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Three little letters,
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Vaccine provides
protection
against virus
known to cause
cervical cancer



by Lori Schueler
Alestle News Reporter

A new drug was released for the prevention of certain types of human papilloma virus. Women who want to prevent themselves from possibly contracting the virus can now get the vaccine.

Certain types of human papilloma virus cause cervical cancer, which Gardasil can prevent. HPV types 16 and 18 cause 70 percent of cervical cancer, according to the Gardasil Web site.

There are various types of HPV and some of them will show no symptoms. According to Planned Parenthood, there are more than 100 different types of HPV. Forty types of HPV are sexually transmitted.

The virus can lay dormant in your body and not become a problem until 10 or 20 years later. A person could be passing the virus to someone and not even know it. It is important to get regular pap tests each year to find precancerous cells.

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Senate discusses general education reform

Sallis removed from office

by Zach Groves
Alestle News Reporter

General education change has been the talk of the university lately, most recently at Friday's Student Senate meeting.

Baccalaureate Reform through Integrated Design of General Education representatives broke down the committee's three proposals to change what is considered an outdated system for general education classes.

BRIDGE Design Team member Jennifer Rehg highlighted the proposals, which involved either revising the current plan, completely changing it by turning five introductory classes into three core courses and requiring a Global Civilization class instead of an Interdisciplinary Studies class or creating a learning community where freshmen would take two classes that loosely link together.

Students would also see each

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Keyless entry system to provide after-hours access

by Kevin Eagan
Alestle News Reporter

Facilities Management is in the process of changing campus buildings to keyless after-hour access which will add extra security for staff and students.

An estimated \$50,000 is being put into the project, which will allow the employee or authorized student to swipe his or her Cougar Card at the door to gain access instead of using a key.

So far, Rendleman Hall, Peck Hall, the Science Building and Lovejoy Library have implemented the new system, and Facilities Management plans to add it to a new building every two weeks.

Facilities Management employee Jeff Lesicko, who helps oversee the keyless system changeover, said the reason for going keyless was to eliminate the need for keys.

"It is much more practical to have the

keyless system, simply because you won't have to return keys," Lesicko said.

He also said that in the past, there was difficulty with employees losing keys or not returning them.

Facilities Management Director Bob Washburn also said the keyed-access system presented problems, especially with students who are authorized for after-hours access.

"At one point, we had about 500 keys issued to students that were never returned," Washburn said.

With the new system, when a student graduates or leaves SIUE, the student's card access is disabled within 24 hours.

"We compare it with a student database that verifies when a student is no longer allowed access," Washburn said.

This system is automated, which also eliminates the need to track down the student.

But as the new system is implemented,

Facilities Management has come into a few problems.

Washburn said they are having problems with installing all the card swipe machines to swipe on the correct side. At times, the machines have been installed backwards, causing employees and students to have difficulties swiping their cards. Another issue is making sure the machines work when they are needed. Washburn said that if the machines are down, they have a 24-hour service contract which will get them up and running quickly.

"We always do a test on each building when we set up the system to make sure they are functional," Lesicko said.

Lesicko said another problem involves communication with students and employees. The card swipe system is used for after-hour access only.

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Steve Berry/Alestle

Keyless entry systems are being installed to enable authorized students and employees to use Cougar Cards to enter certain buildings after hours.

Police Reports

2-13

Police received a call from an employee who reported copper gutters had been stolen from Building 279 in Alton.

Police took a report of a two-car accident on University Drive. No injuries or lane blockages were reported.

Police responded to a report of a stolen laptop at Dunham Hall.

Police responded to a report of a damaged vehicle at Woodland Hall Lot. The driver's side window was broken out, but nothing was taken from the vehicle.

Police responded to a report of a possible burglary to a motor vehicle.

2-14

Police responded to a report of a stolen laptop from a Cougar Village apartment. The case is under investigation.

Police issued Jessica Case a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police responded to a report of a possible hit-and-run accident in Cougar Village Lot 5B.

2-15

Police issued Kelly Link a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Mara Meyers a citation for disobeying a stop sign on Circle Drive.

Police issued Jacob Riedisser a citation for operating an uninsured motor vehicle on Circle Drive.

Police responded to Lot C regarding a hit-and-run accident in Lot 7.

Campus Scanner

N*W*C*: Laugh and learn at this comedy program about race from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. For more information, contact Steve Sperotto at ssperot@siue.edu.

Reading Strategies, Note-taking & Listening for Academic Success: Learn how to make the most of your studying time from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday in Peck Hall, Room 3117. For more information, contact Valerie McClinton at vnelsn@siue.edu or call 650-3701.

The Altruists: Watch this play about a group of students who will promote any cause they know at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday in the Dunham Hall Theater. For more information, call the Fine Arts Box Office at 650-2774.

Black Heritage Month Quiz Bowl: Test your Black history trivia knowledge from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

Africa, Today! Panel Discussion: Discuss cultural and social differences in Africa with faculty and students from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center Goshen Lounge. For more information, contact Steve Sperotto at ssperot@siue.edu.

SIUE vs. Missouri-Rolla: Cheer on SIUE's women's basketball team from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the men's basketball team from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. as each team plays against the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners Thursday in the Vadalabene Center.

For more information, go to siue.edu/ATHLETIC.

ELLA Speaker Series: Listen to Andrew Scheil and learn about Jewish and Medieval Studies from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the Mississippi-Illinois Room of the Morris University Center. For more information, contact Janella Moy at jmoy@siue.edu.

Showbiz Auditions: Audition for the Summer 2007 production of "Guys and Dolls" from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Dunham Hall, Room 2012. Participants must prepare a Broadway song and sign up for an appointment time in the Theater Department office or by calling 650-2773. For more information, contact Peter Cocuzza at 650-5614 or pcocuzz@siue.edu.

Share Food Volunteer Project: Volunteer at a local food program by packaging and carrying food out to customer's vehicles from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday in Granite City. Participants must sign up in advance at the Kimmel Leadership Center and will depart from Parking Lot B at 8 a.m. For more information, contact Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt at skutter@siue.edu.

CAB Ski Trip: Hit the slopes at Hidden Valley Ski Resort from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are available at the Morris University Center's Information Desk. The cost is \$15 for students and \$20 for faculty and staff and includes transportation, equipment rental and lift passes. For more information, contact Rachel Reitz at rlaruss@siue.edu or go to www.siue.edu/CAB.

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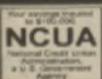
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Alestle staff wins 11 awards from Illinois College Press Association

Alestle News Staff Report

On Friday, representatives of the Alestle traveled to Chicago for the annual Illinois College Press Association convention. The next day, they returned with 11 Excellence In Illinois College Newspapers awards in tow.

Competing in the Open division against all other competing college newspapers in the state, the Alestle "Back to School Survival Guide" earned an honorable mention in the Special Supplement category. The staff's remaining awards came from the Non-Dailies Over 4,000 division.

"The 'Back to School Survival Guide' was a lot of work, but it was a great way to kick off the year," Editor in Chief Megan McClure said. "It's exciting that it won an award in such a large category - both dailies and non-dailies."

Over half of the staff's awards came from the photography department. Andy Rathnow received a first-place award for Feature Photo and honorable mention awards for Photo Essay and Sports Photo. Katy Hartwig earned second place for Photo Essay, while Pete Ridens received honorable mention

recognition in the Feature Photo and Sports Photo categories.

"I think the photo department's hard work and experience really shows through in the improvement of the general quality of our photographs over the last year," Rathnow said.

Sports Editor Matthew Bruce netted a trio of awards, including a first-place award for Sports Page Design, second place for Sports Feature Story and third place for Sports News Story.

"I was happy," Bruce said. "I didn't expect to win three of them."

In the Front Page Layout category, McClure and the Alestle staff earned an honorable mention award.

"I'm proud of the hard work the staff has put in," adviser Lance Speere said. "It's great to be recognized for their hard work. I feel like they've come a long way in a short time and I expect even greater things from them in future competitions."

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"It is best that students and staff go online and check building hours," Lesicko said. "Most of the buildings stay open late."

"It is also important to know that this is not a security system, but an after-hours access system," Washburn said.

He added that there is no

need to swipe the card when exiting the building, only entering the building while the building is locked.

According to Lesicko, Facilities Management is currently setting up the card-swipe system in Dunham Hall, Founders Hall and Alumni Hall.

The Vadalabene Center will be equipped with the system in March, and the Engineering Building and Art and Design Building will be set up in April.

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other more, as the two classes would be shared.

Meanwhile, BRIDGE student representative Nellie Shaul proposed that the committee get more students involved on the possible changes through focus programs.

"It is a final effort to get student input on the proposals," Shaul said.

Shaul said the reports should be done before the university faculty meets March 29 to vote on the potential changes.

Student Body President Carl B. Mitchell said the presentation was a bit hard to understand and the plans look, at the moment, like they will hurt students more than help them.

"It was a bit confusing, but from what I understand, they want to require more general education classes," Mitchell said.

"I want to do some more research about it."

The senate also removed Student Senator Jordan Sallis, who was noted for missing more than the allotted two meetings.

Mitchell said he will not open up another application process to fill Sallis' spot because there are numerous qualified candidates on file who can replace him.

Meanwhile, the senate approved travel requests for the Wagner Association of Metalsmiths' trip to Memphis for the Society of American Goldsmiths 2007 Conference.

Senators questioned WAM President Michael Parrett's intention of going when he is scheduled to graduate in May. The conference takes place June 13-17.

Parrett said that he may help

teach metalworking part-time later in 2007 and apply what he learned from the conference to the class.

The senate also approved travel funding for the American Society of Civil Engineers' Mid-Continent Regional Conference from April 26 through April 28 in Lawrence, Kan. and program funding for the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's "Fire and Ice Award Show" Friday, April 13 during Delta Week, which will take place from April 8 through 14.

The next Student Senate meeting will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 2, in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Most people with the virus will not have symptoms and the virus will cure on its own. Some of the viruses of HPV are considered 'high risk' and can lead to cancer. Others considered 'low risk' can lead to genital warts and an abnormal pap test."

On Feb. 2, Texas became the first state to require Gardasil for school-age girls. They want to vaccinate girls around 11 or 12 years old, before they become sexually active.

Virginia and 17 other states are also considering making the vaccine mandatory, according to the Washington Post. Illinois is one state that is considering the requirement, according to CBS News.

About 20 million people are infected with HPV. About half of sexually active men and women will

contract the virus at least once. Margaret R. Laws, certified nurse practitioner at Health Services, said she does not think HPV shots should be mandatory on campus.

"If someone isn't sexually active or is in a monogamous long-term relationship, they wouldn't need the shot," she said.

Laws recommends that people get the shot, but doesn't believe it should be required. In addition, Laws recommends the vaccine if patients have already had warts. Gardasil will only help prevent the virus and will not treat it. However, most people are not infected with all four types of HPV that the vaccine treats.

Laws also said the shot is only available to someone between the ages of nine and 26. She said a target audience was picked for approval when releasing the drug. However, a good time to get the shot would be prior to sexual contact.

When asking if shots should be mandatory on campus, Sophomore marketing major Elizabeth White said, "It depends on how much it costs. I wouldn't be able to scrape up \$200 if it wasn't covered by insurance."

However, White said she thinks it would be a good idea for people to get the shot.

"I think it should be (mandatory) because in the college age, students are more free and start dating," civil engineering graduate student Anamika Rathore said. "It would be good to get the vaccine if it helps prevent it."

But when Rathore was asked if it should still be mandatory if it was expensive and insurance would not cover it, she said, "It

would be a big problem. The insurance should cover it if it is for students."

Currently, the HPV vaccine is not available on campus. In regard to how students could obtain the vaccine, one of the concerns is the cost: \$360 for a series of three.

Laws suggested students call their insurance company to check if they cover the shots. If a student's doctor is not providing the shot, she recommended calling a pediatrician.

Laws also said Planned Parenthood will accept Medicaid or GHP insurance and the Madison County Health Department gives the shot for free for those 18 and under.

The vaccine for HPV should protect the patient for life, according to Laws. Since it is a new drug, it is difficult to guarantee the effectiveness of it.

"The shot does not cover every kind of cancer or wart," Laws said. "It protects you from 90 percent of warts and 70 percent of cancers, which are the most common cases."

She said there are several ways to remove genital warts. The methods will temporarily remove the warts and will not cure a person from genital warts.

"Current methods we use to treat genital warts include burning them off with acid, freezing them with cryotherapy or by using an electric prod to burn them off," Laws said.

If someone is looking for a long-term solution for genital warts, Laws said using the cream Aldara takes about four months to remove the warts. However, Laws added there is not a guarantee the cream will remove the warts forever.

Cervical cancer, another possible result of HPV, is detected through a pap test. If there are changes on the cervix, an HPV test will be done.

Aside from the vaccine, there are other methods of preventing HPV, such as using a condom. Even though a condom is not 100 percent effective, it does help to prevent the virus, according to Laws.

Factors contributing to the likelihood of contracting HPV include the nature of the virus and the individual themselves.

"It depends how strong the virus is and how healthy you are," Laws said. "You should boost your immune system by getting plenty of sleep, eating healthy, exercising... taking vitamins and, most importantly, don't smoke."

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Dems have good shot at White House

The mudslinging has begun as candidates for the 2008 presidential nominations are being announced.



Holly Meyer

With the low ratings of the current president and the cry for a solution to the Iraq war, the 2008 presidential election would seem to be an easy win for the Democrats.

However, if the Democratic primaries are nasty enough, the United States could end up with yet another Republican as president.

The two popular Democratic candidates vying for the position of commander-in-chief are Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

New York Senator Hillary Clinton joined the race in January. Clinton's stance on the Iraq war is a politically expected response. She does not recant her vote in favor of the war, but she is a serious critic of the way the president is handling the situation.

With the recent emphasis on global warming issues, the candidates should be responsive. On environmental issues, Clinton supports clean air and funding for the EPA.

The ever-controversial abortion issue leaves Clinton leaning pro-choice.

SIUE students should be pleased to know that Clinton's stance on educational issues falls in their favor. Clinton supports taking tax cuts away from the wealthy and corporations and giving them to student aid.

Illinois Senator Obama is in the running as well.

Barack is a strong dissenter of the Iraq war and thinks invading Iraq was a bad idea.

He seems to be a supporter of environmental issues, but has not been in office long enough to vote on many of the issues. He did vote favorably on including oil and gas smokestacks in mercury regulations.

Obama is pro-choice and would like to pass the stem cell research bill. In addition, he is a supporter of guaranteed affordable education.

Hopefully, whoever comes out of the Democratic primaries as victor will have the chance to win the 2008 Presidential election and give the United States the necessary governance it desperately needs at the moment.

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Republicans may be down to top two

Take the scandals the Republican Party has endured over the past year and throw in a dash of an unpopular war and you will get more and more people looking to the left for their next president.

There are two favorites at the moment to win the Republican bid for the presidential elections; John McCain and Rudy Giuliani. McCain is a senator from Arizona, and Giuliani is the former New York City mayor who led the metropolis through the hard times of Sept. 11.

McCain recently spoke out against abortion and believes Roe vs. Wade should be

overturned. He was in favor of going to war with Iraq and supports President Bush on sending in another surge of troops. In addition, he voted to give illegal immigrants Social Security benefits, is pro-death penalty, is against a constitutional ban on same sex marriage and voted to extend the Patriot Act.

Possibly the favorite to win the Republican Primary is Giuliani, who is pro-choice on abortion. He has supported the Iraq War and believes liberating the Iraqis is something to be proud of, and removing troops at this time would encourage future terrorist attacks. He supports the Senate's guest worker plan that would put illegal immigrants on a path to citizenship. Also, he supports the death penalty and supports gay rights, yet believes marriage

should be between a man and a woman, and speaks often on the fact that we should extend the Patriot Act.

If the Republican Primary falls down to McCain vs. Giuliani then it will be a mystery how strong conservatives will vote since both candidates have more liberal values than Republicans are accustomed to.

The race for the White House in '08 could prove to be an interesting and close contest. It's important for people with a conservative base not to abandon the party because of the Iraq War. This misstep is the only thing Democrats can hold onto and is the main reason they control Congress. Republicans can't afford to lose the presidency also, as we need to make the right decision.

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Student has issue with new system

I was insulted by the Alestle's opinion "Registering with Banner is beneficial" on Thursday, Feb. 8. The wording of

the article is such that it implies that persons favoring the previous system of registration are backward. This is seen in the sentence "... it is past time that SIUE moves into the 21st century of technology."

I have discussed the Banner system with many students and several faculty members. I have not found a single person who believes it (to be) a change for the better. This Alestle opinion was heavily biased and its assertions were supported by unsubstantial arguments.

I believe that the previous system was better for the students and the faculty. I am offended that the Alestle implies that I am backward.

Matthew Theuerkauf
Junior
History

Poll Question: Do you think the Banner Registration System will be more convenient for students instead of the old system? (150 students asked)

Yes, it will be easier - 41%
No, it will be difficult - 30%
Don't Know - 29%

This is not a scientific poll and students were asked at random around campus.

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Turnin' the big 40

*The
Delyte Morris
University Center
prepares to put on its
biggest birthday
bash yet*

by Maggie Willis
Alestle Lifestyles Reporter

The heart of campus, the place where students flock for food, friends and entertainment - the Morris University Center - is celebrating its 40th anniversary Wednesday, Feb. 28.

The celebration will kick off with live music from local bands starting 10 a.m., with a new band playing every two hours until 4 p.m. The music will pause at noon, just long enough to allow students to listen to speakers or grab a slice of a birthday cake large enough to feed about 1000 people.

Other happenings throughout the day include a machine in the Goshen Lounge

showering students with confetti, a mime, a photo gallery and prizes from Pepsi, including two bikes, two 20-inch televisions and several other smaller prizes.

Morris University Center Director Mary Robinson said specials from Dining Services and the University Bookstore will also be available.

"The specials will go on through March," Robinson said. "I think we might have soda priced from the '60s."

The MUC opened in 1967; the planning and design formed from the work and supervision of Delyte Morris, architect Gyo Obata and Robert Handy.

University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian Steve Kerber said Handy was the one most responsible for the design and operation of the University

Center.

Handy served as director from September 1962 through the erection and opening of the MUC on March 3, 1967, until his resignation on Aug. 22, 1974.

"Robert W. Handy was an extremely talented gentleman," Kerber said.

Thanks to Handy, Obata and Morris, the University Center now gives students a space of their own to enjoy and relax between classes, to converse and grab a bite to eat.

Previous to the Center's construction, all food services and activities had been confined to the basement of Lovejoy Library, according to Lyle Ward, then-assistant director of the MUC, in a document from 1992.

"During that period we were rumored to have one of the country's largest automated food vending operations," Ward wrote.

Dining services in the MUC have come a long way since then with the addition of the Cougar Den in the mid-'70s and the Center Court in the '80s, as well as relatively frequent renovations and policy revisions, such as recently-extended hours.

"Before, Food Services used to close around 2 p.m. and the building closed at 4 p.m.," Robinson said. "I bet no one was thinking when the UC was built that there'd be something open until 2 a.m., which is what we do with Starbucks."

The policy changes and renovations help SIUE keep up with the times, according to Robinson.

"I think the center has really been brought into the 21st century with the renovation we did a few years ago," Robinson said.

Robinson also said she has been working hard to promote more activities and student involvement at the MUC, even looking to revive the "Goshen

Ocean" for SIUE's 50th anniversary with beach activities in a sand-filled Goshen Lounge.

"When I walked into the center in 1975, it was so quiet," Robinson said. "Now, there's almost always something going on."

MUC administration has striven to bring ongoing events to the center, such as Goshen Showcases, Lunch with a Professor and Late Night Espresso at Starbucks.

"I also encourage CAB and student groups to do as many different activities as possible," Robinson said.

The MUC administration has many ideas for change, such as a juice and sandwich bar in the fitness center and a branch bank on campus, many of which result from student feedback from surveys "to ascertain how we stack up against sister schools," according to Robinson.

She also said the surveys show constant improvement.

"Every year it just gets better," Robinson said. "I'm pleased with our standing."

Robinson, in conjunction with other members of the MUC administration, is constantly working to improve the MUC, as well as the lives of students in general.

"We want to make sure we take our rightful place as home away from home for students," Robinson said.

To celebrate the birthday of the MUC, Robinson invites all students, faculty and staff to the party on Feb. 28.

"For about two hours, we're going to have a really good time in the Goshen," Robinson said.

For more information, contact MUC Secretary Debbie Goestenkers at 650-2305.

Maggie Willis can be reached at alestlelifestyles@gmail.com or 650-3531.



Photos courtesy of Steve Kerber and the SIUE University Archives

Above: The Morris University Center, circa 1967.

Below: The MUC cafeteria is pictured before renovations that enclosed and joined the indoor and outdoor areas.

Africa Week aims to erase misconceptions about Africa

by Kyle Wiese
Alestle Reporter

In order to change the negative public image of Africa, "Africa Week" will celebrate the cultural achievements and the steps being taken to improve the education on the continent.

The African Student's Association is sponsoring Africa Week, which will take place this week and feature many different programs to honor Black Heritage Month.

The theme for the week will be "Africa, Today!" and will underline the achievements, challenges and the future of the African continent.

"The message of the week is to portray the positive changes of Africa, such as human rights, economic growth and education," Africa Week Coordinator Mathias Akuoko said.

Throughout the week, students can enjoy displays of African artifacts provided by private vendors from the St. Louis area.

The artifacts will include authentic clothing, literature and

symbols of the 50 countries of the African continent in a display that will be shown in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

The displays will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

According to Akuoko, the African Student's Association would also like to confront the negative stereotypes associated with Africa.

"Unfortunately, Africa is often seen as a nation of poverty, but we would like to educate people about the positive changes occurring in Africa," Akuoko said.

One of the keynote events of the week will be Thursday afternoon's 1 p.m. panel discussion also titled "Africa, Today!"

Students will be able to join SIUE faculty members in an open discussion of the social and cultural differences in Africa.

"The panel discussion will give students the opportunity to be educated about Africa and we encourage them to ask questions," Akuoko said.

The African Student's

Association will also host Africa Night from 6 to 10 p.m. Saturday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

The cost for students is \$11 and \$13 for faculty, staff and the general public.

Africa Night will feature a dinner with authentic African dishes and dance performances from SIUE students and professional dancers from the St. Louis area, as well as a fashion show featuring authentic African clothing.

The events are intended to raise awareness of the problems Africa is facing, and also to highlight the culture of the continent.

"We would like to address the challenges that are being faced in Africa but we would also like to show the positives of Africa," Akuoko said.

Africa Week is a part of the celebration of Black Heritage Month. For more information about these and other events, visit the Campus Activities Board Web site siue.edu/CAB.

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ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

The Sheldon gets jazzed up thanks to SIUE concert jazz band

An SIUE-sized injection of jazz music is scheduled for the Sheldon Concert Hall in St. Louis on Tuesday. SIUE's concert jazz band will play arrangements of music from Billy Child, Carol King and Miles Davis. SIUE Jazz Activities Director Brett Stamps is leading the event. WSIE's own Ross Gentile, DJ of the "Standards in Jazz" radio show, is set as the host and master of ceremonies. Tickets cost \$6 and will be available at the door, which opens at 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit Ross Gentile's web site at siue.edu/~rgentil, or contact the Sheldon Concert Hall at 314-533-9900.

"The Altruists" attacks at Dunham

An anorexic soap star, a runaway male prostitute, and a love-struck social worker. What do they all have in common? All are fair game in the satirical play "The Altruists," the latest student production from the SIUE Theater and Dance Department. Described as an "edgy, biting comedy," "Altruists" slams "leftists, fascists, sexist, agerists, racists and any other -ist and -ism you can imagine." The 90-minute play runs without intermission and debuts at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Dunham Hall Theater. "The Altruists" will run with additional shows at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and will wrap up with a 2 p.m. show on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 for students and are available at the Dunham Hall Fine Arts Box Office. Only mature persons are advised to attend. For more information, contact the Dunham Hall Box Office at 650-2774.

Embrace the Oscars at the Tivoli

The little gold men known as "Oscars" won't invade the red carpet until the Academy Awards ceremony on Sunday, but that does not mean you cannot start the party early. The Tivoli Theater at 6350 Delmar in St. Louis is showing all five nominees for the "Best Animated Shorts" category, along with six other flicks, all in one sitting. Among the nominees is "No Time for Nuts," which catalogs the misadventures of the "saber-toothed squirrel" known as "Scrat," a recurring character in the "Ice Age" movie series. The feature plays daily with showings at 5:15 p.m. and 9 p.m., and runs until Thursday. For more information, call the Tivoli Theater at 314-995-6270.



N*W*C* brings no holds barred comedy to the Meridian Ballroom

Laughing and learning don't have to be mutually exclusive, or politically correct. "N*W*C*," also known as "N*gger, Wetb*ck, Ch*nk," is a comedic exploration of race relations that combines elements of slam poetry, hip-hop and stand-up comedy. This nationally touring act centers around a trio of faces - one black, one Mexican and one Asian. Each monologue is centered around the message, "There's only one race: the human race." The reaction to the act was two-fold; it has received critical acclaim and awards, but was also refused advertisement from at least two campus newspapers and the Seattle Times due to its potentially offensive title. There's no charge to attend, and the show begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. For more information, contact Steve Sperotto at ssperot@siue.edu, or visit www.nwclive.com.

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SIUE senior Jason Walker battles in front of the net during a recent game at the East Alton Ice Arena.

SIUE comes up short

Michigan skates past SIUE in ACHA regional tourney

by Anthony Patrico
Alestle Sports Reporter

As the SIUE Hockey team arrived in Orland Park this weekend, they had one goal to accomplish: win and get into the National Championship in Fort Collins, Col., next month. With two wins in this weekend's tournament, the Cougars could hit their target.

The Cougars started their weekend with a tightly-played game against the University of Missouri-Columbia. The Cougars led the Tigers by one heading into the third period. After a three-goal showing in the final 20 minutes of the game, the Cougars knew their next opponent was going to be one of the biggest challenges of the year.

The University of Michigan Wolverines Division II team has shown much of the same success that their Division I team has

had. Entering the tournament at the third seed, the match-up between the Wolverines and the No. 6 Cougars was anticipated all weekend long.

"The anticipation was high," senior starter Austin Jones said. "We didn't want to go to nationals backing our way in; we wanted to play big teams and prepare for the national stage."

When the puck dropped at the start of the game, only 29 seconds passed until Kaiser received a pass from Jones and put the Cougars on top. A minute later, the Cougars netted another goal, putting the Wolverines on their heels.

After starting the game by scoring two quick goals within the first few minutes, the Cougars found themselves down after eight power play goals scored by the Wolverines.

"We played hard all game," Jones said. "We weren't afraid of the big 'M' on their jersey and the gold stripes on their helmets. We played hard the entire time."

Heading into the third period, the Cougars, down by

two, were held scoreless as the Wolverines netted three more goals, finalizing their 10-5 victory.

"The score wasn't indicative (of) how the game was played," senior Captain Matt Kaiser said. "When at even strength, we were at the exact same level as them."

In the end, a struggling special team effort put the Cougars on the losing end of a hard fought game. Having scored eight power plays and two shorthanded goals, the Wolverines had zero goals at full strength.

With the loss, the Cougars will miss the National Championship in March, but now will switch their focus to the MACHA Division II Conference Championships. The Cougars will defend their title, with hopes of winning the tournament for the fifth consecutive year. The tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at the Centennial Ice Arena in Highland Park.

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Softball team wins three in Georgia

by Matthew Bruce
Alestle Sports Editor

The SIUE softball team withstood bitter weather conditions over the weekend to open the season, swinging its way to three wins at the West Georgia Tournament in Carrollton, Ga.

The Cougars, ranked No. 5 in the latest NCAA Division II National Fastpitch Coaches' Association poll, took down the University of North Alabama and Delta State University in Friday's action.

innings of work, striking out 12 batters.

Junior shortstop Kaeleigh Rousey provided pop at the plate, stroking two hits, including a two-run homer to left field in the first inning, to lead SIUE to victory.

The Cougars followed it up with a five-inning 10-0 romp over Delta State.

SIUE gave sophomore hurler Kaitlin Colosimo a solid cushion as it jumped out to an early lead on five runs in the first inning.

shutout innings, allowing two hits while fanning three batters.

In Saturday's action, SIUE faced stiffer competition and it showed. The Cougars started the day facing off against the No. 12 University of Alabama-Huntsville.

The Chargers handed SIUE its first loss of the tournament, taking the Cougars down hard 9-0.

"The second day we came out and we weren't quite as sharp," Montgomery said. "Pitchers weren't quite as sharp and we made some mistakes that hurt us. But coming home 3-2, we hadn't been outside yet. So you can't complain about that really."

UAH took a 2-0 lead into the second inning when Chargers catcher Stephanie Pinto smacked a three-run homer off Colosimo to cap a five-run scoring drive.

Colosimo allowed eight earned runs on eight hits in five innings on the mound. UAH pitcher Sarah Beth Medley held SIUE to just two hits and, excluding Mall's double in the bottom of the fifth, did not allow a Cougar hitter past first base after the first inning.

SIUE fell again in its next game, losing 6-3 to No. 15 Columbus State University.

CSU strung together six consecutive two-out singles in

"It was so cold. I don't think I've ever been that cold."

-SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery, on playing through snow over the weekend

"We came out pretty strong on Friday," SIUE Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said. "We got two wins, so I was really happy about that. I thought we played pretty well and our pitching was pretty good on that day."

SIUE handed North Alabama its first loss of the season, carving out a 3-1 victory in game one.

Senior ace Sabra McCune helmed the mound for the Cougars and held the Lions to five hits and one run in seven

With the Cougars already up 1-0, McCune jacked a three-run bomb to put her team up 4-0. Senior Jodie Ohlau stepped to the plate after her and launched a solo home run.

SIUE came knocking again in the third inning. Junior Nicole Beecher opened the floodgates with a two-run single and fellow sophomore Courtney Mall finished the run with a two-run double to left-center field that gave the Cougars a 10-0 advantage.

Colosimo threw for five

Wrestling team falls twice at NIU

by Matthew Bruce
Alestle Sports Editor

The SIUE wrestling team ended its season with a pair of dual-match losses at the Northern Illinois University Quadrangular Sunday in DeKalb.

The Cougars suffered a debilitating 43-4 loss to host NIU, only tussling to one victory in the match.

SIUE was without 133-pound freshman Nicholas Schumate and senior Jed Lewis at 149 pounds, both out with the flu. The Cougars were also missing 174-pound regular Danny Midgett.

"So that was four weight

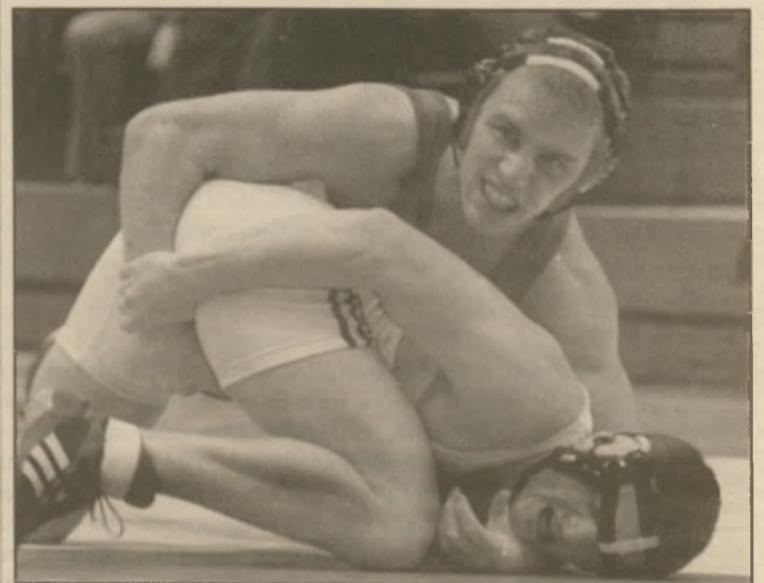
classes that we forfeited," SIUE Head Coach Khris Whelan said. "Were down 24 to nothing before we even get in there."

"The scores were not indicative of how we wrestled," Whelan added. "We competed and I was happy. It was time to be doing well because we have regionals this weekend."

SIUE sophomore James Aschebrenner fought off Will Dermotte 12-5 by way of a majority decision at 141 pounds for the Cougars' lone win against the Huskies.

"He wrestled fantastic," Whelan said. "He went out there and he wrestled a kid from

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SIUE senior John Ficht hogties Rick Cook of McKendree College during a Feb. 8 match at the Vadalabene Center.

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Tennis teams go down in spring openers

by Lindsay Stuart
Alestle Sports Reporter

The SIUE tennis team is reeling after a weekend loss to the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats, making the Cougars 0-2 and 1-1 overall.

"We were outmatched, completely outmatched," SIUE assistant coach Kyler Updyke said. "Their entire team is international students, so these guys are here to play tennis. That's what they're here for. (They are) some extremely good players. They are nationally ranked Division II and we aren't quite there yet."

The SIUE women's tennis team fell 5-3, losing three out of six singles matches and two doubles.

The Cougars fell into an early hole, losing the first three singles, but the fourth, fifth and sixth hitters went on to prevail in their matches to knot the score at three.

SIUE freshman Amanda Niebur put out a hard fault 5-7, 6-1, 14-12 win over Bearcat Johanna Olsson.

"We had a good chance," Updyke said. "The momentum

was going our way. We picked up the three bottom matches... so the momentum was in our favor. We were down in one of the doubles and winning one of the doubles and we had a critical point one way or the other. Kind of a bad situation ... and we came out on the losing end of it ... There was just a slight momentum change and we came out on the losing end of it."

The SIUE men fell 7-2, losing five out of six singles matches and two of three doubles.

SIUE senior Eduardo DeLaCruz had a good day, winning both his single and double matches.

"Just like last year, he finds a way," Updyke said. "He's got a lot of fight. He doesn't like to lose, so he's not real easy on himself when he does. At this point he's making a difference just like last year. He pulled out some matches last year the same way with the same circumstances."

DeLaCruz won his singles match at the No. 6 spot, sweeping SBU's Micah AuBuchon in straight sets 6-3, 6-0.

DeLaCruz and senior Doug Kim won their doubles match against Bearcats Agustin Moller and AuBuchon 8-5, giving the SIUE men their only doubles win.

"They did what they were supposed to do," Updyke said. "They're kind of on opposite ends of the spectrum as far as players. One's a strict base-liner, one's got good hands and they complement one another in that way. I was pleased with their performance."

All in all, Saturday's performance was not a disappointment for Updyke.

"I was happy for our first match," Updyke said. "That team was on their fourth match of the year already, obviously some tough competition. For our first time out, I was not disappointed at all."

The Cougars compete against the University of Illinois Springfield this Saturday at the SIUE courts near the Vadalabene Center.

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the third inning, scoring four runs to take a 5-0 lead.

"We gave up 19 runs on the weekend, 13 with two outs," Montgomery said. "So we need to do a better job of that. Obviously if we have two outs, we need to get out of that inning by making that third out. So that was crucial."

The Cougars crossed the plate once in three late innings, but it was too little too late as SIUE failed to notch a hit in the opening three frames.

Ohlau pounded out her second homer of the season in the fourth and Mall went deep in the sixth. But McCune allowed six runs and 11 hits in six innings to fall to 1-1.

CSU pitcher allowed four hits in seven innings, striking out 10 Cougar hitters along the way. SIUE fanned 25 times over the weekend.

"We struck out way too many times," Montgomery said. "We've got to do a better job of fouling pitches off with two strikes until we can get a pitch we can hit. We didn't do a very good job of that."

The Cougars got back on the winning track in their final outing, dropping host West Georgia 11-3 amid frigid temperatures and snowfall.

"It was so cold. I don't think I've ever been that cold," Montgomery said. "It was ridiculous how cold it was on that last game. But really both days it was freezing. It was miserable. But you drive all that

way, you're not going to say, 'Oh, it's too cold, we're not going to play.'"

Ohlau and freshman third baseman Lauren Zembruski tallied two-run hits to power SIUE to a seven-run fourth inning.

Colosimo rebounded to pick up the win, pitching six innings and giving up three runs on five hits to improve to 2-1.

Ohlau finished the weekend with five hits, two long balls and five runs batted in. Mall rung up a .455 batting average, three RBIs and a homer.

"They had an outstanding weekend, both of them," Montgomery said. "They both also played a very good outfield for us. They took a couple home runs away and hit the ball well. They were consistent."

SIUE is now 3-2 on the year. The Cougars return home to Cougar Field Saturday and Sunday. SIUE kicks off the five-team tournament at 1 p.m. Saturday, taking on the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

"Weather permitting, we're going to play it," Montgomery said. "But it's not looking too promising right now just with the snow still being on the field. But it is supposed to get warm so we'll see what happens. We'll just wait it out and see what the weather does."

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Northern Illinois and just went after him. He took it to him. The kid was never really in the match. He was in the kids face the whole time."

Tony Lyssiotis put up a fight for SIUE at 197 pounds, but got edged 1-0 by Nick McClone in a defensive battle.

"We competed and I was happy."

-Khris Whelan,
SIUE Head Coach

No other SIUE performer came closer than senior Joe Rujawitz, who fell 3-1 to Kalen Knull at 157 pounds.

At 165, Johnny Galloway had little trouble taking down SIUE senior John Ficht 12-4.

Danny Burk wrestled SIUE freshman Nick Young to a pinfall at 1 minute, 44 seconds in the 174-pound match. At 125, fellow freshman Tommy Hill suffered a 20-5 technical fall against Pat Castillo, who is ranked No. 17 in the nation in his weight class.

In their second dual of the day, the Cougars made more noise but still came up short, going down 33-24 to Eastern

Illinois University.

A.J. Ciccarelli nipped Hill 5-4 at 125 pounds to put the Panthers up 3-0. With the Cougars trailing 15-6, Rujawitz pinned EIU's Kyle O'Toole at 157 to tighten things up, making the score 15-12. Fight followed up with a pin on Billy Gallo at 165 to put the Cougars up 18-15.

But it was the last contested match the Cougars would win. EIU senior Kenny Robertson matted Young at 2:00 in the 174-match and Greg Petri took down SIUE junior Jacob Petri at 184 pounds.

SIUE senior Sean Tyus won by forfeit at 197, but the Cougars forfeited the heavyweight match, handing EIU a 33-24 win.

SIUE fell to 3-10 with the loss. Next up is the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Tournament at 9 a.m. Saturday in Ashland, Ohio.

"They're going to have to beat some seeded kids. That is all there is to it," Whelan said. "And they're capable of doing it they've done it before. Realistically, I think we should be able to get four out."

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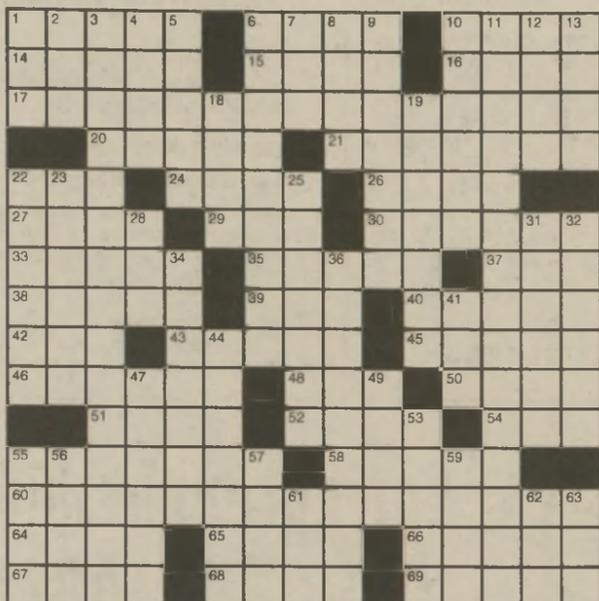
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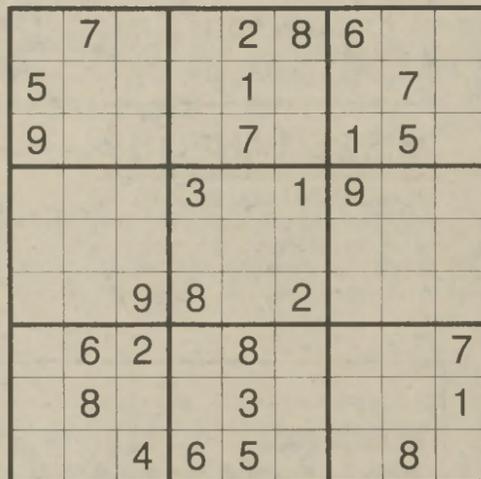
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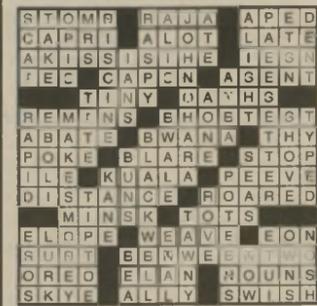
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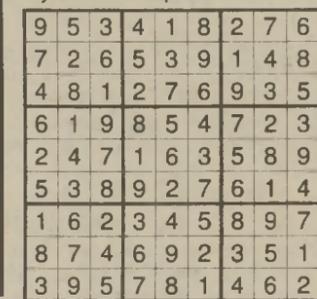
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Innovators and Entrepreneurs Workshops

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