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Graduate Studies Open House - Saturday, Feb. 24

Showing their stuff

Research to be presented Saturday

by Catherine Klene
Alestle News Reporter

Behind a door covered with "Biohazard" and "Authorized Personnel Only" signs, graduate student Nellie Shaul spends her days homogenizing human placenta samples in a science lab.

"This is really gross," Shaul said as she poured liquid nitrogen into a sample in a metal cup. "Things splatter."

Shaul took the cup to a large machine called a homogenizer, a sort of scientific blender, and began grinding the sample to a bright red pulp.

"This is probably my least favorite part," Shaul said over the whirl of the machine.

The end result was a row of 10 tin trays each holding a small amount of pureed placenta.

"After this set, I'm on sample 195," Shaul said.

Shaul is part of a graduate team working alongside Kevin Johnson, assistant dean for research projects and personnel in the College of Arts and Sciences. The research project, Shaul explained, is to find out what soil pollutants, if any, may be causing low birth weights in Chattanooga, Tenn.

New mothers in Chattanooga have the placenta samples sent to SIUE on dry ice, Shaul said. Shaul, Johnson and the rest of the graduate team have

spent the past four months in the lab, manipulating 240 samples to see if any pollutants entered the womb during the pregnancies.

Shaul is a second year graduate student working toward a master's degree in chemistry. She already has bachelor's degrees in both biology and chemistry.

The College of Arts and Sciences will host the Graduate Studies Open House from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday in the Goshen Lounge for anyone interested in learning more about graduate programs. The event is open to all SIUE students and those from the surrounding areas.

Shaul intends to pursue her education even further, hoping to obtain a doctorate in chemical oceanography.

"In the sciences, it seems like a more natural continuation," Shaul said about attending graduate school.

Shaul commented that a graduate education is not for everyone.

"You have to like research, and you have to like problem solving and trouble shooting on your own," Shaul said. "If you are one of those people who has questions, and you are inquisitive about



Katy Hartwig/Alestle

Graduate student Nellie Shaul performs research in the Science Building. Shaul is part of a research experiment involving soil pollutants and low birth weight. The Graduate Studies Open House will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. until noon.

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Division transfer would mean variety of changes

by Catherine Klene
Alestle News Reporter

As the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees prepares to vote whether to reclassify SIUE athletics to NCAA Division I, the SIUE community has raised questions about conferences, budgets and benefits.

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift has recommended that the board approve the reclassification to Division I. Vandegrift based his decision on the findings of an intercollegiate athletics task force,

commissioned in August 2005.

Gary Giamartino, interim vice chancellor for university relations, was head of the task force. The task force's responsibility, Giamartino said, was to gather information and present its findings to the chancellor.

Now that the taskforce has completed its work, Giamartino said his role is to gather people together in support of DI athletics.

"I think the chancellor's decision was a well-reasoned one," Giamartino said. "SIUE has a tradition and track record of performing at the highest levels, and I think we're going to do it here, too."

Giamartino reviewed some of the changes the SIUE community could expect to see if the university made the move to DI.

"We will be attracting a different type of student athlete," Giamartino said.

He added that SIUE would recruit against other DI schools for athletes.

Spectators would also recognize changes.

"As a spectator, you would see a different level of competition," Giamartino said.

Giamartino said the competition would be at a higher level of athleticism, but he expected

SIUE to play with the same intensity as before.

Economics professor John Meisel was also a member of the task force. Meisel is the faculty athletic representative to the NCAA and president of the Great Lakes Valley Conference, SIUE's current Division II conference.

Meisel said that in the final report, several benefits were listed, including increased enrollment, more media exposure and increased community perception.

SIUE is not the first school to reclassify its athletics.

Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Ga., officially joined the DI Atlantic Sun Conference last year.

Dave Waples, Kennesaw State's athletic director, offered advice to SIUE.

"Number one, get in a conference before you declare yourself DI," Waples said. "And number two, bring a lot of money."

Waples said Kennesaw's budget for DII athletics was \$3.2 million. After reclassifying, that budget rose to \$5 million.

"Be frugal," Waples advised. "Make certain you know what you are doing before you spend money."

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photo by Katy Hartwig/Alestle
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Andy Rathnow/Alestle

Police Reports

2-16

Police took a report of criminal damage to a motor vehicle in Lot 1. The passenger side windshield wiper had been twisted off.

Police issued Bryan Marco a citation for disobeying a traffic control device on North University Drive at Lewis Road.

2-17

Police issued Nicholas Bryarly a citation for disobeying a stop sign on University Park Drive.

Police took report of a theft of a wallet, coat and key at the Student Fitness Center.

Police issued Steve Rader citations for disobeying a stop sign and leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident on Stadium Drive.

Police arrested Michael Sarro for theft of services after refusing to pay a cab fare in Woodland Hall Lot.

2-18

Police issued Lakeisha Perry citations for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle, speeding and not having valid registration on North University Drive.

Police arrested Jacqueline Marstall on an active Glen Carbon warrant for failure to appear and contempt of court and

issued a citation for speeding on East University Drive.

Police issued Jill Dace a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Alana Finley citations for speeding and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

2-19

Police issued Lindsay Tripp a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police arrested Shonta Hopkins for driving with a suspended driver's license and issued citations for speeding and the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

Police responded to a report by a grounds worker who said a sign to the lot had possibly been hit by a car.

Police issued Matthew Stark a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Jared Marshall a citation for disobeying a stop sign on Circle Drive.

Police issued Nicholas Armentrout a citation for disobeying a stop sign on Circle Drive.

Police issued Errol Kutan a citation for disobeying a stop sign on Circle Drive.

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Despite the financial aspects, Waples said Kennesaw has seen many positive changes as a result of the move.

"The positive parts of this far outweigh the negative parts," Waples said. "It's difficult at the beginning, but it's worth it."

According to Giamartino, SIUE is currently searching for a conference to join, but has made no decisions yet.

"This is kind of like looking for a date for the prom," Giamartino said. "All those dynamics of matchmaking are going on. We will be looking at conferences we find attractive, and conferences will be looking at us for attributes that they find attractive."

Depending on which conference SIUE joins, Giamartino said the level of competition will be higher.

"Different conferences offer different strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for us as an institution," Giamartino said.

One concern of many members of the SIUE community is the cost of reclassification.

Meisel estimated that the move to DI would cost around \$2 million more than the current operational budget of \$3.5 million.

This equates to a \$150 increase in student fees, Meisel said.

"This fee will be phased in," Meisel said.

He added that the fee increase would not begin next year.

Meisel recognized that many current students will have graduated by the time DI status is fully implemented, but said there will be many benefits to alumni.

Meisel believes moving to DI will give SIUE more prestige and recognition.

"This is one way to give a separate identity to SIUE," Meisel said.

Giamartino agreed and encouraged students to think of the future.

"You may be a student for four years at SIUE, but you'll be an alumnus forever," Giamartino said.

If the board

approves the reclassification Thursday, March 1, Giamartino said the next step is to petition the NCAA for DI status while simultaneously searching for conferences.

Meisel explained that this begins a five-year process. Next year, SIUE will remain in DII, but will be in an "exploratory period," looking for conferences.

If approved by the NCAA, SIUE will obtain partial DI status, but will not be a full DI member for four years.

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"This is kind of like looking for a date for the prom."

-Gary Giamartino, on choosing an athletic conference

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A Cougar Shuttle bus rolls through Hairpin Drive. The shuttle service provides students transportation between Cougar Village and the core campus.

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Shuttles still bustling

by Sarah Byer
Alestle News Reporter

Madison County Transit buses have been filling up and passing students on the 400-side of Cougar Village since the beginning of the fall semester.

The problem started last fall, according to S.J. Morrison, Director of Marketing and Planning at MCT. The buses are filling up on the 500-side of Cougar Village and then passing the 400-side because they cannot add more passengers, Morrison said.

Morrison said students began complaining, so MCT sent several representatives to ride the routes and see what the

problem was and if there would be any way to fix it.

"The routes were studied for a week, and we noticed that students were taking earlier buses," Morrison said.

Because MCT decided the students had fixed the problem on their own, no plan was implemented to remedy it.

"It was our understanding that nothing needed to be done because overloads stopped happening," Morrison said.

Even though MCT claims the problem was fixed, it remains on the minds of several 400-side Cougar Village residents.

"I walk over to the 500 side, because there's no way I

will get a bus (otherwise)," Mike Aldrige, a 400-side freshman, said.

According to Aldrige, some bus drivers will drive to campus and then turn around to pick up 400-side students directly. Aldrige thinks this tactic does help slightly; however he thinks there may be problems in the future.

"The school is steadily growing, so they're going to have to change the bus schedule," Aldrige said.

Not every student is still experiencing problems with the bus schedule, though.

"It seems like they have

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Ethanol plant to open in Sauget

by Lori Schueler
Alestle News Reporter

A new ethanol plant is being built in Sauget. The plant will create more jobs, and the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center on campus may be training the workers.

The new facility is scheduled to open late this year, according to BioFuels Journal.

Pam Keck, assistant director of workforce development and scientific projects at the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center on campus, said the new plant being built is a great idea, as it is located right on the river in a good location for grain handling.

"I think it is wonderful," Keck said. "I applaud the people at Sauget for making that happen."

Keck, a former chemistry professor at SIUE, said her plant hopes to be able to train workers for the Sauget plants, as well as workers elsewhere.

The National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center applied for \$1.4 million from the National Science Foundation to establish the center as a National Biofuel Education Consortium.

They expect to find out next month whether they will receive the funding.

"If we do receive the money, we will be able to work with 12 colleges and universities across the nation, as well as establish a two-year curriculum to train people to be ethanol process operators," Keck said. "An average ethanol plant requires 40 workers."

Keck said one branch of research they do is exploring ways to use alternate fuel sources.

Many gas stations have E-10 fuel, which is 10 percent ethanol, 90 percent gasoline. Any car can run on this type of fuel.

Keck said six billion gallons of ethanol are produced each year, yet 140 billion gallons of gasoline are consumed each year.

For all gas stations to have E-10 fuel, ethanol plants would have to produce 14 billion gallons, or 10 percent of gasoline consumption.

E-85 fuel consists of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent gasoline. Keck said to be able to use E-85 fuel, car manufacturers have to make cars that will run on

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Morris University Center

Upcoming Events

Starbucks Late Night Espresso

February 22, 8:00pm - 11:30pm

Relax & enjoy live performance by Jon VanBuren

Located main level of MUC

Starbucks open till 2:00am

Goshen Showcase

February 26, 11:00am - 1:00pm

Enjoy live performance by Vincent Demuro

Goshen Lounge

University Restaurant

Daily Specials available

Monday - Friday, 11:00am - 2:00pm

Taco Bell

Open This Weekend, 12:00pm - 10:00pm

Saturday & Sunday

Union Station

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Student Leadership Development Program & Volunteer Services

Modules

2/27/07

Module 17, 2:00 p.m.

Leading Your Peers

Michael Yarbrough, Community Outreach Coordinator

St. Louis Rams

Board Room, MUC

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Module 7, 6:30 p.m.

Conflict Resolution: Negotiating Differences

Chris Smjekal, Communications Instructor

St. Louis University

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Module 8, 2:00 p.m.

Human Relations

Billie Turner, Community Liaison

University of Illinois / NTAC

Board Room, MUC

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Module 18, 5:30 p.m.

Motivating Others

Pat Rzewnicki, The "Speech Teach"

Let's Talk

Board Room, MUC

SLDP Reminders....

Volunteer Projects

February 24 - Share Food, Granite City, IL

March 4-8 - Spring Break Trip Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma

March 17 - Angel Food

March 24 - Share Food Co-op, Granite City, IL

March 31 - St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Store, E. St. Louis, IL

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

Black Heritage Month - February 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS REVEALING IDENTITY EXPRESSING CONSCIOUSNESS

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
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**MONDAY, JANUARY 29-
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

Art Exhibition:
"Quilting as a Piece of Black Heritage"
Monday through Friday,
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM; for additional
hours by appointment,
contact 618.650.2300
Art Gallery, Morris University Center,
2nd floor

An exhibit of African-American quilts reflecting
the rich heritage of the art form with examples
from local collections and also including works by
contemporary local artists.

Sponsored by Department of Art and Design
and University Museum

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
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.

Sponsored by African Student Association

Black Heritage Month Quiz Bowl

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Goshen Lounge, Morris University Center

Come test your Black History knowledge
"Jeopardy" style.

Co-sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha and
Delta Sigma Theta

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.

Sponsored by African Student Association



**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 24**

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

Sponsored by African Student Association

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

Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

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.

All events are free unless otherwise noted. Contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at 618.650.2686 for a detailed schedule of events or
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**WAL-MART
SUPERCENTER**

Steve Berry/Alestle
The Glen Carbon Wal-
Mart may become a
Supercenter.

Will Wal-Mart super-size?

by Sarah Byer

Alestle News Reporter

A Wal-Mart Supercenter may
be in store for Glen Carbon.

A meeting about the site
plan was scheduled for Tuesday;
however, the meeting was
canceled because quorum was
not met.

According to J. Hagerty, a
quorum member, the members
are all citizens of Glen Carbon
who have been appointed by the
mayor. Hagerty said the
members had other
commitments.

This was not the first time
the meeting was canceled.

Skip Sponeman, store
manager of the Glen Carbon Wal-
Mart, said this is the second time
that the meeting has been called
off.

Sponeman said Wal-Mart is
in need of an upgrade. It has been
10 years since the store has been
updated and Sponeman said he
fears Wal-Mart customers will

decide there are better places to
shop if it is not up to par.

"The consumer chooses
where to shop," Sponeman said.

A group of concerned
citizens in Glen Carbon has
organized to protest the possible
expansion.

However, sophomore Robbi
Browning said she is not very
concerned about Wal-Mart being
an all-in-one store.

"I would just like it if it's
open all the time," Browning
said.

In addition, Browning said
the expansion would open up
employment.

"More jobs would be nice,"
Browning said.

The next meeting
concerning the site plan review,
which includes the parking lot
expansion, will be Tuesday,
March 6, at the Village of Glen
Carbon Hall.

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it.

According to the Renewable
Fuel Association, as of early 2006
there were 650 retail stations that
offered E-85. Today, over five
million cars run on E-85.

Keck said E-85 cars are not
something to expect everyone to
be using in the near future.

"I don't think we will be
running all cars on E-85 in the
next five years," Keck said. "We
are not there yet."

Keck also said the plant is
looking into other kinds of
renewable fuel such as butanol.

As for gas prices, Keck said
the government has to make sure
the prices are "economically
attractive for people to use." She
also said the cost is going to be
competitive and price would not
necessarily go down if more
ethanol is added to fuel.

Freshman Nathaniel Diorio
said he is supportive of ethanol
research.

"I think it's good we are
doing it because we are
eventually going to run out of
oil," Diorio said.

According to the Belleville
News Democrat, some argue
against ethanol production
because the price of corn could
go up and more land would have
to be devoted for agricultural
purposes, not to mention
"billions of dollars in new
taxpayer subsidies."

Keck said ethanol is a cleaner
burning fuel and less greenhouse
gases are burned compared to
gasoline.

Another reason some
support ethanol use is its
potential to reduce dependence
on foreign oil.

"Sixty-three percent of
petroleum is consumed from
foreign oil," Keck said.

She also said the majority of
oil is used in transportation.

The National Corn-to-
Ethanol Research Center
employs many students in their
labs and in their plant. For more
information, contact Pam Keck at
pkeck@ethanolresearch.com.

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things ... that's a sign that you should go on."

Standing over an industrial sink, Shaul scrubbed excess goop off an instrument and talked about her experiences while pursuing her graduate degree.

"I do like the sense of ownership of the project," Shaul said. "I feel very self-sufficient. As an undergrad there was so much I felt I didn't know."

Shaul added that setbacks and long hours can be frustrating.

"You realize how slow of a process research really is," Shaul said. "When you're an undergrad, everything is prepared for you, everything works. Research is nothing like that."

Still, Shaul said she felt the successes outweighed the obstacles encountered along the way.

"Being able to have that sense of accomplishment when you finish a huge project like this, that's probably the most rewarding part," Shaul said.

Shavon Shegog is also graduate student working for her master's degree in speech communications.

Shegog's thesis project deals with semiotics, the study of signs and codes.

"I'm using semiotics to see how African-Americans classify blackness," Shegog said.

Shegog said many people tend to stereotype blacks based on the way their hair is styled.

"You'd be surprised at how much hair plays a significant role in identity formation," Shegog said.

Shegog said her thesis idea came from her own personal experience.

"I took my braids down, and the reaction that I got from people—both black and white—were so in my face," Shegog said. "When I had my little afro, I got a lot of stares."

Reactions toward her natural hairstyle were "extreme on both ends," Shegog said. "Either it was really positive or really negative."

Inspired by this experience, Shegog set out to see how people code black hairstyles using Jet magazine, a popular black fashion magazine.

"I'm doing some coding with Jet magazine's 'Beauty of the Week,' and what I'm looking at in particular is how black people code beauties of the week versus how white people code beauties of the week," Shegog said.

Coding, Shegog explained, is how people separate different hairstyles into different categories, such as good hair, bad hair, kinky or rebellious.

"It's an awakening. These are all things that, as an African-American, you kind of know exist," Shegog said. "It's like an open secret. Everyone knows, but you don't really talk about it."

Shegog said her thesis goes beyond popular hairstyles and into a quest for assimilation into society.

Shegog encouraged other students to consider a graduate degree when planning for their future.

"It'll open up so many doors for you," Shegog said. "It's really a test of what you're made of."

Shegog said the faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences has been supportive of its graduate students.

"This is a college that really honest-to-goodness cares," Shegog said. "There's never been a time when I needed to talk to a professor and they were too busy to talk to me."

Shegog cautioned students to consider what they really want out of a graduate education and stressed the importance of self-sufficiency.

"It's very important that if you decide you do a graduate program, you really need to think about it," Shegog said. "This is all you. ... You have to really want this."

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Tuesday, April 3, 2007

SIUE graduate students and Undergraduate Research Academy students are invited to contribute papers, exhibits/posters, presentations, or performances to the SIUE Graduate Student Research Symposium, scheduled to be held in the Morris University Center on Tuesday, April 3rd. Graduate students should submit an abstract detailing their research or creative activities or that of a faculty mentor's research in which they are involved.

Two \$200 prizes will be awarded, one to the best presentation and one to the best poster.

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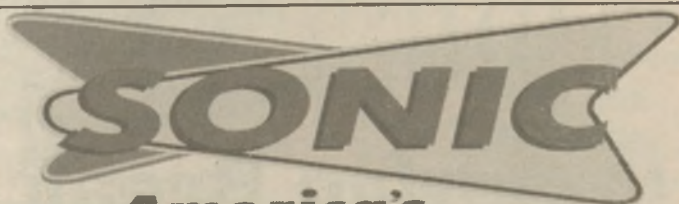
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made it more accessible," Spencer Brinker, another 400-side sophomore, said. "I am pretty much guaranteed a ride to class at nine in the morning."

Brinker said he has not had a problem catching the bus. If he does not get on at the scheduled time, he said he waits five minutes for another.

Although he is not having problems personally, Brinker said he thinks the buses may be turning around to pick up 400-side students so quickly because it has been so cold outside.

Perceptions of the bus situation vary widely. Despite what kind of feedback it receives, MCT has stuck to its story.

"Our job is to provide excellent bus service to the campus," Morrison said. "If overloads happen again, we will ride again."

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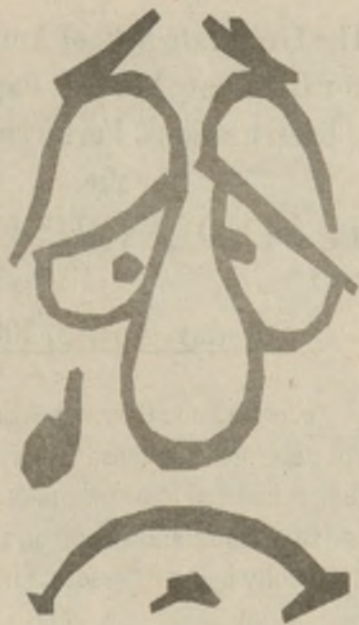
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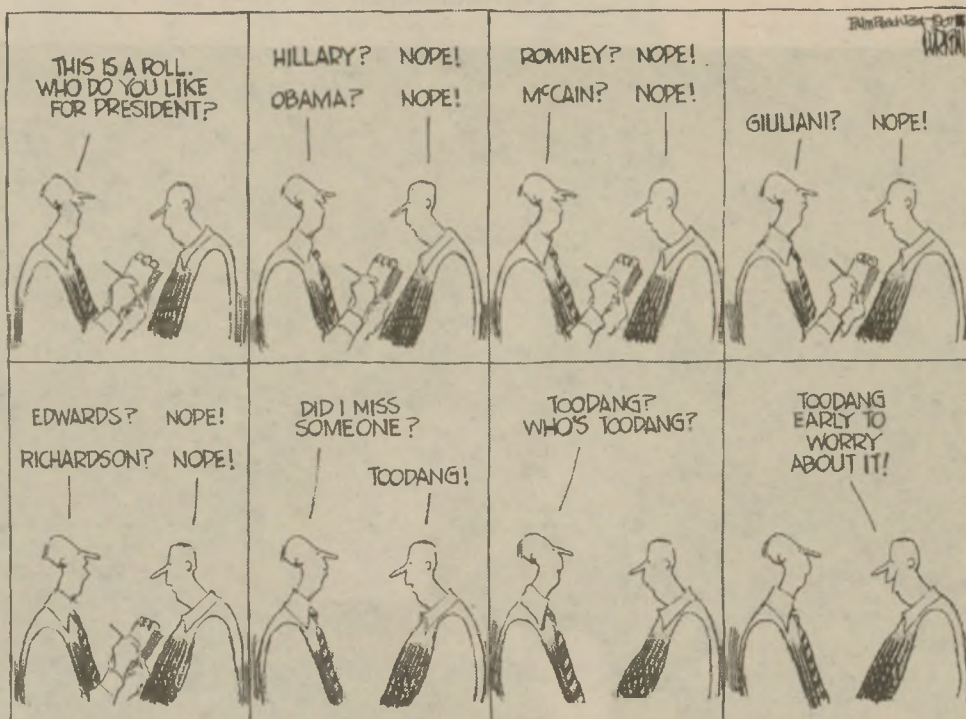
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Flier protest juvenile ... and ineffective

Student protests; something to rally behind in order to cause a stir in the way things are going on campus.

They are able to make students aware of what is really going on with events on campus that will affect them, especially if they are well thought out, properly planned and executed thoroughly.

Unfortunately for one current student protest this week, it lacks all the above.

"Look on the other side, loser" screams out bold letters on a flier being circulated throughout campus. The flier was created in order to protest the chancellor's recommendation for SIUE

athletics switching their current status of Division II to Division I.

Besides being unable to correctly spell Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift's name, the flier has many flaws in it that make it impossible to be successful.

Issue number one has to do with the lack of any substantial argument in the flier, unless referring to the students as losers six times counts as one.

The closest thing to an argument the unnamed writer has is, "You will pay \$150 extra a semester to support the funding so that a handful of ball-bouncing/kicking jocks and coaches can enjoy their little games."

The list can go on and on for why upgrading to Division I can be beneficial: more activities for students to attend, more name recognition for the school that can be helpful when

applying for jobs.

The flier then goes on to say that the university believes we students are "apathetic losers." It paints the picture that the university is a snake in the grass trying to con us out of more money, which is untrue in this case. The chancellor's recommendation to transfer to DI was made because "SIUE competes at the highest level nationally in everything except athletics," Vandegrift said.

Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion on this issue. Yet, the people who are opposed to the Division I jump should almost be embarrassed that this is their voice to the public about it. A different approach should have been used. Lastly, if you are going to make a statement strong enough to call students losers, at least own up to it and have your name accompany it.

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If you can't stand the heat...

Students need to take more active role in politics

On Feb. 1, 1960, four African-American college students walked into a Woolworth's store in Greensboro, NC and sat down at the "whites-only" cafeteria counter, requesting to be served.



Britney Barr

At the time, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blaire Jr., Joseph McNeil and David Richmond would not understand the magnitude of their actions against racial segregation until the group had received media attention, thousands of followers and the successful desegregation of

Woolworth's dining services.

According to "The Eyes on the Prize Civil Rights Reader," the sit-ins "included 70,000, and resulted in three thousand arrests by August 1961. ... The sit-ins provided an important model for protest and showed students that they could affect the political process."

Eventually, youths of all races joined hands in freedom marches.

Today, this generation of college students appears reposed to the adversities that plague our society. All the while, our generation is heir to the consequences of ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the incompetence of world policing powers, increasing high school dropout levels and a host of escalating troubles.

What are the implications of America's future if political and social adversity goes uncomfirmed? Today's students should take a more pronounced role in the political process that will determine our future!

Voting, discussing politics, becoming aware of the changes that our society is undergoing, and the reasons that undergird such changes, are all ways in which the student population can make even the slightest change to our country's future.

The next step is to go through the motions with knowledge, resolve and patience. There is nothing to lose, only gain.

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You can lead a horse to water

You've heard the phrase, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." Well, you can lead a student to information, but you can't make him (or her) listen.



Megan McClure

In less than three weeks, a long-anticipated change will take place. For the first time at SIUE, students will register themselves for classes using Banner, the university's Web registration program.

This week, university employees have stood in the Center Court at the Morris University Center, distributing fliers regarding Web registration, financial aid and billing. The sheets detail crucial information for students preparing for fall registration.

Informational sessions have been scheduled for students wishing to see a demonstration of the new system or to learn more about the Banner system's impact on financial aid and bill payment. Additionally, staff-assisted registration sessions are available for students requiring additional guidance. Every possible resource is in students' hands; it is simply a matter of utilizing these resources.

The university should not have to inundate students with this information; ideally, students should independently take interest in this major change. Heaven forbid the university asks students to maintain an ounce of responsibility for themselves.

By seeking relevant information through sources such as newspapers, campus e-mails and fliers, these students work to remain informed, thereby exercising personal responsibility.

We are college students. Adults, even. If the university makes a change, it is not its job to hold students' hands, but instead provide basic, necessary information. From there, it is the responsibility of students to seek this information to facilitate a smooth transition.

The horse has been led to the water...

Drink, already.

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Did they just say what I think they said?

Comedy troupe brings laughs, social message, controversy



Photo courtesy of N*W*C Media
Miles Gregley, Rafael Agustin and Allan Axibal perform in the unconventional routine N*W*C.

by Kyle Wiese
Lifestyles Reporter

Taking on serious racial issues is rarely an easy task, but the N*W*C tour uses comedy to bring about the understanding of race relations and the difficulties they can cause.

The N*W*C comedy event performed Wednesday at the Morris University Center as part of the university's celebration of Black Heritage Month.

N*W*C, which stands for "N*gger, Wetb*ck, Ch*nk," is performed by three men whose lives have been greatly effected by those traditionally offensive words.

"They talk about race in terms that college students can understand," event coordinator Erica Sanders said.

N*W*C started out as a play that eventually turned into a comedy performance by three college friends, Miles Gregley, Rafael Agustin and Allan Axibal.

The tour had a three-month run in the Los Angeles area before touring the nation at various colleges and universities.

The story of the N*W*C is the true story of the lives of the three men and their takes on race relations.

The three performers have each encountered racism and have used that to create the comedy that they now perform.

Three early scenes in the act chronicle the first time each of these three men encountered these words and their realization that these words referred to their ethnicity.

"The purpose of the performance is to show how to learn about people as individuals instead of just judging them by race," touring manager

Liesel Reinhart said.

The actors of N*W*C have each been nationally recognized for their talent and have performed at premier venues for stand-up comedy.

Gregley has performed at California's Improv, the Laugh Factory in Hollywood and the Ice House in Pasadena, Calif.

Agustin received the American College Theater Regional Acting Champion award for his work.

Axibal was honored with a best actor award for his work with the N*W*C performance at the National Theater Festival.

The three met while attending the University of California at Los Angeles and their friendship and cohesiveness on stage led them to N*W*C.

"These guys just want to teach others about encountering racial differences and ethnic slurs," Reinhart said.

Reaction from the public regarding their performance has been mixed, mainly because of the group's potentially offensive name.

While the group was on tour in Seattle, some newspapers refused to even cover the performance because of their name.

However, for those that have seen the show, the reaction has been generally positive.

"The best quote we've ever got as a reaction to the performance was from a white audience member. He said that it's the first show about race that didn't make him feel bad," Reinhart said.

For more information about the N*W*C tour, visit the group's Web sites at www.nwclive.com and www.nwbackstage.com.

For more information about this event and upcoming events, visit the Campus Activities Board Web site at siue.edu/CAB.

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Students "regulate" MUC entertainment



Steve Berry/Alestle

Brian Collins (left) and Brandon Rardin (right) put on a show for the camera Monday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. Collins and Rardin chose to karaoke to the tune "Regulate" by Warren G.

Now Rating: "Ghost Rider"



Image courtesy of Sony Pictures

by Roger Moore

The Orlando Sentinel (MCT)

What a relief. "Ghost Rider" is a joke, a monumentally foolish comic book movie with lots of unintentional laughs, mixed in with the intentional ones.

Absurd, ineptly plotted, it lacks a coherent theme or storyline or reason to exist aside from a very silly Harley-from-Hades burning motorcycle effect.

They cast Nicolas Cage to star in it, but you cannot tell if the burning skeleton version of him on the bike is him at all. Not his physique, not his voice.

Director Mark Steven Johnson, director of "Daredevil," blows it, not quite completely.

But a relief, why? Because if movie studios start hiding good \$120 million comic book movies from reviewing critics before opening day, well, the game is up for us poor, downtrodden reviewers.

Nic, dolled up in Elvis leather, drawling the role of Satan's Skip-Tracer, the Devil's Bounty Hunter on a Hog, makes the jokes work. The intentional ones, anyway. As Johnny Blaze, a stunt-biker who sold his soul to the Devil (Peter Fonda) he's into death-wish stunts, jellybeans in martini glasses and maudlin Karen Carpenter ballads.

Whatever you do, don't touch that stereo.

"Dude, you're steppin' on Karen!"

Eva Mendes is the girl he left behind after he sold his soul to save his dying dad. She's a TV reporter now, toting around a microphone that looked fake even when "American Bandstand" was lip-syncing its way into history. You are not meant to notice the mike, or that she leaves the scene of her "big story" without actually taping the stunt the story is about. You won't notice because girlfriend is seriously popping out of every blouse they give her. A \$120 million budget and they couldn't find her a shirt that fits? I kid.

The Devil has this contract he once failed to collect. An earlier Ghost Rider kept it from him rather than relegate humanity to some awful fate (a hell where all the multiplexes are showing "Ghost Rider"?).

And now the Devil's son, Blackheart (Wes Bentley) wants it to depose Daddy. The "new" Ghost Rider stumbles into the Caretaker, perfectly growled by Sam Elliott, who gives him advice on riding without a helmet, and other really important questions.

"Is this thing ever gonna end?"

"Not even close."

Unintentional laugh. Big one.

There's nothing compelling about that plot. The "menace" that this spawn of Satan poses to humanity, or to Eva Mendes, is yawn-worthy. The "cool" cycle isn't that hot. The pandering '70s-rock soundtrack is eligible for Social Security.

But Cage almost, almost makes it campy enough to work. He hits his marks, looks so ripped and mop-topped that you'd swear his six-pack and hairline are special effects, and he never breaks up, even when he's drawling the most stupid lines.

"I shore wish this thang coulda turned out different."

"GHOST RIDER"

2 stars

Cast: Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes, Peter Fonda, Sam Elliott.

Director: Mark Steven Johnson.

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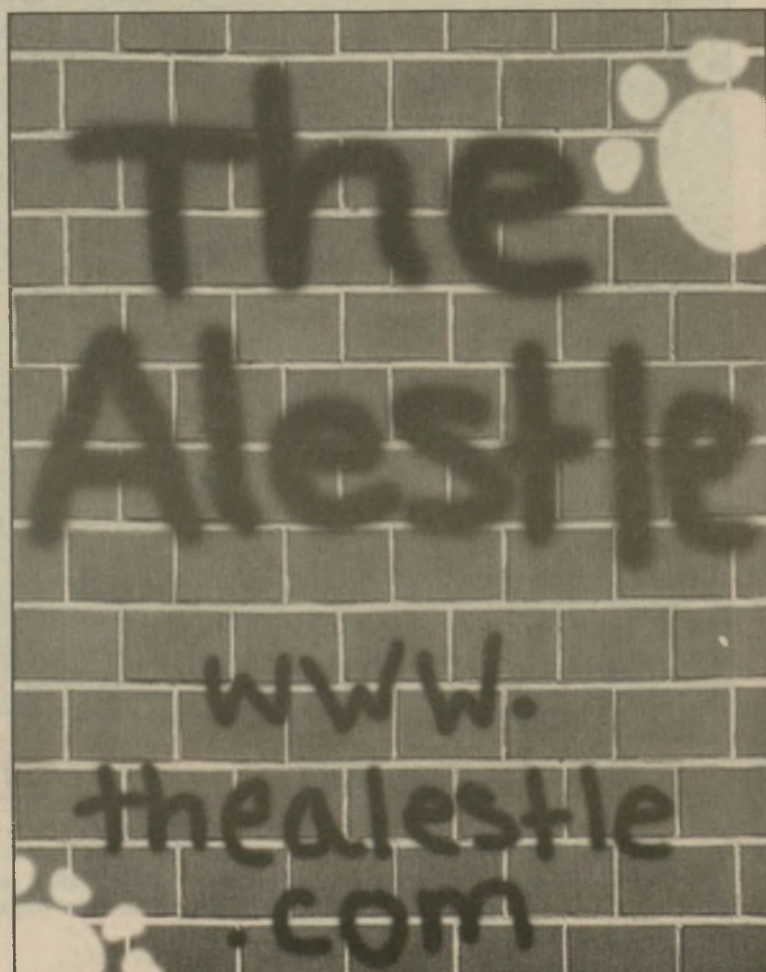
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Speed Demons

Track and field teams gear up to defend conference titles at GLVC Indoor Championships this weekend

by **Lindsay Stuart**
Alestle Sports Reporter
and **Matthew Bruce**
Alestle Sports Editor

Hopes are high for the SIUE men and women's track teams this weekend as they head to Wabash College to compete in the Great Lakes Valley Conference Indoor track and field championships.

The SIUE men's team has placed first in the GLVC championships twice in the last three years, coming in second in 2005.

Bannister, who suffered an injury in 2006, is back with a vengeance. He currently holds the GLVC Indoor record in the 400 meters with a time of 48.74, and the SIUE school 200-meter hurdles record of 25.29.

"Jonathan has been a team leader," Beyers said. "I know he's excited to finish his career in the indoor season with a great conference meet."

Sophomore Kyle Rose has also been getting some attention. Rose set the school record in 200 meter with a time of 22.12, and the 400 with 47.95 seconds.

meters with a time of 22.53 and set a school record in the 200 meter banked dash with a time of 22.18 at the Illinois Invite in 2006.

"We have so many great athletes it's hard to single any one individual out," Beyers said.

Beyers, who won GLVC Coach of the Year for women's track last season, is very optimistic about the conference.

"Other than the obvious of winning a championship title for both (men's and women's) teams, we hope to improve the performance of the individuals and better their chances of making it to nationals," Beyers said. "The athletes have been working very hard this year ... lifting and running to prepare to do the best they can and make the team proud and the school proud."

The SIUE women will come in looking to capture their fourth consecutive GLVC Indoor crown.

"One of the main keys is just doing what we've been doing all season long," SIUE Head Coach David Astrauskas said. "We don't need anybody to do anything special. If we do what we've been doing all year, we should be fine."

"One of the main keys is just doing what we've been doing all season."

-David Astrauskas,
SIUE Head Coach

"We hope to perform as well as we have in the past," SIUE assistant coach Ben Beyers said. "We've won several times before and we hope everyone performs so we can come out on top again."

SIUE has many athletes who are expected to place high in the standings, including senior Jonathan Bannister.

"Kyle is a tremendous runner," Beyers said. "I would look for him to do very well and come out on top this weekend."

Sophomore Chris Littleton is also expected to excel this weekend. He won GLVC Freshman of the Year in 2006 and finished second in the 55-meter dash with a mark of 6.52. Littleton placed third in the 200

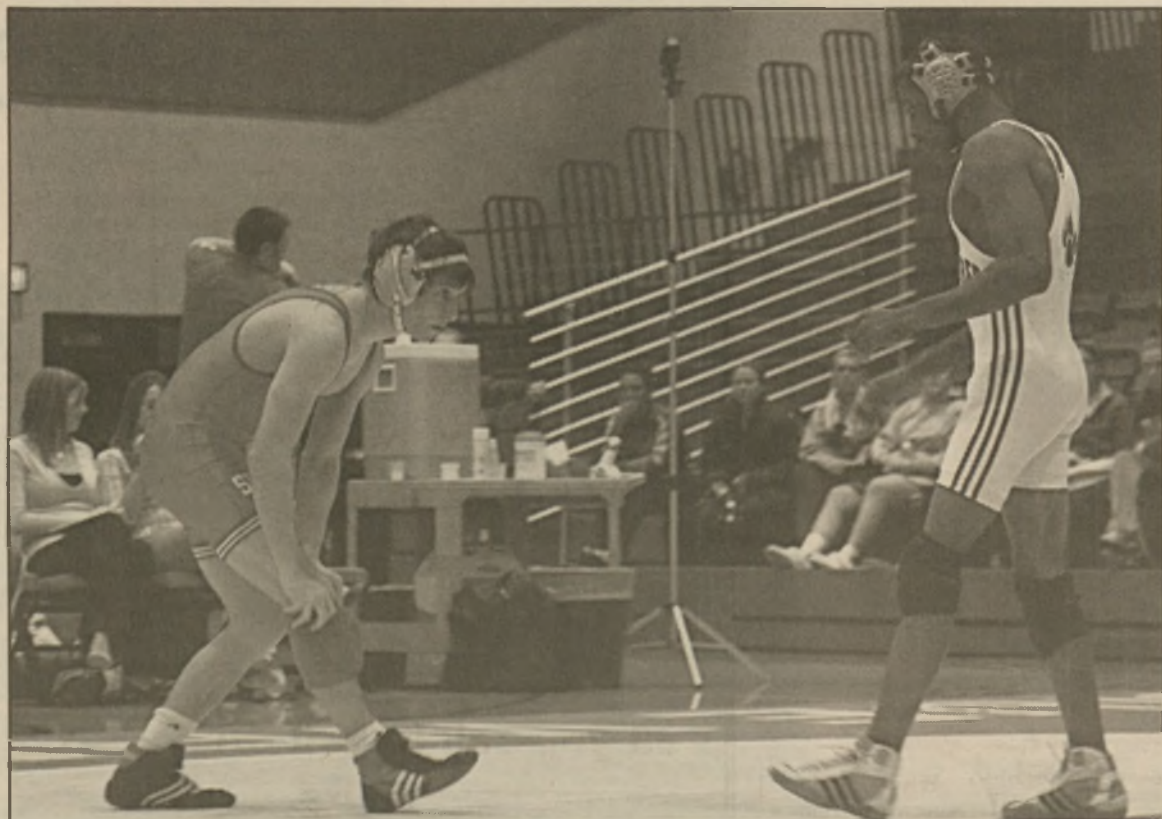


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SIUE sophomore Chris Littleton runs a leg of a relay race during a meet last spring at Korte Stadium. Littleton, who was named Great Lakes Valley Conference Freshman of the Year last season, will be one of the leaders for the Cougars in the GLVC Championships Saturday.

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SIUE wrestlers seek redemption at regional tournament



Laura Lengyel/Alestle

SIUE freshman Tommy Hill, left, closes in on McKendree College's Jermaine Waye during a 125-pound bout Feb. 8 at the Vadalabene Center. Hill, who has a 7-10 individual record for the Cougars this season, will wrestle at 125 pounds for SIUE in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championships Saturday at Kates Gymnasium in Ashland, Ohio.

by **Marty Jenkins**
Alestle Sports Reporter

The SIUE wrestling team will hit the mats this weekend in Ashland, Ohio for the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championships.

The Cougars are coming off of two duals against Division I teams in which they were defeated.

The first defeat came at the hands of Northern Illinois University by a count of 43-4. The Cougars were then edged 33-24 against Eastern Illinois University a few days later.

The competition will be tough in Ohio, but many Cougars are excited about the challenge that lies before them.

"We have had a long year but now we are looking forward to finishing the season on a good note," SIUE senior Joe Rujawitz said. "We are going to have a strong performance this weekend and hopefully we can have 3 or 4 guys that can move on to

Nationals."

Senior Jed Lewis is also looking forward to the competition this weekend.

"We are going to go out there and battle hard this weekend and show people what we are capable of," Lewis said. "It has been a long year, but the guys are very determined to finish things off on a strong note."

SIUE finds itself in a talented region stacked with many ranked teams. The region features the No. 2-ranked team in the country in Central Oklahoma University.

It also features No. 11 Ashland University, No. 13 University of Wisconsin-Parkside, No. 15 University of Indianapolis, No. 18 Carson Newman College and No. 19 Findlay University.

"It's probably the toughest region because of all of the ranked teams in it," SIUE Head Coach Khris Whelan said. "If our

WRESTLING/pg. 13

SIUE Club Baseball to begin season this weekend at Kansas

by Anthony Patrico
Alestle Sports Reporter

It's a telltale sign of spring: the ping of a baseball making contact with an aluminum bat can be heard from ball fields across the nation.

The SIUE Club Baseball team will start their spring season this weekend. Coming off an over-500 season with a record of 13-11, the team has high expectations.

"We are going into this year thinking we will play every game hard, and win every game we play," senior starter Jared Marshall said.

The team had many ups and downs throughout last year's season. After gaining victories over teams like Loyola-Chicago and Northwestern, the Cougars suffered tough losses to University of Illinois and University of Indiana.

The Cougars also have gained key players, an added benefit for this year's team.

"We lost a couple of guys,"

Marshall said. "But we also picked up a great bunch of guys who can fill the holes that the guys leaving created."

With seven of the nine starters returning, junior Zach Burch, who led the team in hitting, returns to continue his success. Burch also makes a large contribution to the team defensively at first base, outfield and taking over some of the pitching duties for the Cougars.

"Our hitting has always been good," junior outfielder Sean Thoms said. "This year we picked up some pretty good pitching and it's going to help us out a lot."

With the loss of a couple major starters, the team has much to work on to see the success they have had in the past.

"We aren't scheduled against the No.1 and No 2-ranked teams from our conference last year," Thoms said. "I think our record will be a lot better than last year."

The team is very excited

about this upcoming season's tournaments.

During spring break, the Cougars will travel to Plant City, Fla. to compete in a college showcase. During this tournament, the team will take on opponents from Robert Morris University, Bowling Green State University and Ferris State University.

"This trip is a great time to get to know your players," Thoms said. "It's a great time and we play on some gorgeous fields down there."

As the season starts this weekend, the Cougars will take the field in a non-conference game and hope to start the year with a victory. They will travel to Lawrence, Kan. and the University of Kansas this weekend to take on the Jayhawks. Game time is scheduled at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., both weather permitting.

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"This year we picked up some pretty good pitching and it's going to help us out a lot."

-SIUE junior Sean Thoms, Club Baseball outfielder

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Beyers added that experience might play to SIUE's benefit, steering the Cougars to the top of the podium at the end of the day.

"The key for everybody is to just relax and perform the way we know they're capable of," Beyers said. "We've got a lot of veterans and with that type of leadership, if everybody relaxes and performs the way they're capable of, we should be able to win."

Leading the SIUE team will be senior All-American Tairisha Sawyer, who was named GLVC Athlete of the Year at the Outdoor Championships last season and the 2005 indoor tournament.

Sawyer tallied her season best Friday in the 200-meter dash at the Hoosier Invitational at Indiana University, setting a provisional qualifying mark with a time of 25.09 seconds.

"She's coming back as a senior and I know she wants to do some big things," Beyers said.

Also poised to have a big day for SIUE is sophomore Deserea Brown, last year's indoor GLVC Freshman of the Year.

Brown will be looking to do it all. Astrauskas said she would compete in seven different events, including the 200-meter dash, the 400-meter dash, the triple jump, long jump and high jump.

"She has a bright future," Astrauskas said. "She's only been on the team for a couple of years, but she has already done a lot of

things for us."

Senior Valerie Simmons will take the track for SIUE in the long jump, triple jump, 400-meter hurdles, 200-meter hurdles and 400-meter dash.

The Cougars are coming off a solid showing at the Hoosier Invitational. SIUE got season-best marks in seven events and had an automatic bid to the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:44.12.

"We're coming on strong," Beyers said. "This is typically the time of year when we come on. It's always a little nerve wracking at the beginning of the season when they're not putting up the numbers that we know they're capable of. But we always seem to get it together when it matters most."

Senior All-American Callie Glover and sophomore Breanna Branson will anchor the Cougars in the throwing events.

"Our recent success over the past couple of years has been because we pretty much have someone in every event," Astrauskas said. "Whether it be the jumps, or the run or throws, we have someone in each event."

Junior Christine Butler, who broke the school record in the triple jump earlier in the season, will use her springy legs to help

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David Stern not blinking on key issues

by Ailene Voisin
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(MCT) – David Stern's life is a little like a Vegas production. He operates 24/7, under bright lights and on a spectacular stage, which is why, you might figure, he might be receptive to overtures from Mayor Oscar Goodman, Wayne Newton and all those Elvis impersonators who have been tugging at his sleeves, whispering in his ear, promising the world in exchange for a franchise. For any franchise.

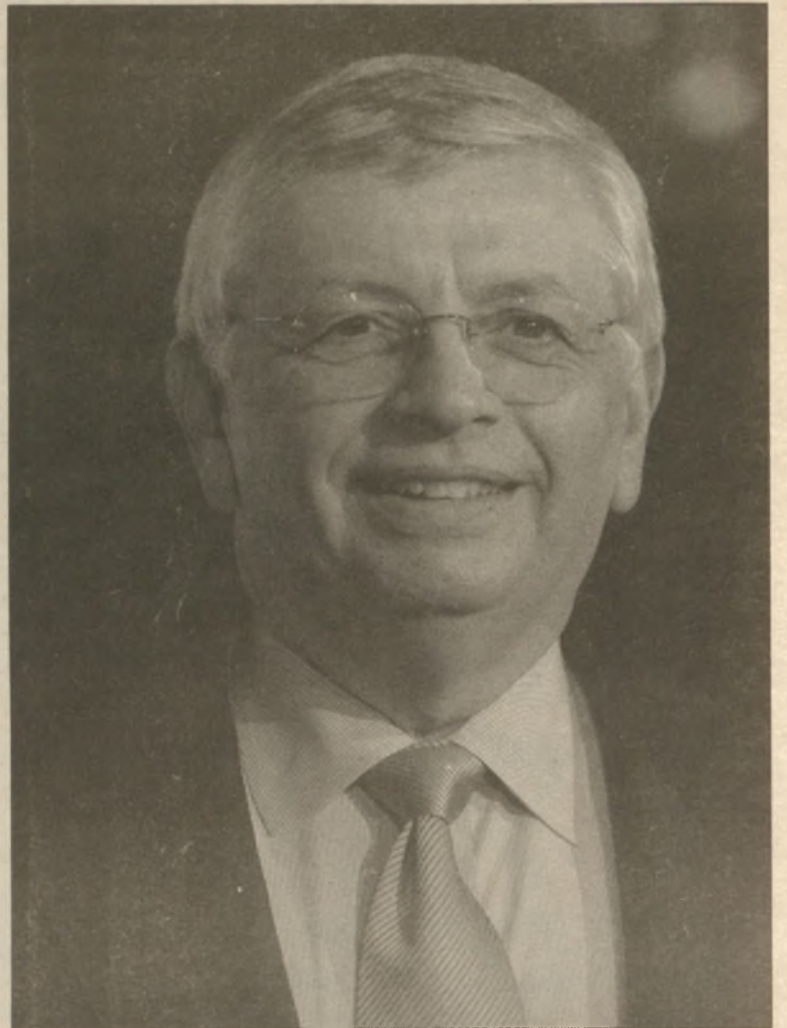
New Orleans. Memphis. Charlotte. Sac.

But say this about Stern, the NBA power broker who drops the ball on occasion, yet still presides effectively when it matters most: He can resist temptation. Despite the high-roller treatment – the type of wining, dining and wooing usually reserved for the most prolific gamblers – is no progress to report on the Vegas-wants-a-franchise front. No compromise on the gaming issue. No promise that the professional basketball landscape of southern Nevada will be expanding anytime soon, not even by the addition of a 31st team.

Stern said no and said it again and again and again. With a massive NBA audience watching – and much of it clogging the streets here these past several days – the league's longtime executive has taken every opportunity to affirm his commitment to the Kings. He has been so consistent, so resolute, in fact, as journalist after journalist has approached and inquired, that he changed the entire conversation.

He turned a dialogue into a monologue. He welcomed the world to Vegas, then plugged Sac. What happens here, he said, has nothing to do with the arena snags in Sacramento.

"The one thing we agree at the NBA, and the Maloof family agrees, (is) they want the NBA to be in Sacramento, and they want to own the team in Sacramento," Stern said forcefully during his annual news conference. "I don't know how to be more precise than that. That's what they (the Maloofs) confirmed Wednesday night at dinner. And, so the rest



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NBA Commissioner David Stern attends the American Express Celebrates the Rewarding Life of Earvin Magic Johnson at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles, Feb. 12, 2004.

is, in my view, not grounded in fact. We're trying very hard to take a team that has succeeded wonderfully in Sacramento, continues to succeed, and find a way to continue a marriage in a building that is better than the one they are in, which isn't a building for the long haul. It's my charge to see whether there is a way to do that."

Toward that end, Stern, who said discussions with civic officials and business leaders in Northern California are ongoing, admittedly secured serious schmooze time here with the Maloofs ... just in case. Into an exhaustive schedule that has included appearances at a local elementary school, a meeting with the league's rules and competition committee, nightly social commitments with lucrative sponsors and an evening escape with Elton John, he dined with the entire Maloof family and left the restaurant convinced his NBA/Sac marriage could be saved.

"David is cautiously optimistic," said a visibly upbeat Joe Maloof. "He knows we really want to get something done. I keep telling everyone who asks – and I have done interviews with the New York Times and tons of other reporters – we don't want to leave Sacramento. The fans have been incredible. It's a great place. Maybe now everyone will start to believe us."

That appears to be happening, in a subtle, if significantly sizable shift. The rumors of a Kings-to-Vegas move have quieted noticeably.

Stern isn't blinking. He isn't even bending. After distancing himself from Seattle's chronic problems during Saturday's press gathering, the one-time litigator sounded like a social activist when discussing the league's planned return to New Orleans.

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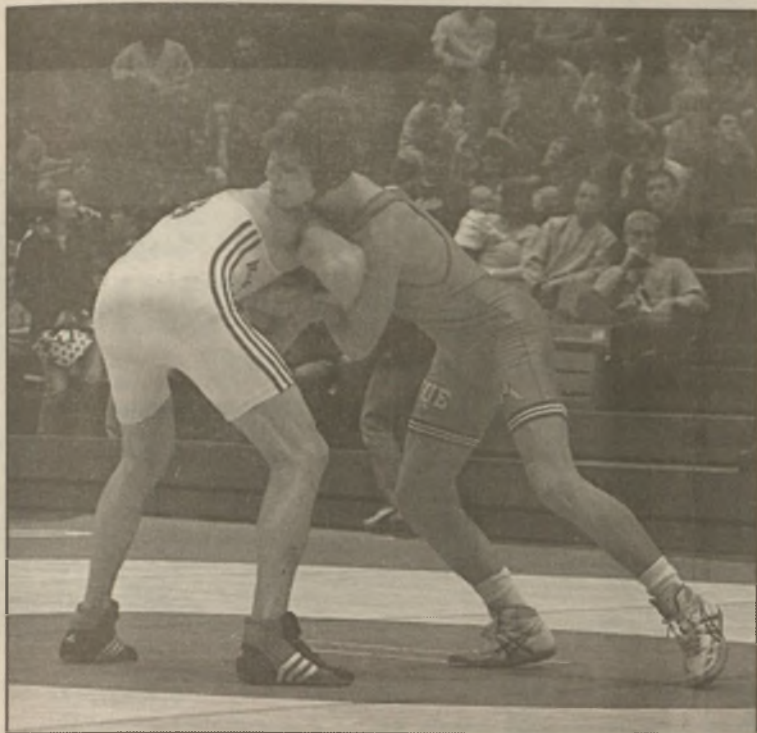
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SIUE freshman Nicholas Shumate wraps up McKendree College's Mike Miller during a 133-pound bout Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Vadaibene Center. Shumate has a 7-9 individual record with two pins for the Cougars this season. He will wrestle at 133 pounds in the NCAA Division II Midwest Regional Championships Saturday at Kates Gymnasium in Ashland, Ohio.

WRESTLING

wrestlers wrestle to their potential then we maybe can have four of five qualifiers for Nationals."

Whelan said senior John Ficht has the best chance to make Nationals. Ficht, who wrestles at 165 pounds, totes a 16-13 record on the year.

Whelan said that Lewis also stands a strong chance for qualifying.

Tommy Hill, 125-pound freshman, will be starting off for the Cougars in the lightweight division. Freshman Nick Shumate will be in the 133-pound division for SIUE.

Sophomore James Aschenbrenner will be wrestling in the 141-pound bracket for SIUE and Lewis will be wrestling in the 149-pound bracket.

Senior Joe Rujawitz will be wrestling 157 for the Cougars and he is looking forward to making a statement.

"I am looking forward to getting out there and showing people that this team is capable of a lot," Rujawitz said.

Junior Daniel Midgett will be competing in the 174-pound division and freshman Nick Young will fill in for fellow freshman Brandon Cleary at 184 pounds. Senior Sean Tyus will hit

the mat for the 197-pound bout.

Besides Ficht and Lewis, Whelan said to be on the lookout for Rujawitz, Hill and Aschenbrenner to possibly qualify for Nationals.

There is a wealth of individual talent in the region that is highlighted by the 157-pound class. There are two returning national champions in that weight class.

Tony Guerra from Findlay University was a national champion in 2005. Fellow 157-pounder Brad Decker from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside captured the crown last year at Nationals.

There is also another former national champion in Kyle Evans from the University of Central Oklahoma. Evans will be in the 141-pound division.

The first match will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday for SIUE. The Cougar wrestlers will head to Ashland in hopes of qualifying for the national championship, which takes place March 9 through March 10 in Kearney, Neb.

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TRACK

the Cougars' cause. And senior thrower Lindsey DeFevers, who holds the school record in the shot put, should also give SIUE a thrust.

"The field events are just as strong as the track events," Astrauskas said. "It tends to be that the track events are more popular and people want to see those more. But the field events are just as strong."

The action starts with the men's weight throw, long jump

pole vault and the women's high jump at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Knowling Fieldhouse in Crawfordsville, Ind.

"I think all of our athletes have been properly prepared for this," Astrauskas said. "I'm excited to see them perform this weekend."

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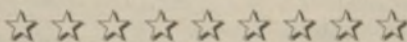
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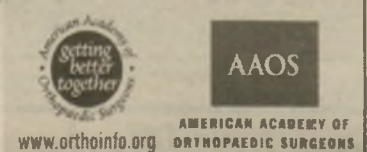
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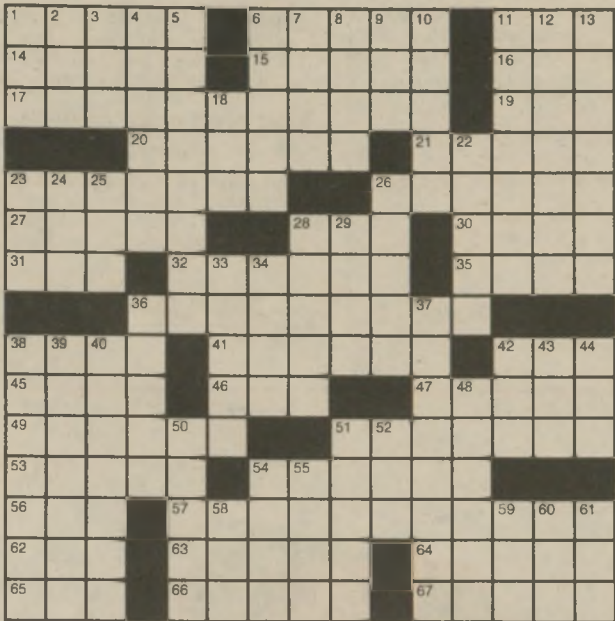
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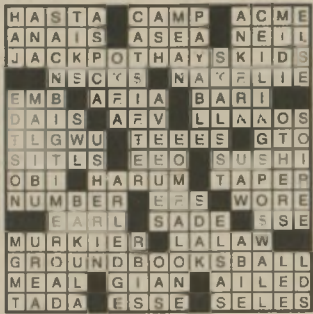
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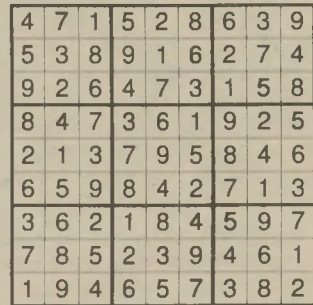
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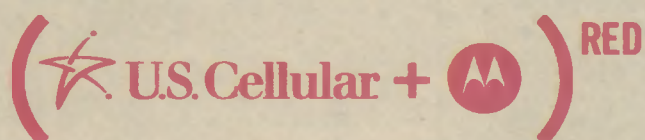
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