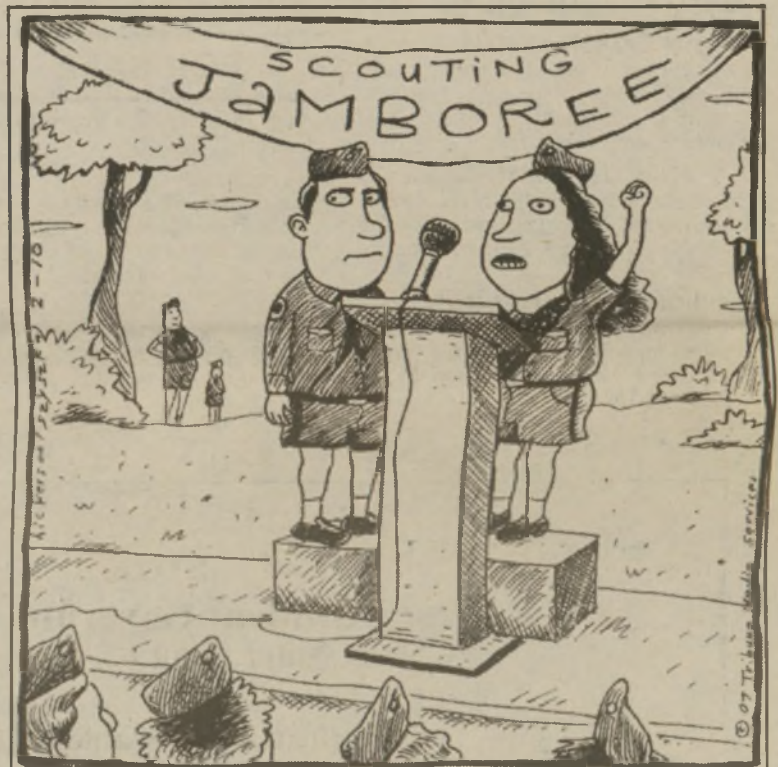


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